

**CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, Jan 8th, 2020 7:00 P.M.**  
**Carbondale Town Hall**

<u>TIME*</u>			<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DESIRED OUTCOME</u>
7:00		1.	Roll Call	
7:05		2.	Approval of December 11th, 2019 Minutes	INFORMATIONAL
7:10		3.	Items from Citizens Present Not on the Agenda	INFORMATIONAL
7:15		4.	Aquatics Facility Master Plan Next Steps	INFORMATION (Attachment A)
7:25		5.	Rotary playground name acceptance	INFORMATION DISCUSSION DECISION NEEDED (Attachment b)
7:35		6.	Red Hill Trails Update Trailhead information kiosk design & trail rules and regulations discussion	INFORMATION DISCUSSION (Attachment c)
8:00		7.	MEM Project- Nature Park Survey Questions Review	INFORMATION DISCUSSION DECISION NEEDED (Attachment d)
8:15		8.	Report & Updates: Staff & Commission Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric Brendlinger, Parks &amp; Recreation Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 30/60/90 Day Outlook</li> <li>○ Outstanding Projects Status</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jessi Rochel, Recreation Manager</li> <li>• Parks &amp; Recreation Commissioners</li> <li>• Luis Yllanes, Trustee Liaison</li> </ul>	INFORMATION (Attachment e)
9:00		9.	Adjournment*	*Please note: Times are approximate

## Carbondale Aquatics Master Plan Schedule (11/26/2019)

Project Award

### Phase 1: Project Initiation and Administration

Task 1.1 Project Kickoff

Task 1.2 Meetings, Project Management and Reporting

### Phase 2: Research, Evaluation and Data Analysis

Task 2.1 Research and Base Map Inventory

Task 2.2 Interviews and Benchmarking

Task 2.3 Data Summary Report and Initial Design Alternatives

### Phase 3: Community Engagement and Needs Assessment

Task 3.1 Public Engagement Plan

Task 3.2 Online Survey

Task 3.3 Community Input Capture Event

Task 3.4 Conceptual Design Charrette

### Phase 4: Financial Feasibility Assessment

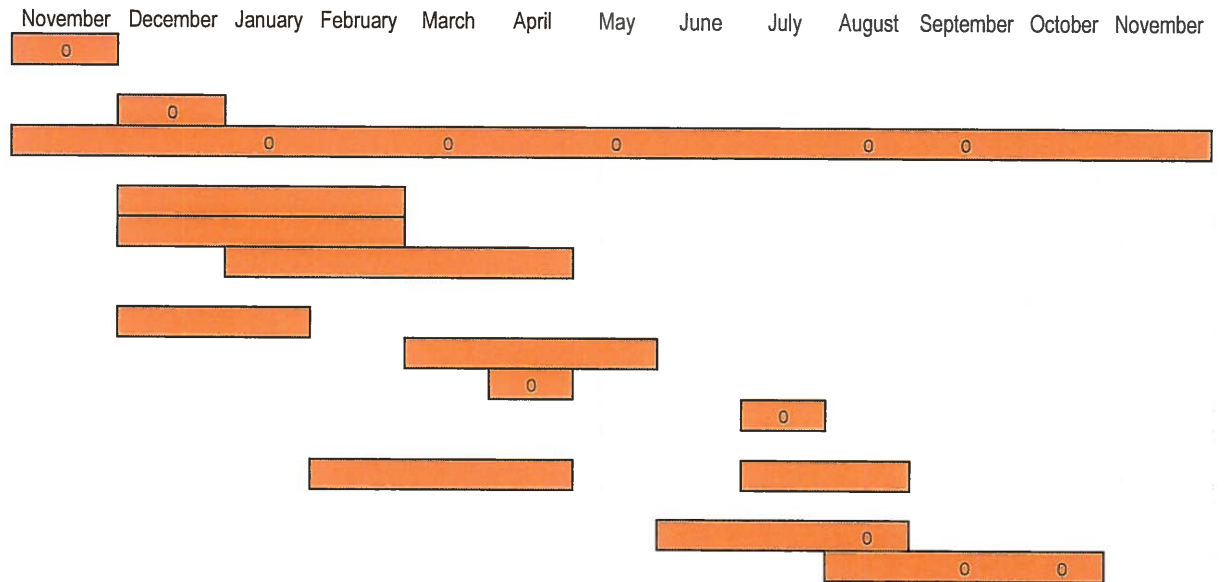
Task 4.1 Operations Analysis

### Phase 5 Plan Documentation and Adoption

Task 5.1 Draft Master Plan

Task 5.2 Final Master Plan

Meetings: o



**Aquatics Facility Master Plan Work Group Participants****Affiliation**

interested

**Town Staff & Volunteer Parks & Recreation Commissioners**

Jay Harrington

Eric Brendlinger

Jessi Rochel

Margaret Donnelly

Hollis Sutherland

Rose Rosello

Kathleen Wanatowitz

Town Manager

P & R Director

Rec Center & Programs Manager

Aquatics & Wellness Coordinator

Parks & Recreation Commission Chair

Parks & Recreation Commission Vice -Chair

Parks & Recreation Commission

**Representative from Latinx Community (2)**

Judith Alvarez

Works with Valley Settlement & Madres en Accion

**Local High School Youth Representation - student assist via a Capstone Project (1)**

Ismael Dolores

High School Junior Capstone

**Specific Aquatics Program User Rep (1)**

Sadie Moore

Water Aerobics/ Aqua Fitness

**Community Representative (1)**

Seth Goddard

Scott Hanley

Lap Swimmer and Carbondale Arts Board Member

Triathlete and Municipal Bond Finance



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## Parks & Recreation Commission

**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2020

**TITLE:** Park amenity naming process. "Mt. Sopris Rotary Club Playground" in Miners Park

**SUBMITTING:** Parks & Recreation Commission

**ATTACHMENTS:** Public notice sample.

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**PURPOSE:** At the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting staff made a naming request for the Miners' Park Playground. The Mount Sopris Rotary Club provided a donation to cover the gap in funding for the upgrades to the Miners' Park Playground. The rotary club has requested that in recognition of their financial assistance, they would like the playground to be named the "Mt. Sopris Rotary Club Playground." This began the 45-day comment period, with an announcement advertised in the paper and signs posted at the playground.

