

**CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 14th, 2018 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 Feb 14, 2018 Minutes	INFORMATIONAL
7:08	3.	Approval of Community Pool Forum February 28 th minutes	INFORMATIONAL (Attachment A)
7:12	4.	Items from Citizens Present Not on the Agenda	INFORMATIONAL
7:20	5.	Dan Bullock Tree Board President Arbor Day (April 27 th) Tree Planting Location	DISCUSSION INFORMATION DECISION NEEDED
7:30	6.	New Recreation Coordinator Introductions and Program Report –Youth & Adult Athletics-Will Tempest	INFORMATION DISCUSSION
7:45	8.	Sub-committee report- Friends of Carbondale Parks & Recreation Aquatic Facility Advisory Committee -Next steps	DISCUSSION, INFORMATION, DECISION NEEDED (Attachment B)
8:45	9.	Report & Updates: Staff & Commission Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director • Parks & Recreation Commissioners • Erica Sparhawk, Trustee Liaison Trustee work session scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 th at 6 pm with P & R Commission and the Roaring Fork Pickleball Association	INFORMATION
9:00	10.	Adjournment*	*Please note: Times are approximate

MINUTES
CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
February 14, 2018

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. on February 14, 2018, in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members:	Becky Moller, Chair Hollis Sutherland, Member John Williams, Member Kathleen Wanatowicz, Member Ashely Allis, Member
Members absent: :	Tracy Wilson, Vice-Chair Todd Chamberlin, Member Lana Tretin, Alternate Camy Britt, Alternate
Trustee Liaison: Town Staff Present	Erica Sparhawk Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Rochel, Rec center and Program Manager
Guests & Observers:	

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion Passed: John wanted to change wording for pickle ball responsibilities for him. He is willing to be a liaison, but does not want to be the one establishing rules surrounding the GOCO grants and the Town's involvement in obtaining a GOCO grant. He felt that would be the responsibility of the whole board. Hollis has said she was willing to meet with Will from the Sopris Sun, but the minutes said she was meeting with him and that meeting did not take place. Hollis moved to pass the approval of the January 10th, 2018 P & R Commission meeting minutes with these changes. John ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

CHRIS KLUG FOUNDATION DONATE LIFE DAY-Anna Schwinger

Donate Life Day is February 14th and this is a trademarked event of the Chris Klug Foundation. The Chris Klug Foundation is a national organization to bring about awareness of peoples option to become an organ donor. The organization has many public outreach events and has recently launched a school curriculum, and have continued to be present at numerous special events. Trying to get the youth demographic with Donor Dude events and having a presence at youth oriented events, like the x-games. Anna handed out information on the foundation and their e-mail for more information is on back of handout. The three initiatives they follow are: Inspiration, Education and Registration. Goal is to get 75% of driver's license recipients in all states to be donors. Presently there are 121 thousand people waiting for a transplant. 22 people die a day waiting for a transplant, every 10 minutes another person is put on the transplant list.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS- Dan Bullock Tree Board President

Dan did not attend the meeting.

ROARING FORK PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION-Clyde Alberts & Jim Noyes

Jim Noyes- moved here in 2006 and has experience with fundraising with Habitat Humanity, and the local Rotary Club. He included a handout, which was included in the packet, detailing the rapid growth of the sport. He said that the Roaring Fork Pickleball Association is grateful to the Parks & Rec. Department for providing time at the recreation center (11 hours a week drop-in time and 3 hours league time per week) and in the Summer at the Darien Tennis & Pickleball Courts. He provided the following details:

- RFFPA-135 dues paying members presently \$50.00 per year fees. These fees cover overhead, equipment and the \$3,000 required to paint the courts in 2016.
- Immense growth over three years-nationally and locally.
- Looking to raise \$50,000. Have raised \$20,000 to date. Feel that they can get to the \$50,000 level very fast.
- New and existing communities are looking at pickleball courts not as a perk but as a necessity due to the demand.
- Gypsum has repurposed some tennis courts into 8 pickleball courts, Scott Ruff, Rec Director in Gypsum says they would like to build some more. Spent \$175,000 or \$21,875/court.
- Jim Noyes personally rented rec center and brought tennis players and jocks, 9 in total, to the gym to try it. They all went and bought paddles and shoes after that. This sport lends itself to people who want to learn something soon, with low entrance costs, and immediate success.
- For repurposing existing tennis courts, 3 pickleball courts could be put on a regulation tennis court.
- The RFFPA hope to get a piece of land designated or donated, then the next step would be looking at a GOCO LPOR (Local Parks Outdoor Recreation) grant, or a mini, traditional or collaborative FMLD Grant to leverage fundraising to get the courts built. If land could be found, the fundraising would be easier, and a plan could be put together. Looking for a commitment from the Parks & Recreation Commission to advise the trustees to find some land.
- Interested in an 8 court pavilion on ½ acre of land for \$200,000. Asking P & R Commissions to advise the TOC Trustees that RFFPA has already raised \$20,000 of the targeted \$50,000 for a GOCO grant of \$150,000 to support an 8-court Pickleball Pavilion at an estimated cost of \$200,000....and that the remaining \$30,000 can be raised as soon as the 1/2 acre land is allocated.

