



Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

Monday June 13th 2022 6pm-8pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

HYBRID: Effie Banta community room Lyons Library

And

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87276488232>

Passcode: 303823

Or call in!

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Meeting ID: 872 7648 8232

Attendance: Gil Sparks, Tom Delker, Randy Pollard, Yelena Hughes, Claudia Kean, Julia Herz, Dave Cosgrove - Staff liaison, Kim Mitchell - Staff and Glen Delman - Trustee Liaison
Absent: Sandra Haber

1. Approval of Minutes - Chair Hughes called for approval of minutes and were approved unanimously.

2. Audience Business - Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person

“Fire Mitigation Needs on both sides of Ditch in Bohn Park”-

Veronika Gaia - asked about ditch and weeds. Dave Cosgrove said he’s working with the high school about the ditch and trying to get area near the ditch mowed. Method to work on either a controlled burn when an option, or clip/mow – they are native grasses. Concerns about noxious weeds. Concerns about controlled burn. Possibly improve with communications.

***See attached photos below

3. Updates



- a. BoT Liaison- Trustee Glen Delman - St Vrain Trail Extension. BoT toured the area on June 3 and what is the best scenario to work with the ditch companies and the back of the buildings to get the trail extended along the ditch and the businesses might be less impacted. Spirit Hound might think about adding Golf Cart Parking. If Highland Ditch is more willing to allow the trail, it would create a better option. Feels like a possible step forward.
- b. Staff liaison - Dave Cosgrove, Parks and Public Works Director - updates- GOCO project is moving along. Large volunteer event with Wildland Restoration Volunteers on Saturday, June 11. Planted several plantings. Poured foundations for restroom today. Parking lot and trail head area moving along. Water rescue stations are up. Working with fire dept for training on the water rescue stations. Currently there is a tubing ban in effect – beginning at 8 am, June 14. Two water rescues this past weekend. Water levels may be high for a bit more. Sandstone Summer Concerts started on Wednesday, June 8. Dirt jump bike park improvements started late last week. Fire mitigation event, area wide limb and branch drop off at 4687 Ute Highway - Public Works Building. Gil felt the BBQ and Artisan Market was a smashing success! They had a great turn out and start to summer.

CEMEX renewal

[BOT CEMEX referral Packet](#) –Trustee Delman let the PRC know that the BOT has asked for more time to give feedback for the CEMEX referral. 15 year option or possibly continue indefinitely. Could be more truck and train traffic. Trustee Delman took a tour of plant. 24X X365 - burns 7 tons of coal per hour. Plant is more outdated. Julia and Claudia both feel that the PRC have a stronger statement and while Cemex has been helpful, they also have made a tremendous environmental impact too. Gil Sparks- residents need to get educated on the issue and a presentation was done by Bart and Sarah Lorang. Next steps from here? Yelena send an FAQ email. Not sure if Boulder County has extended the time frame for input and feedback. PRC may need to have an emergency meeting as a commission to provide their input to the BoT. Send any resources to Yelena. Dave Cosgrove – the IGA with Lyons and CEMEX and options and implications moving forward. That is still up for discussion with BoT as well and likely want info from the commissions as well. Consensus of PRC is that it may not be feasible to truck in/train in /transport in raw materials if CEMEX cannot mine Dowe Flats longer. Claudia Kean- question about educating the public know. Feels that many residents in town do not the issue. HOw to get them involved.



Gil - urge wait to see if extension is approved (by Boulder County) to the Lyons BOT. Also suggests that residents give their input with the Boulder County Commissioners at the Joint Meeting with the BOCC and BoT. The meeting is from 5:30 - 7 pm.

- c. **PRC Chair/ Vice Chair** - Yelena Hughes and Tom Delker
 - d. Possible meeting change: 3rd or 4th Monday. BoT (and staff) meet on the 3rd Monday each month. Discussion is that it will likely stay as the 2nd Monday, so that the BOT and staff can attend. BOT meets on first and third Mondays.
 - e. Educational signage at McDonnell ponds-Gil - About 2-3 weeks ago a series of posts on Lyons Happenings about fishing. Gil - suggesting educational signs instead of No Fishing Signs. Gil suggesting an interpretive sign with more information and background. Dave Cosgrove, upper pond designated for wildlife/habitat pond. Lower pond allows kayaking and recreation. But no fishing in either pond. Might need a little more prominent signage.
 - f. Other PRC Member business – Julia - Lights Out Lyons Night Aug 5. Adding local camping, walk-in tents only, first come-first serve. Julia would like PRC members to attend and ask businesses and residents to go lights out – so better to see celestial activity. Help getting word out. Grant for \$850 from Lyons Community Foundation – musicians and star guides. Acoustic music. Coordination - week of. Designate camping area with cones/signs etc. 7 pm to set up camp for those who may want to tent camp and 8:30 pm stargazing. Would like volunteers (handful) to help and answer questions - maybe from EAB, UEB and PRC. Could make a call for additional volunteers. Run of Show from Julia and possible sign up form.
4. New Business/ Events - Yelena recommends PRC attending if possible.
- The updated **Comprehensive Plan** for Lyons is beginning to take shape. Next up is a discussion about the Future Land Use map and associated policy directions for distinct geographies within the Lyons Planning Area. Where and how should Lyons grow in the future? Let's continue to work toward a stronger future—together!

What: Growth Areas Workshop

When: Thursday, June 16, 7:00 pm

Where: Lyons Community Library, Community Room



Can't make the workshop? Online input opportunities will continue to be provided. Sign up for notifications at: www.lyonsthive.com.

5. Old Business

- PRC/ BOT Meet up - Looks like we need to present to the BOT at the meetings. No unofficial meeting other than that. BOT is working to schedule quarterly meetings with the chair of each commission. Invite/schedule to come.

6. Adjournment – Yelena adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm

PRC Events:

Dark Sky Event- Aug 5th (alt Aug 19th)

[Promotion Plan](#)

And a draft [media advisory](#).

Updated special event permit for August 2022