**BACKGROUND:** This will become a named element within Miners' Park with its own sign and grand opening dedication ceremony this spring. No additional names were presented to staff or to the Parks & Recreation Commission during the 45 day public comment period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the following motion be made by the commissioners, "We move to accept the new name for the Miners' Park playground to be the 'Mt. Sopris Rotary Club Playground' in recognition of their financial contribution to the project. "

**Prepared By:** Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director

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Town Manager

## Miners Park Playground Name Proposed

The Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission received a request to name the New Miners Park Playground the:

**“Mt. Sopris Rotary Club Playground”**

Following a required 45-day public comment period, the Parks & Recreation Commission will take formal action on January 8, 2020 regarding the name recommendation to the Town Trustees.

To comment, object to name, or suggest a different name: contact Parks & Recreation Director Eric Brendlinger (970) 510-1277 or [ebrendlinger@carbondaleco.net](mailto:ebrendlinger@carbondaleco.net).





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**Parks & Recreation Commission Memorandum**  
**Attachment C**

**TITLE:** A. Red Hill Trails Kiosk Design-Trails Rules Regulations & Signage Discussion  
B. County Road 107 realignment trail closure discussion

**SUBMITTING:** Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** Conceptual trailhead kiosk options and final trail sign designs  
Existing Rules on SMRA BLM Trails  
BLM conceptual map from EA documents  
Plans for County Road 107 road realignment

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**PURPOSE:**

A. Seeking Parks & Recreation Commission direction for design style, rules and regulations and signage type for the future Red Hill trailhead. The existing conceptual design includes a custom kiosk style with options for materials.

B. Providing information on the re-alignment of County Road 107 and the closure of the access to Red Hill Trails for the spring of 2020.

**BACKGROUND:**

A. Last year Red Hill stakeholders reviewed the future development of the Red Hill parcel, which was acquired through AVL T's "Save Red Hill" fundraising campaign. This effort included budget for public outreach, trail planning, design, construction and maintenance. To date the trails have been built and the trailhead wayfinding signage is in production and will be installed soon. Arrow Sign & Design as hired through a RFP process for this phase of the sign project.

The stakeholders involved in the project included AVL T, Town of Carbondale Bike Pedestrian and Trails Commission, BLM, The Red Hill Council, Pitkin County Open Space and Trails, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers and the Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association. The contractor selected, *Singletrack Trails, Inc.* teamed up with *DHM*, a local design firm, to handle the multi-faceted skills outlined in the RFP. The selected contractor provided all trail planning and design services and produced the sign design family for the trail wayfinding signs and have conceptually designed the future trailhead kiosks. The creation of a new trailhead and permanent trailhead signage will take place in the spring of 2020.

B. This spring a collaborative construction project with the Town of Carbondale Public Works, The Garfield County Road and Bridge and CDOT will commence that will include the following actions:

- County Road 107 re-alignment to line up to Highway 133
- Closure of the temporary trailhead and the BLM trailhead during the project. Only access through the construction site will be for homeowners.
- BLM trailhead will be permanently closed at this time and reclaimed.
- Construction of a lower (commuter's lot) and an upper (trailhead lot) parking areas on the west side of the new road realignment.
- Closure of existing parking lot used by commuters and by Red Hill Trail users.

**DISCUSSION:**

A. For DHM to produce a comprehensive signage design family and trailhead information kiosk the Town will need to provide direction to them. The existing information kiosk designs are included in the packet for review and comment. Also needing discussion is the style and language for public consumption for use of the access trails to the Red Hill SRMA and the BLM trails. Items to discuss:

- Bilingual signage
- Dog language for rules and regulations
- Type of Bikes allowed, e-bikes, type 1,2 or 3.
- Pedestrians, hikers, trail runners, right of way, rules of use.
- Directional and separate uses explained and highlighted.

B. Trail Closure during construction: issues and mitigation techniques for a safe construction zone.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

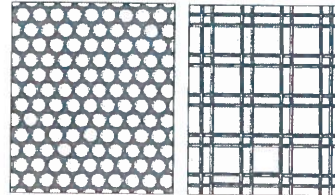
- A. Staff will use the recommendations from the BPT Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission adopting existing trail rules of the BLM and Red Hill Special Resource Management Area and to provide additional signage at the trailhead and on the trails to inform the public of the specific trail uses and right of ways.
- B. Provide adequate public outreach and on-site signage prior to and during the trail head and road realignment construction project closure. Updates posted on website.