Discussion Ensued:

Eric- Explained GOCO LPOR and Garfield County FMLD granting programs and timing.

A \$50,000 fundraising goal would be enough of a match to qualify for the LPOR grant, which requires a 25% match, enabling a total grant of \$200,000. This is a once a year cycle open in November with awards coming in the spring of the following year. We are looking at a planning grant with GOCO for the 2018-19 cycle. This is a different pool of money, so is not competing against each other. GARCO FMLD has two granting cycles per year. We have the mini-grants scheduled with Parks & Recreation Park Improvements through 2021. Eric explained that many partnerships and other Town departments have their eyes on utilizing the traditional FMLD grant cycle in the next couple of year, including Police Department, Third Street Center, and the Bonnie Fisher Park Improvements, which has an existing master plan. Eric also mentioned a new granting pool of money from the FMLD called the collaborative grants. These would be a grant submitted by multiple municipalities or qualifying entities to serve a larger segment of the Garfield County population affected by mineral extraction on surrounding public lands. So there are four potential grant money sources, but all of these sources have other programs and master plan prioritized projects seeking the same funding.

Kathleen- supports having pickleball courts but not sure how to move forward with a recommendations without having any land.

Becky- shared the history of this process to date and how we have looked at all of our owned park land and have not found a solution. Some of the sticking points are the parking, since our parks are mostly in residential neighborhoods and dedicated pickleball courts would need their own designated parking also. The P & R Commission is interested, wants Eric to talk to school district, in regard to availability of land and parking.

Hollis- Rec Commission supports the pickleball efforts and is educated on the rapid growth of the sport.

Kathleen- Wanted to remind the P & R Commission that the goals for this year were as follows:

- Create a Friends of Carbondale Parks and Rec
- Create a business plan for Gateway Park to actualize the existing master plan goals
- Match funding opportunities with projects identified in the master plan as priority projects, which have been small capital improvement projects with granting sources that do not require a match.

Jim-Dan Richardson told him to contact CRMS for potential land.

Ashley- Although pickleball courts were mentioned in the 2015 Parks, Recreation and Trails master plan a site specific detailed master plan does not exist for pickleball courts. This level of detail would be needed for a GOCO grant. Feels \$200,000 would also be needed for parking infrastructure costs for a new stand alone facility.

Kathleen- Idea of a partnership with Crown Mountain park lands, but commission discussed that they are not in a financial position and are presently waiting on the outcome of a mill levy vote to see where they go with programming and future amenities at the park.

Jim- Feels that our master plan data is from three years ago and in the last three years the pickleball community has become very large and is rapidly growing. Brought up the idea to repurpose our existing tennis courts, 8 pickleball courts leaving one court for Tennis. Commissioners could be interested in this. Eric asked if they had a price for this. Gypsum \$21,000 per court.

Hollis-Looking for maintenance \$, concerned over maintenance, is not against this, but the P & R Commission is in the process of looking for pool funding , and the creation of a friends of the parks committee to help with this fundraising efforts.

Kathleen- Shared the idea of looking at near future development (PUDs) on vacant privately owned land in Carbondale and the potential for a parkland dedication fee that could be used for a public pickleball courts.

Jim- Said that they are also looking for private land to build these courts on.

Becky- pickleball and tennis need to work together, limited land for pickleball specific courts. Collaborative discussions need to take place, have both on the same land. She brought up the issue of maintenance also.

Jim- the Pickleball association could be called upon to raise annual maintenance funds

Clyde- Mentioned the possibility of a turn style entrance, fee to use the courts and that fee would go to maintenance.

(Commissioners felt that GOCO grants could not be used for this type of situation)

Ashley- Asked about present tennis courts, how they were funded, Eric provided information on how it was a GOCO grant but with the school partnering with funding for the match and an inter-governmental agreement for their exclusive use for practice during the tennis season.

Clyde- Asked how long the agreement is for if they are not using the courts and do not have a tennis team.

Eric- Annually renewable until one of the parties proposes a change. Then it would go to legal and the change would need to be board approved on both sides.

