

**CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2019 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 April 10, 2019 Minutes	INFORMATIONAL
7:08		3.	Items from Citizens Present Not on the Agenda	
7:15		4.	Crystal River and Riverfront Park Restoration Project. Quinn Donnelly https://www.yourcrystalriver.com/	INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION (Attachment A)
7:45		5.	Audubon Presentation on Painted Turtle Proposal for Fence around pond at Delaney Nature Park Mary Harris	INFORMATION DISCUSSION (Attachment B)
8:00		6.	Red Hill Trails Update	INFORMATION DISCUSSION
8:10		8.	Roaring Fork Pickleball Site Master Plan Update	INFORMATION (Attachment C)
8:20		9.	Report & Updates: Staff & Commission Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director • Jessi Rochel, Rec Center Manager • Parks & Recreation Commissioners • Luis Yllanes, Trustee Liaison 	INFORMATION
9:00		11.	Adjournment*	*Please note: Times are approximate

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
April 10, 2019**

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 10, 2019, in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members:	Ashley Allis, Member Becky Moller, Chair John Williams, Member Tracy Wilson, Vice Chair Rose Rosello, Member Hollis Sutherland, Member
Absent:	Todd Chamberlin Genevieve Villamizar, Alternate Camy Britt, Alternate
Town Staff Present:	Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Rochel, Parks & Recreation Manager Angie Sprang, Management Analyst

CONSENT AGENDA

Hollis ***moved*** to approve the minutes from the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting in March 2019. Tracy ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present, not on the agenda, who wished to address the Board.

**AQUATICS AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS RECREATION COORDINATOR PROGRAM REPORT –
MARGARET DONNELLY**

Margaret informed the commission about the upcoming Peeps Run. Registrants before April 14th get bonus points, also those with a costume or theme get bonus points. Annual graffiti will begin at 6am. Pool signups are filling up now, so please don't delay in signing up. They are currently hiring lifeguards' and swim instructors, people of all ages are welcome to apply. Farmers Market will be accepting WIC and SNAP.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES STAFF PURCHASING ROLES &
RESPONSIBILITIES**

Discussion ensued regarding the roles and responsibilities of staff and advisory boards.

RFPA MOU PICKLEBALL COURTS UPDATE

After a review by legal, RFPA, and site plan creation, all was presented to the Trustees last night. The futsal court was miss located on the site plan and that will be corrected. The Town will have the opportunity to veto any portion of the site plan. For full details see the BOT meeting minutes from 04-09-2019, and in the MOU document. RFPA will collect drop in fees during scheduled times, outside of contractually designated use time RFPA will pay fees or a fee for that use.

Becky recommended an amendment to the MOU, because the sentence structure didn't contain a verb: page 16 of the packet, second bullet point from the bottom should read something like: "RFPA use of the Courts in an exclusive manner for clinics, tournaments, club fundraisers, and other uses that fall outside of the 28 hours of RFPA Designated Access Time granted for drop-in play will be considered exclusive use and the drop-in fee will be paid per non-member for use of the courts." – Recommended clarification of who's paying the fee and why. Eric explained that the sentence makes sense in the context of the paragraph. Becky recommended a verb be

added. Eric will communicate the recommendation to the Town Manager and Trustees as the MOU was approved at the 04-09-2019 Trustee meeting.

AQUATIC FACILITY MASTER PLAN GOCO GRANT TIMELINE AQUATIC FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The RFP lays out what the budget will look like and what the Town is asking of the consultant. The commissions role will be similar to the last Parks & Rec master planning process, and the consultant will be looking to them to understand what direction they're supposed to be going. The pool forum email sign-up lists "friends of the pool" and "pool committee" will be contacted and informed that the pool planning grant was awarded and that the project is moving forward. The stakeholder group/focus group will need to be established by July.