**Prepared By:** Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director

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Town Manager-Jay Harrington

## WAYFINDING: KIOSKS AND WAYFINDING BENCH

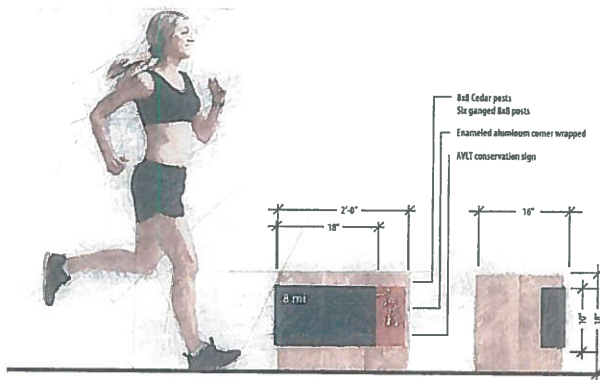
Example: Perforated Steel / Woven Wire



Example: Bench

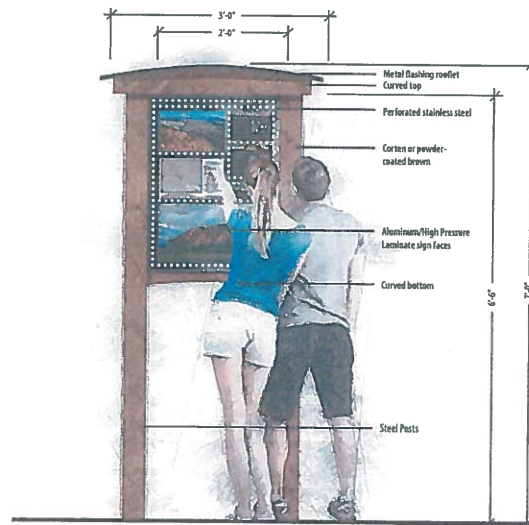


Example: Trailhead Kiosk



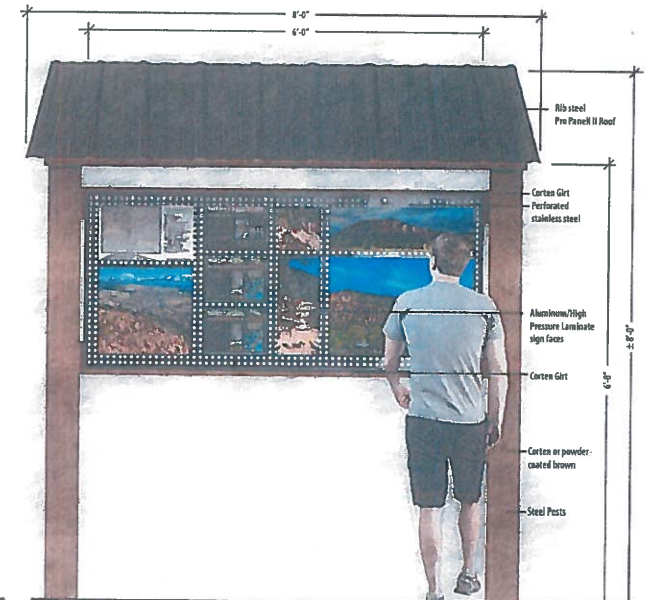
### Wayfinding Distance/Trail Markers + Bench

- 8x8 wood posts at 18" height (*six ganged 8x8 posts*)
- Acts as a single person resting bench
- Trail map with distance markers for wayfinding
- Trails color-coded to correspond to map at trailhead.
- Room for AVL conservation sign
- Low profile



### Mini Trailhead Kiosk

- Smaller single panel kiosk with signage between posts
- 4x4 Corten steel posts
- Metal flashing roof for weather protection.
- Perforated stainless steel/woven wire mesh sign board
- Aluminum/High Pressure Laminate sign faces



### Trailhead Kiosk

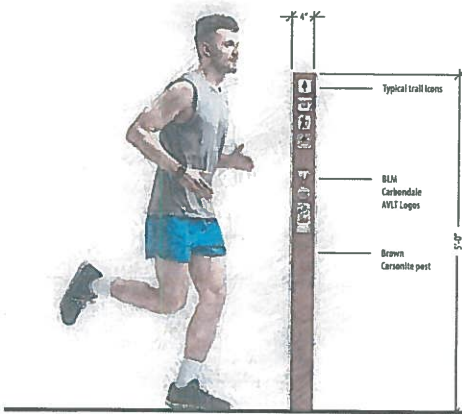
- Larger multi-panel kiosk with signage between posts
- 6x6 Corten steel posts (or powder-coated brown)
- Overhead rib steel roof Pro-Panel II
- Perforated stainless steel/woven wire mesh sign board
- Aluminum/High Pressure Laminate sign faces

## WAYFINDING: TRAIL MARKERS

Example: Carsonite Wayfinding Posts



Example: Cedar Wayfinding Posts



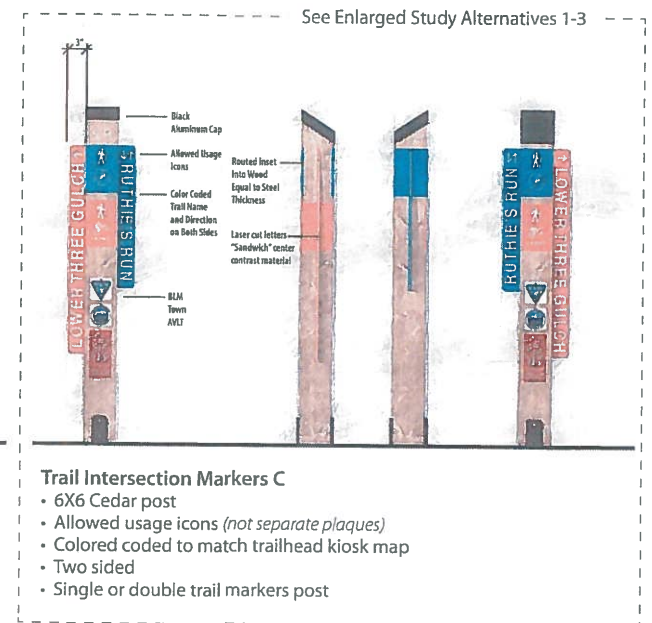
### Trail Intersection Markers A

- Carsonite trail marker
- Direct adhesive decals
- Impact resistant (rebounds on impact)
- Cost effective
- Note: Black is not an option for Carsonite, brown is nearest option.



### Trail Intersection Markers B

- 6X6 Cedar post
- 4" Separate aluminum screw on plaques
- Aligns with AVLT signage
- Two sided
- Single trail marker on post



### Trail Intersection Markers C

- 6X6 Cedar post
- Allowed usage icons (*not separate plaques*)
- Colored coded to match trailhead kiosk map
- Two sided
- Single or double trail markers post

## **Existing Signage at the Base of Red Hill on BLM Land**

"Visitors Make The Difference . We all come here to enjoy solitude, beautiful views, and challenging trails. Please be respectful of other visitors and wildlife.

### **Dogs on Leash!**

Protect wildlife by keeping your dog leashed. When dogs chase deer, elk, small mammals, and birds, these animals use valuable energy. It is difficult for stressed wildlife to keep warm, find food, care for young, and defend themselves against natural predators. Even when dogs don't kill wildlife, the energy wasted during the chase may lead to their death or health impacts.

### **Stay on Trails!**

These soils are delicate and easily destroyed when travelled on. Short-cutting and braiding trails accelerate erosion and cause additional impacts to soils, plants, and wildlife. Please stay on the trails to protect these resources.