Jim- USTA does not use these courts for match play or tournaments, recreational tennis players do. We will need to communicate with their donors, at this point we do not know, need land for this to move forward.

Erica- Commented on the idea of futsal collaboration on a shared field space.

Parks & Recreation Commission assessment- Not a no, but they need to figure out funding priorities and if land is available. The existence of matching funds for a grant could potentially change the priorities for capital improvements.

Short term priority is for staff to talk to schools. Eric and Jim to talk to CRMS and Re-1 to collaborate and check on the possibility of putting dedicated pickleball courts on school district property. Will come back to March P & R meeting with an update.

AQUATIC FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Power point draft review and survey data compilation

Eric went through power point and commissioners wanted to add a benchmark of cost recovery slide from other pools in the area and to add an additional slide showing actual pool expenditures and from 2017.

COMMUNITY POOL FORUM AGENDA

Forum meeting notes were handed out. Flyers and posters were made available for members to take and hang up it town. See forum planning meeting notes from Kathleen attached to these minutes. Kathleen presented the following details for the forum.

Station 1: North Wall-“Facility Options” Dots and 3 different Comments boards 3 made by Ashley

Station 2- South wall “Speak your mind” Survey received 400 comments, print them out

Station 3- In lobby with a table, sign up for Friend of Parks & Recreation. Fundraising, Financing options, additional opportunity for comments,

- Purpose of Forum Introduction: Visioning brainstorming, gaining initial support, go forward to the planning grant with this information.
- Aggressive Timeline: Ashley said should we call this year one, year two.
- Needs to be a sense of urgency. Location, options.
- One page handout synopsis, comments tear off on the bottom of the sheet.
- Power point.

Need to set date for next community pool forum meeting, Eric will e-mail Kathleen to get this out.

REPORTS & UPDATES

Eric- Parks & Recreation Director- We hired local Will Tempest this week as our full-time recreation coordinator of youth and adult athletics. He will be running all youth and adult leagues, youth programs from pre-school sports camps to senior trips.

Jessi- hiring part time, front desk, rec specialist, mow crew, climbing wall, roof inspection
Parks & Recreation Commissioners-

Becky- weed management plan status. Kevin, Eric, Becky to meet with Gwen to finalize document to go to e-board and parks & rec. Discussion about process for use of chemicals requiring e-board approval and Trustee approval being too restrictive. Requested Eric and Russell to finish up the park specific weed management plans.

Trustee Liaison-no report

ADJOURNMENT

The February 14th, 2018, regular meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for March 14th , 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Brendlinger for Angie Sprang
Board & Commissions Clerk

COMMUNITY POOL FORUM NOTES
CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
February 28, 2018

Becky Moller called the Community Pool Forum Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 28, 2018, in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Present:	Becky Moller, Chair Hollis Sutherland, Member John Williams, Member Kathleen Wanatowicz, Member Ashely Allis, Member Tracy Wilson, Vice-Chair Todd Chamberlin, Member Erica Sparhawk, Trustee Angie Sprang, Boards & Commissions Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Rochel, Rec center and Program Manager Margaret Donnelly- Aquatics and Fitness Coordinator
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WELCOME & KEY MESSAGE

Kathleen opened the meeting by welcoming citizens to the Community Pool Forum, and asking for their input. Each commission member and staff member welcomed guests, and shared a fond memory of a pool. Kathleen presented the tentative timeline. The pool project has not been approved by the Board of Trustees, this forum is purely a fact finding meeting to get ideas and gauge support.

2018:	Fact Finding
2019:	Planning Grant and Site Selection and Scoping
2020:	Design
2021:	Financing
2022:	Construction
2023:	Pool Opens

Over 240 people took the pool survey, and there were more than 100 comments collected. Kathleen explained the goals for the forum: to (1) facilitate continued dialogue with community about a new pool, and to (2) collect information and engage with public regarding next steps – planning grant for the pool.

Kathleen explained that station 1 has facility options information and survey results. Ashley, Eric, and John manned station 1. Station 2 provided opportunity for open ended comments, and was manned by Rose, Tracey, and Rebecca. Station 3 was hosted in the lobby by Todd, Hollis, and Kathleen to get signups and form a Friends of Carbondale Pool subcommittee.