### **Respect Private Property!**

Stay on designated trails. Do not cross private land. There is enough Public Land to enjoy. Illegal use of private land causes management conflicts that can lead to trail closures.

### **Fire Danger!**

Fire is a serious threat to Red Hill. Pinyon-Juniper forests are extremely flammable. Smoking and campfires are discouraged.

### **ABOUT THE SOIL**

This area has cryptobiotic soil crust made up of cyanobacteria, lichens, and mosses. They play an important ecological role in dry areas by stabilizing erodible soils, increasing water infiltration, and increasing soil fertility. They cover all soil surfaces, except washes, are easily destroyed when travelled on, and take years to recover."

## **"ATTENTION DOG OWNERS**

There have been reports of dogs out of the control of their owners, and menacing and biting trail users at Red Hill. Your dogs are welcome here, however, your cooperation is needed in making Red Hill a safe place for everyone.

Garfield County ordinance requires dog owners to keep their dogs under physical, audible or visual control at all times. If you use audible or visual controls, an Animal Control Officer may ask you to demonstrate your dog's obedience.

Failure to control your dog may result in fines and court appearances.

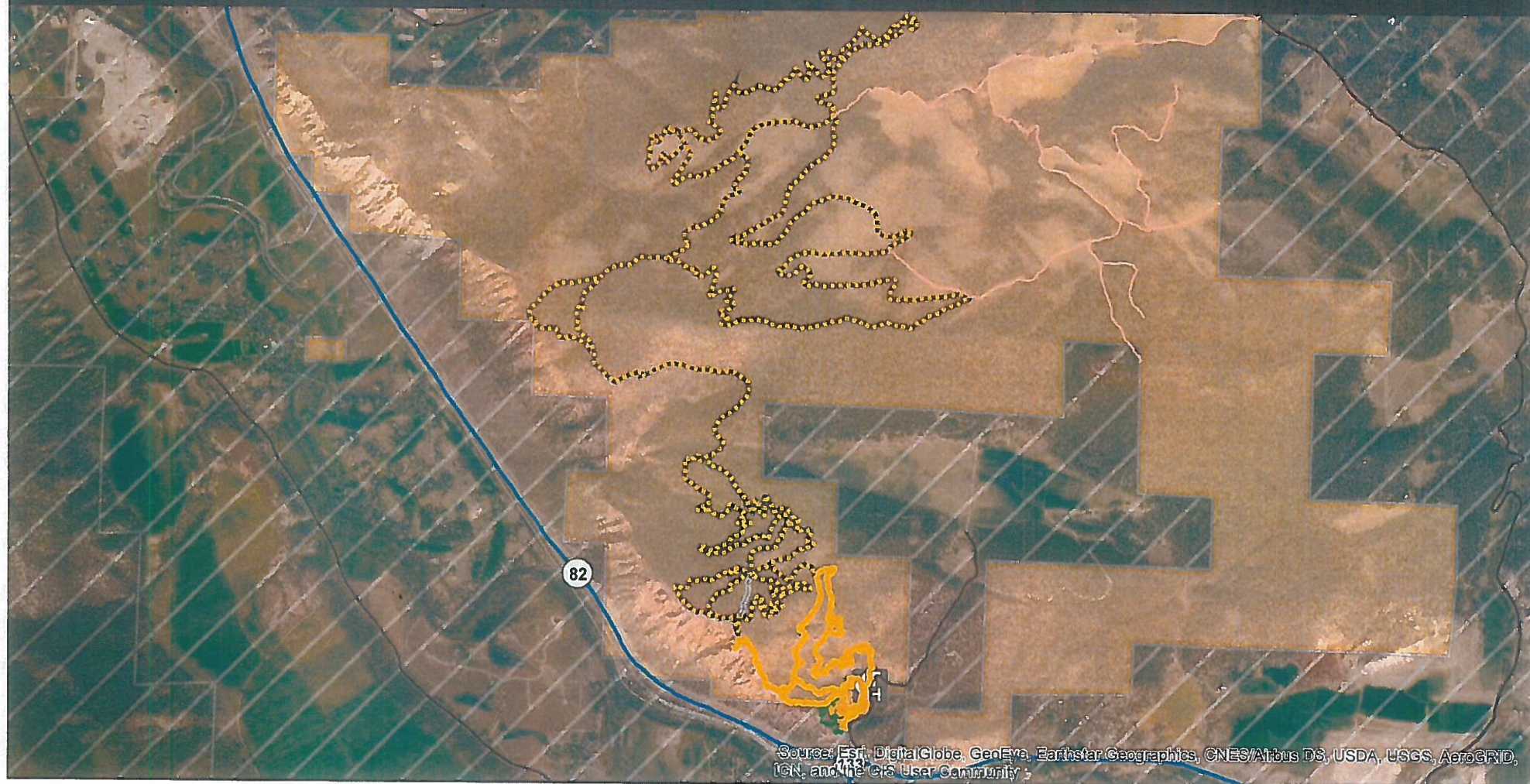
With an ever-increasing number of people and dogs using this incredible community resource, we all need to be vigilant in preserving the atmosphere that we come here to enjoy, as well as in protecting wildlife that calls Red Hill home.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

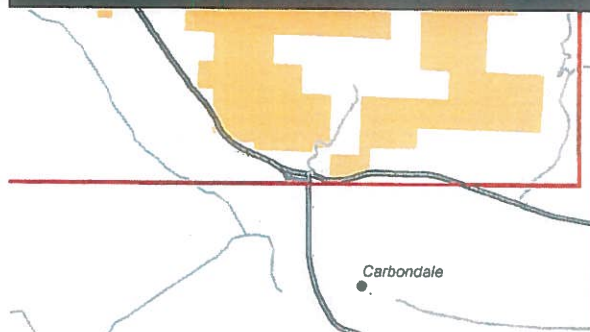
The Red Hill Council & the Bureau of Land Management

The Red Hill SRMA, while managed by the Bureau of Land Management, falls under the law-enforcement jurisdiction of the Garfield County Sheriff. Animal Control Officers of the Sheriff's Department will be patrolling Red Hill in an effort to provide a safe experience for all users. A dog that bites or attacks any person, livestock or wildlife or threatens to attack or terrorize a person, livestock or wildlife on public or private property is considered a "Vicious Dog" by Garfield County Ordinance of State Law, pursuant to 30-15-01 C.R.S. Garfield County Resolution 02-91 Dog at Large and Vicious Dog."





Vicinity Map



Legend

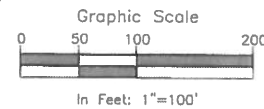
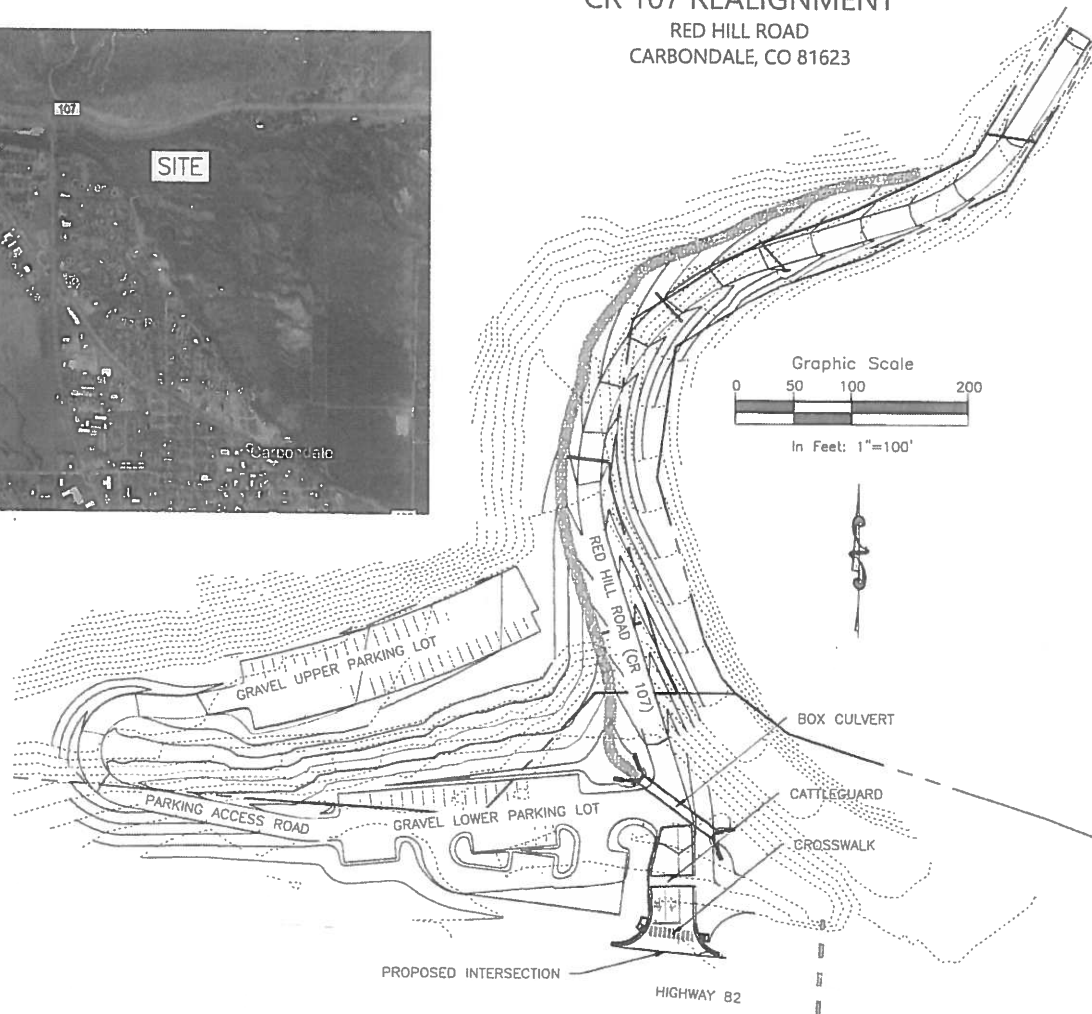
- Open to Bikes, Hikers (Both Directions)
- Open to Hikers (Both Directions)
- Open to Bikes (Directional Downhill)
- Open to Bikes, Hikers, Horses
- County Road
- State Highway
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregation use with other data.



# CR 107 REALIGNMENT

RED HILL ROAD  
CARBONDALE, CO 81623



SHEET LIST TABLE	
SHEET NUMBER	SHEET TITLE
C1	SITE PLAN
C2	EROSION CONTROL
C3	ROAD SECTIONS AND DETAILS
C4	PAINTING AND FENCING
C5	ALIGNMENTS
C6	RED HILL ROAD P&P 1
C7	RED HILL ROAD P&P 2
C8	PARKING P&P 1
C9	PARKING P&P 2
C10	PARKING P&P 3
C11	RED HILL ROAD GRADING
C12	LOWER PARKING LOT GRADING
C13	UPPER PARKING LOT GRADING
C14	CROSSWALK DETAILS
C15	BOX CULVERT P&P
C16	BOX CULVERT DETAILS

## CONTACT INFO

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KEVIN SCHORZMAN (970) 510-1217

PROJECT ENGINEER  
DANNY STEWART (970) 340-4130

## Computer File Information

Print Date: 03/27/2019

Drawing File Name: SS-REDHILL

Project No.: 2017-58

## Sheet Revisions

Rev.	Date	Comments	Init
01	04/03/2019	ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION	JKE
02			
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CR 107 REALIGNMENT  
TITLE SHEET

Engineer: RBG

Drawn By: JKE

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## MEM Project Survey Questions Draft 1/7/2020

Please notice my additions to the objectives...ALL the current uses should be maintained.

Also notice additional bullet points.

In developing survey questions, keep in mind that we are not changing the current uses of the park:

Project Objectives:

Objective #1: Create a passive, resilient and sustainable nature /DOG park of benefit to our community using concepts that can be applied to other parks as P&R adapts existing parks to climate change challenges.

Objective #2: Preserve the inherent qualities of Nature Park in terms of the natural diversity of the flora and fauna. & the excellent human & dog exercising area.