PRESENTATION

Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Rec Director, presented a Power Point presentation containing information about the pool project. Key points included:

1. Community Pool Survey Results ** Handout Provided
2. History of the John M. Fleet Pool

3. Needs – Sense of Urgency
 - a. The pool in its current state is costing more and more year over year on repairs, which is eating up the pools operations budget limiting programing capacity.
 - b. Cost recovery is getting more difficult as the pool continues to age and require more capital improvements.
 - c. Typical life expectancy of a municipal pool is about 30 years. We’re currently at about 40 years into the life of Carbondale’s current pool. Existing Vinyl liner is 10 years old with life expectancy of 20 years.
4. Recreation Center Sales Tax
 - a. The public may need to vote as to whether or not they are willing to increase sales taxes to fund all or some portion of the pool costs.
5. Pool Location – we do not know – Next Steps GOCO Planning Grant (Fall 2019)
 - a. Eric provided explanation of the Parks and Recreation 5 year (2018 – 2022) capital improvement plan, which shows master planned recommendations for Parks and Recreation improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential new pool project, points made were:

- Creating a pool that appeals to people in the mid-valley and valley wide, ensuring that people want to come to Carbondale for that “cool/different pool.”
- Obtaining comments and feedback from local kids by way of a
- Salt water or saline pool options should be explored – less chemical use but potentially higher maintenance
- Fundraising will be the biggest hurdle
- Parks & Rec commission reached out to numerous other municipalities about recent pool builds

INTERACTIVE STATION NOTES

Citizen guests interactively visited the stations. Feedback collected follows:

Station 1: Facility Options (Dots and Comments Collected) green dots were if you liked the idea or amenity and red dots if you did not.

Options presented to attendees were:

- Outdoor Lap Pool with Diving Board and Kiddie area - (similar to existing town pool, not year-round) – approx. \$3,000,000 to construct and \$175,000 annually to operate and maintain. 32 green dots 8 red dots (discontent with all concrete, separate wading pool, no connectivity to park, fence on main street)
- Outdoor Pool Lap Pool with Splash Pad/Water Play features not year-round – approximately \$3,700,000 to construct and \$185,000 annually to operate and maintain. 13 green with splash pad in pool, 5 red on splash pads on concrete.
- Outdoor Lap Pool with Splash Pad/Water Play features heated year-round – approximately \$3,820,000 to construct and \$295,000 annually to operate and maintain. 31 green dots , no red dots, liked play elements , natural look to splash pad, climbing wall, slides, lap lanes, being outside.
- Indoor Pool Facility (modest in scale, lap pool, kiddie pool, slide, restrooms/showers, check-in area, offices) – approximately \$7,500,000 to construct and \$375,000 annually to operate and maintain. 10 green dots, mostly on indoor kayaking, diving board and lap lanes, 8 red dots, due to the fact that it is indoors.

Individual Amenities

- **Lap Lanes**-L shape works well,6 green dots, wide lane lines better, salt water pool, sign waiver for adult only lap swimming early am or at night at own risk without lifeguards
- **Water Slide**- requires 2 additional lifeguards on staff 2 Green dots 4 red dots
- **Splash Pads**-depending on design some require lifeguards some do not, all require additional daily maintenance. 4 green dots like animals that shoot water and natural look.
- **Shade Structures**- Umbrella style shade structures fade within 1-2 years and blow away, break and bend poles in our high wind location. Permanent Shade Cloth structures provide opportunities for party rentals. 22 green dots. No red dots Turf and landscaped premises important with natural shade. Liked the permanent shade structures with tables and chairs for picnics.
- **Alternative Programs**-Programs like these close the pool to the general public, but the private rental option could be additional revenue. Evening programs require additional staff and in pool lighting. 12 green dots 5 red dots. i.e.-kayaking roll sessions, water polo, slack lines, stand up boards, interactive games.
- **"Aquatainment" Features**- i.e. Climbing walls, basketball hoops, volleyball nets, inflatable obstacle courses all require one additional lifeguard on duty, provide revenue and rental options close portions of the pool for general bathers.19 green dots, 9 red dots mostly on climbing wall.

Station 2: Open Ended – Speak Your Mind

Comments collected were:

- Showers that do not sand blast you. Private showers.
- 1 or 2 lap lanes that are always open (like Snowmass)
- Make more time for lap swim
- Wider lap lanes for lap sharing (now they are really tight)
- Pay it off with leaves
- 0 grade entrance (no pee pool!)
- 50 meters! Olympic sized for lap swimming because Carbondale residents are so athletic!
- "Chlorine generation system" like Snowmass Rec
- Balance "leisure pool" and "lap zones"
- Outdoor 8 lane competitive pool
- Share with Glenwood and ARC
- Saline water
- Warmer water ☺
- Food + GW vendors on sight, fun impaler style!
- Sell Carbondale beach towels to raise \$
- Adults ONLY swim, new revenue?
- Year round please
- Year round please
- Year round please
- Longer open swim hours 2 weeks before school starts , 1 night a week, all summer
- Are we able to follow Minneapolis and set a new green standard with a natural system? No chemicals?
- Snack stand like Basalt
- Could lease for fun fundraisers!
- Evening pool party results!
- Snack stand @ pool
- Consider open 9 months as a cost saving measure

- Cover in winter while open & Open air in summer
- More swim lessons for youth 3-5
- BIG POOL!!!!
- Climbing wall @ pool
- Climbing wall @ pool
- Hang out for teenagers
- Restaurant Bar @ Pool!
- Keep entrance fees modest so all kids & families can afford lessons & then enjoy afternoons in the pool. Not all kids & families can afford summer camps & trips, but they love the pool.

Station 3: Friends of Carbondale Parks and Rec

- Increase Recreation Sales and Use Tax
- Increase Property Tax
- Special District
- Bond
- Sign Up for Member of Friends of Carbondale Parks and Rec



WHAT WE FUND

GOCO-funded projects increase outdoor recreation opportunities in Colorado, preserve our open spaces, protect and manage our wildlife, and enhance our state parks. The types of projects GOCO funds vary widely:

- Agricultural land
- Athletic fields
- Camping facility improvements at state parks
- Disc golf courses
- Fishing piers
- Land acquisitions for future outdoor recreation facilities
- Land preservation along river corridors
- Master plans for outdoor parks and recreation, trails, or site-specific plans
- Outdoor classrooms and natural areas to be used for environmental education
- Outdoor swimming pools
- Pavilions and shade structures
- Picnic areas
- Playgrounds
- Protection of urban open-space parcels
- Skate parks
- Species protection and wildlife education
- Trails
- Whitewater parks
- Wildlife habitat conservation

WHAT GOCO DOES NOT FUND

- Indoor facilities (except environmental facilities and restrooms)
- Non-fixed assets (i.e., lawn mowers, shovels, rakes, etc.)
- Operations & maintenance costs
- Programmatic funding, including environmental education
- Outdoor performing art centers/amphitheater
- Staff time (city, county or district)
- Volunteer time

These lists are not all-inclusive. Please contact us with questions about your project's eligibility.

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PLANNING GRANTS



Palisade Skate Park in Palisade, CO.

GOCO planning grants help local governments execute a wide range of planning efforts, including site-specific plans, department master plans, and strategic plans.

WHO CAN APPLY

Local governments are eligible to apply for planning grants. Planning grants have a limit of \$75,000; there is no maximum for the total project cost. Applicants must provide at least 25% of the total project cost in matching funds, at least 10% of which must be a cash match.

HOW TO APPLY

Download the most recent grant application directly from GOCO (see below) and do not re-use applications from a prior grant cycle. Review the entire application prior to starting work on it, paying particular attention to the eligibility information to ensure that your project meets all requirements. You can also request sample applications of previously successful projects and are welcome to submit a draft application up to two weeks prior to the application due date to receive feedback from GOCO staff.

All applications must be submitted online. To register, visit tinyurl.com/GOCOGraanteePortal; to submit an application, use the link included in the current cycle's application form.

- [2018 Planning Application](#)

APPLICATION FORMS

- [Budget form](#)
- [Timeline template](#)
- [Resolution template](#)
- [Intergovernmental Agreement \(IGA\) template](#)

WHEN TO APPLY

- **July 6, 2017:** Application posted
- **October 19, 2017:** Draft applications due (optional)
- **November 2, 2017:** Applications due via online portal
- **March 2018:** Grants awarded

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jake Houston, local government program manager, at jhouston@goco.org or 303-226-4517.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARKS & RECREATION / MINI GRANTS



Buena Vista Optimist Park Splash Pad. Photo courtesy of the Town of Buena Vista.

Local Park and Outdoor Recreation (LPOR) grants, up to \$350,000 per project, and mini grants, up to \$45,000 per project costing \$60,000 or less, fund:

- New park development
- Enhancing existing park facilities
- Park land acquisition
- Environmental education facilities: Building new facilities or enhancing existing ones.

Please note: GOCO does not fund maintenance, programming, or non-fixed assets (i.e. lawnmowers, rakes, etc)

WHO CAN APPLY

Cities, counties, and parks and recreation districts are eligible for LPOR and mini grants. Eligible entities can sponsor projects on behalf of school districts, unincorporated cities and towns, community groups, and other ineligible entities. Applicants must provide at least 25% of the total project cost in matching funds, at least 10% of which must be a cash match.

HOW TO APPLY

Before beginning your application, contact program manager **Jake Houston** (303-226-4517) or program coordinator **Madison Brannigan** (303-226-4526) to discuss your project's eligibility.

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