Objective #3: Develop stewardship programming through youth organizations for toddlers to youth to experience the educational values inherent with access to a natural park and to conduct enhancement projects to improve the native habitat with this programming.

**Objective #4: Create a park that is affordable, buildable and truly sustainable** in terms of maintenance and upkeep.

- How many days a week do you use Nature Park? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- Do you usually \_\_walk \_\_bike \_\_drive to the park
- How do you use the Nature Park (mark any and all)? \_\_run my dog(s) \_\_socialization \_\_be in Nature \_\_observe Nature
- Do you bring a dog(s) \_\_yes \_\_no How many? \_\_
- Is your dog in compliance with the town license ordinance (Dogs must wear a visible and current license and have been vaccinated for Rabies)? \_\_yes \_\_no
- Which features are of value to you (mark any and all)? \_\_more benches \_\_more picnic tables \_\_small No Dog Zone \_\_shade \_\_a wash-off area \_\_more trees \_\_improved habitat for more wildlife \_\_bathrooms \_\_picnic shelter \_\_increased parking \_\_improve main trail \_\_more trails through additional areas of the park \_\_logs, boulders, stumps, loose parts \_\_interpretive info \_\_nature-inspired art/sculpture \_\_a gathering area \_\_bird observation areas \_\_ (add any I'm spacing out on)
- Please add any additional comments:

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- Would you like to see recyclable dog poop baggies?
  - Would you take part if a "Friends of the Dog Park" group was formed? Email Address
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- Would you like to see a guardrail installed on the entrance?
  - Would you like to see the pond on North end enlarged & allow dogs to swim?
  - Would you like to see improved sidewalks leading to Park from both directions?

The following bullets were comments made by Stakeholders; possible to incorporate into the survey somehow? Please remember this is a learning process for me and all input is valuable:

- "Should the Town of Carbondale section off approximately 1/3 of the Nature Park to preserve for nature? The section could be the wetland area that is not as user-friendly to dog walking."
- Possible to measure the value of the View of Sopris to protect it from visual blight? [referencing development and the cranes at an industrial yard]
- How can we measure the happiness value of the park?
- How do we address the educational potential of the park?
- Should we increase parking? Or use limited parking as a way to manage crowds?
- Is it worth exploring separate park entrances or pathways for dog lovers and those who prefer not to be around dogs? Possible to have a path west of the Water Treatment building and pond? How do we meet the needs of those that use the park or want to use the park, without fear of dogs? Relegate to wetlands area along the west? Have a People Only path, similar to what we did on Red Hill with bikers and hikers?
- There's an area where everyone socializes and throws stuff for dogs right at the entry to the park that overwhelms some people or other dogs-- possible to shift to the south east a bit more, 25-50 yards; could mitigate some park strain if it were implemented sooner than later.
- "My only question in the survey is about " dog license compliance" being a dog owner I don't even know what that means?"

## Town of Carbondale Municipal Code Chapter 7

- **Division 2 - Dog Regulations<sup>[2]</sup>**

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*Footnotes:— (2) For statutory provisions enabling towns to license dogs and to prohibit the running at large of dogs, see Section 31-12-101(59), C.R.S.*

- **Sec. 7-6-110. - Definitions.**

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The following definitions shall apply to this Division:

*Animal* means any domestic dog, cat or other animal which is under the care of, in the custody of or owned by any person and which is kept on the owner's property.

*Animal Control Official* means any person empowered by the Town to enforce the provisions of this Division, or Police Department personnel.

*Dangerous dog* means a dog which has bitten, attacked or inflicted bodily injury without provocation on a person, an animal or livestock, or killed an animal or livestock. However, when a dog attacks or bites another dog or animal, the attacking or biting dog shall not be deemed dangerous if:

(1)

No serious bodily injury as determined by a licensed veterinarian has occurred to the other dog or animal as a result of the attack or bite; or

(2)

Both animals are owned by the same person.

*Dog* means any animal of the canine species (genus *Canis familiaris* ) or any hybrid thereof.

*Livestock* means cattle, horses, mules, burros, sheep, poultry, waterfowl, swine, llama or goats, regardless of use, and any other animal which is raised for food, fiber production or work.

*Nuisance* means any sounds, barking, howling, yelping or any other loud or habitual noises, odors, acts or conditions that are observable from public or private property other than the property where the dog is kept and that harm or offend people in general or an individual person.

*Owner* means any person who owns, keeps or harbors a dog, has it in his or her care or acts as the custodian of a dog.

*Provocation* means harassing, teasing, threatening, striking or attacking an animal or its owner in the animal's presence by a person.

*Running at large* means a dog off of the premises of the owner and not under the physical or immediate control of a person competent and physically able to restrain the dog. A dog entering the private property of any person other than the owner shall be considered to be running at large unless such intrusion is done with the specific permission of the property owner. A dog within or upon any automobile or other vehicle shall not be deemed to be running at large.

*Tether* means to securely tie, chain or leash an animal to a stationary object.

*Vaccination* means the vaccination or inoculation of a dog with a vaccination approved by the Colorado State Department of Public Health and Environment for use in the prevention of rabies.

*Vicious dog* means a dog which has:

(1)

Killed a person;

(2)

Inflicted serious bodily injury to a person, including multiple bites, disfigurement, serious impairment of health or serious impairment of a bodily function; or

(3)

Continued to exhibit that behavior which resulted in a previous finding that the dog is a dangerous dog after the owner has been given notice of that finding by the Animal Control Official or a court.

(Ord. No. 10, 2008; prior code 8.08.010; Ord. No. 8, 2015 §1, 8-11-2015)

- **Sec. 7-6-120. - License required.**

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It is unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor any dog within the Town, or to allow any dog he or she owns, keeps or harbors, to enter the Town unless such person first obtains a Town dog license for such dog and attaches the license securely to the collar or harness of such dog. It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this Section that:

(1)

The dog is owned and kept by a nonresident of the Town and is confined or on a leash.

(2)

The dog is brought into the Town to participate in a dog show or exhibition and is removed from the Town immediately after the conclusion of the show or exhibition.

(3)

The dog is less than six months old.

(Ord. No. 10, 2008; prior code 8.08.020; Ord. No. 8, 2015 §1, 8-11-2015)

- **Sec. 7-6-130. - Licensing procedures and fees.**

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(a)

To obtain a Town dog license, the owner shall apply to the Police Department and shall state in writing the name and address of the owner, the name, age, breed or mixture of breeds, color and sex of the animal and whether the animal is spayed or neutered. At the same time, the owner, upon request, shall furnish the Police Department with a certificate of a practitioner of veterinary medicine duly licensed by the State, evidencing that the dog received a vaccination or titer test within 36 months prior to the application for a dog license and with proof that the dog is neutered or spayed. No dog shall be so licensed without proof of such vaccination. A dog license shall expire on midnight of the date stamped on the license, regardless of the actual date of issuance.

(b)

The license fee shall be as set forth in the Fee Schedule attached as Appendix A to this Code, regardless of the date of the issuance of the license. Upon payment of the fee, the Police Department shall furnish a serially numbered license tag and a receipt. Duplicate tags may be issued at the cost set forth in the Fee Schedule.

(c)

The Animal Control Official shall keep copies of all such license applications and vaccination certificates for at least three years.

(Ord. No. 10, 2008; prior code 8.08.030; Ord. No. 8, 2015 §1, 8-11-2015)

**Sec. 7-6-220. - Vaccination; tag required.**

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It is unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor any dog within the Town or to allow any dog that he or she owns, keeps or harbors to enter the Town, unless such person first obtains a vaccination for the dog by a duly licensed practitioner of veterinary medicine, obtains and keeps a current certificate of such vaccination and attaches a vaccination tag to the collar or harness of such dog. It shall be an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this Section that the dog is less than six months old.

(Ord. No. 10, 2008; prior code 8.08.120; Ord. No. 8, 2015 §1, 8-11-2015)

**Sec. 7-6-270. - Use of dog parks and facilities.**

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(a)

The use of the Town's dog parks and any other Town facilities that are open to either on-leash or off-leash dog usage are limited to dogs that have both a current license and current rabies tag from any jurisdiction.

(b)

All users of the Town's dog parks and any other Town facilities that are open to either on-leash or off-leash dog usage are required to comply with all rules and regulations posted within or at the dog park or facility.

(Ord. No. 10, 2008; prior code 8.08.170; Ord. No. 8, 2015 §1, 8-11-2015)

Hi, All,

Thank you for all of your feedback during the holiday season. This email summarizes comments regarding use and concerns received so far through emails and dog park walks. The comments were solicited to drive the survey. Attached is a link to a Google Doc master; **add** what you've heard in your discussions with users, please. To keep in mind as you chew on this: there is no intention on the part of this project to change current uses of the park, specifically in regards to dogs.

- the nature Park as it currently exists is not ADA friendly. If any changes are to be made, I would like that taken into consideration. The Park is beautiful. It would be lovely if elders who were physically less able had a way to walk around the park and enjoy it.
- walks her dog every day there, concerned about the dogs being removed
- Owns a dog; loves the nature access for her child; education for her child
- Wants to see the annual weed pulls resumed
- "Should the Town of Carbondale section off approximately 1/3 of the Delaney Nature Park to preserve for nature?  
The section could be the wetland area that is not as user-friendly to dog walking."
- One thing that comes right into my mind is the issue that was caused by unneutered dogs. I get that it is a personal decision, but it wreaks havoc and potentially dangerous situations when owners just let them run free. Blue and I always had to leave when this happened, as he would go after the male dogs...go figure.
- Develop a Friends of the Dog Park group that can help manage the park
- Resume annual poop pick up events
- Shade structure, more tables, and benches places to sit in the park
- "I would like to see the creatures that live at the park, like deer and rabbits, but I can't because dogs scare them away. And when dogs are really big they scare me... so I don't want to go. I want the park to be a quiet and loving place. I want it to have artwork too."
- "I think that my school could spend time at the park, and other schools too, if dogs stay on leashes because when I was two I went there and a dog growled at me and it was off leash. I want it to be a good place where people from all over the world can go and feel safe."  
~ 8 year old girl
- trash receptacle and poop pots at the north end of the park
- Possible to protect viewshed to Sopris- the crane is obnoxious; new senior housing going in, is there an interest in protecting it?
- "I grew up on a ranch and I have to ask why it isn't being mowed?"[her concern is for regenerative vitality, not a lawn-park-like effect]
- Why isn't it being burned any more?
- East ditch is sketchy, sharp pipe, headgates, no signage or warnings

- Guard rail on the driveway so I don't slide off [in a Prius]; had to be tow-strap-pulled out at the top of the drive
- better maintenance of the road
- Not enough parking
- "I want to make a spoof video, 'If My Kid Acted Like Your Dog'"
- I don't want it like Hendricks where 6 people are sitting around a picnic table letting their dogs shit everywhere
- I don't want to lose the dog park access here; it's the best dog park anywhere
- "don't fuck it up"
- People come from all up and down the valley, not just Carbondale; we should have a sign on 133 so people know about it, know where it is
- People going up and down the valley plan their route to include the dog park. If more people knew it was here, maybe they could plan a lunch at the Smithy [for example]
- This park satisfies the largest number of dog users
- Why aren't we using biodegradable poop bags?
- Rename the park to reflect a wild open space for off-leash dog use
- Recognize the value of the dog park, used by those from far beyond Carbondale
- Improve the east fence to eliminate the risk there between dogs and cattle; the people that aren't from here and don't know, or the people that can't control their dogs on voice command stand to ruin it for everyone else
- Clean up the muck and debris at the swimming hole by the east bench and the large trees, where the downed tree trunk bridge is
- the town truck is partly responsible for ruining the path; why can't they use a Gator?
- directional sign for dog park on 4th & main, 8th and Merrill
- Concerned other users will push the dogs out
- Identifying park sign at the top of the drive
- a better, more obvious path on 4th street to the dog park, forced to walk in weeds
- We need secondary and tertiary trails, and trails in the middle area, too; it doesn't have to be much, just mow a path in spring and let it create itself
- resurface the trail and make it wide enough for groups of friends to walk side by side together
- Want things like fallen logs, stumps and boulders for dog agility and things to play around on
- Have the park recognized as a dark spot for stargazing and night photography
- Don't use gravel, hard on dog paws and hot; repurpose all the Christmas wood chips each year
- Better drainage on the path
- Can we have signs for wildlife interpretation and nature?
- Can someone use town equipment to maintain the fruit orchard? Liability? Waiver, agreement? Can he continue to take care of it with a welcome and not cross boundaries?
- Can we have nature classes here?
- Dogs and bikes don't mix
- no aggressive dogs
- All for biology, ecological improvements but don't change the park
- the park is perfect as it is, wild
- All for loving the park and improving it in a way that doesn't bring in more kids

- Bike parking
- Storm shelter?
- Shade
- How can we put the cabin to use?
- Add more wild stuff, like bushes for wildlife, and trees that don't block the view for shade; more benches please
- Water wasn't turned on to the orchard until August setting back the crop; can someone make sure it gets turned on? Pay more attention?
- Mow under the picnic tables
- A legit swimming hole for the dogs
- Doesn't like the native shrubs coming up in the interior of the outer loop
- Signage that lets people know who to call in the event of an emergency [there was an antifreeze spill in the parking lot]
- More consistent maintenance of the Portapotty
- more trees on the berm
- A low fence between the fruiting shrubs and the dogs
- I wanted to follow-up regarding the idea I shared with you about pathways improvements in the Carbondale Nature Park (aka the Dog Park). The park is a wonderful resource for Carbondale, obviously for Dog owners, but also for folks looking for a close to town, beautiful place to walk and relax. The current "double track" (or more accurately 6-track in places) is a classic example of braided and seemingly ever-widening trails. The existing trail ruts fill with water after rain or snowmelt, and then people walk outside the ruts on dryer ground and thus create additional ruts and the sequence repeats until you end up in places with a 20-30' wide muddy mess.

This is not only unsightly but promotes erosion, results in a walking surface that is muddy, and potentially difficult to navigate (full disclosure I wiped out in the mud this spring when my slip-on shoes couldn't provide adequate traction in the scooped out muddy ruts - nothing injured except perhaps my pride).

- I have been thinking about opportunities for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Commission to make a contribution towards the town's trails and am wondering if improving the Dog Park trails would be an opportunity to do just this? A 10-12' wide crowned crusher fines or roadbase tread surface following the main roadway loop would certainly make the walking experience more enjoyable and accessible to a wider segment of the town's population through all sorts of weather and conditions. Perhaps smaller loop options could also be improved with narrower crowned trails as well?
- A teeter-totter, a "book walk" [where one page from a book is posted in a thingy, and the kid has to walk to the next thingy to read the next page, etc] a king of the mountain pile so we can just dig and play
- Use phone scan codes to learn more about the nature that is there, so kids using phones all the time can put them to use in a way that connects them to nature
- observation blinds to observe birds
- boardwalk through the wetlands so people can explore wetlands

- tree trunks in the pond so that turtles have the structure to sun on
- leave the trees when they fall at the north end so they can be engaged with
- put sheep panels on the fence by the cattle so dogs can't get through and cattle don't wander up to the Meadowlands park
- fire mitigation standards on the west slopes "I pay to take care of mine, but my neighbors don't. If there's a fire, I'm still at risk"
- Shade trees
- Nature-based art in the park
- A place for groups to gather in the park, like amphitheater sitting
- A hose-off station for dogs
- A methane facility for the town's dog poop
- A wooden swing set that fits in with a nature park
- keep it wild
- put bees in the solar panel area where they are protected and we make use of that space. Take care of the weeds- can we plant short perennial crops in there instead of gravel?
- I don't have a little kid anymore but I would still want to see things other kids can play and scramble on while they're there.
- kids riding bikes; I hate that because my dogs would chase the bike!
- some people who have kids, she'd chase kids. They won't now, but parents shouldn't bring kids to run around and play, because it's a dog nature to chase kids
- more shade trees
- I love the wildness!
- We use it all the time. I love it. I've always wondered what the future holds? How long is the town gonna keep it that way? A dog park, a nature park? I like the archery range for my kids.
- The porta potty inspection sheet shows that it's not maintained consistently. It needs to be more routinely serviced.
- Build bathrooms
- Gravel the road in better in the winter; I'm afraid of sliding off

The next email will be a draft of possible survey questions in a publicly accessible Google Doc (too many email threads get confusing), to be heavily massaged by those who care to invest in the process. Stay tuned for an email shortly, and a link to a Google Doc. We will all contribute to & develop survey questions. For those who would like to meet in person to discuss survey draft, Batch on Main Street, Thursday, Jan 2, 6:pm. After that meeting, the draft survey is sent to the Parks & Rec Commission for review, and then finalization during their monthly second Wednesday of the month meeting, January 8, 7-9:pm.

Carbondale P & R Outstanding Projects	1/11/2020	Completed	30 days	60 days	90 days
Red Hill Signage (design of trailhead kiosk for spring installation)			Installing trail signs	Installing	Kiosk design work
RVR Triangle Park Playground Equipment			Ordered. Demo started	Installing	Installing
Doggie Pot Stations at Thompson House & Centennial Park (8th & Main)			Installed		
RVR Park Weed Management - can/will they adopt Town weed plan					
Nuche Park - Parking & Signage			Funded in 2020. BECA until March 15th		Fence Permit and approval
Updated Commission Contact List		Completed			
Updated Highlighted Chart of Master Plan		Completed on Website		<a href="https://www.carbondalerec.com/rec-misc/master-plans/">https://www.carbondalerec.com/rec-misc/master-plans/</a>	
Curtains in women's restroom at Gianinetti Park and Miners			Working on partition options		
Sopris Park Playground Equipment Painting			Need to wait for warmer temps		
Status of Pickleball Courts as we move into winter			On hold until Spring (first tournament scheduled for May 30th, 2020)		
Electric Work at RV Park			Work in 2019 and 2020, completion prior to opening in May 2020		
Electric work at Rodeo Grounds			In progress, funded out of 2019 budget		
Aquatics Facility Master Plan			See timeline.		

Completed

In Progress

Need to check on status

2020-21 proposed project