REPORT & UPDATES

Eric – Working to make site 6 functional for an RV at the Gateway RV Park. Photovoltaic solar is being installed this week at the Miners Park bathrooms. The Ice Rink is down. Electric work is being done at the Rodeo. We're getting bids from Electrical contractors to see if a conversion project is possible from 30 amps to 50 amps at the RV park. Many more projects. It will be a construction filled summer for Parks & Rec.

Jessi – Five Points Film Festival is just around the corner! The summer brochure is on the website with all summer programming, and printed versions will be picked up and posted tomorrow. Presence at the Health Fair at the High School. Co-hosting Business Afterhours event. Carbondale Rec is taking over Chamber Instagram next week. Blood drive is next week. Painters will be repainting at the rec center in prep for Five Points.

Luis – VCAPS meeting last week at Third Street Center. Continual updates are available on the Town's homepage in the news and announcements section.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD CHAIR COLIN QUINN TREE LABELING PROPOSAL

Colin presented his proposal as in the packet, and asked for support for the initiative from the Parks & Rec Advisory Board. Discussion ensued. Points made were.

- Tracy very cool idea! – bullets of info, how old, habitats and/or height notable mention, drought tolerant all a great idea
- Ashley very cool idea! – what happens when they grow beyond the metal necklace around the tree – maintenance for parks – preference for something that won't hurt trees - trees health and safety emulated and they will not use something that will cause harm to trees
- Becky should do GPS game on phones instead – computer-based maintenance instead of physical
- Becky if you have an online map or app it corresponds well with a label making which entices people to look at the website info
- Colin suggesting labeling 3-8 trees per park, different trees in different parks, as pilot program
- Becky & Ashley tree necklace may hurt trees down the road – preference for something that grows with trees
- Ashley noted label ideas are cool & may get more benefit than any web info or app
- Becky noted engaging the Creative District to create labels would be ideal so we can have something very Carbondale
- Eric noted that Sopris, Giannotti, Miners may be good parks to start w/a pilot program
- CMC's permaculture program, Adrian Fielder – may be of help walking around identifying trees
- Colin label idea: scientific name, a few cool facts, town of Carbondale info or logo, how to get to web info – maybe no web info because that may change
- Becky noted making it educational and getting people to work on the project together within the community would make it a cooler project – other members noted great idea and this should not hinder moving forward with the project
- Becky noted it could be done by Roaring Fork Leadership or High School Capstone Kids project
- Could be an Eagle Scout project
- All of these are great ideas – it's been a year or year and a half of proposals, commission majority noted do what is necessary to just get the pilot rolling – feedback is great but at some point, the project needs to go and Colin's ideas are great, get it going! Excitement and energy around getting it going without further delay was expressed!

- Concern of theft and injuring trees which may or may not be an issue that we will deal with – they will not put labels on trees that will harm trees
- Story map on website (e.g. Public Arts Story Map)
- Preference in labeling native trees

Next steps: (1) create proposal for BOT, (2) move forward with pilot project!

ADJOURNMENT

The April 10, 2019, regular meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for May 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Sprang

Town of Carbondale

CRYSTAL RIVER RESTORATION

& Weaver Ditch Enhancement Project

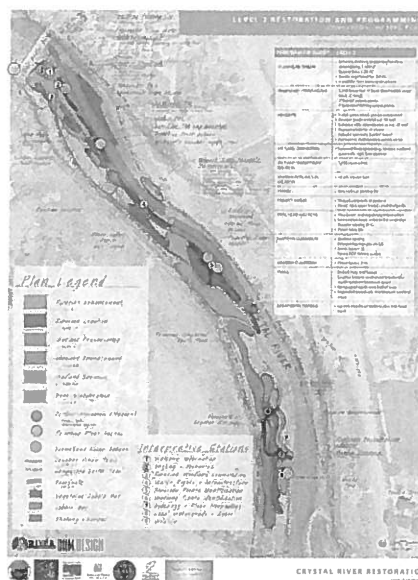
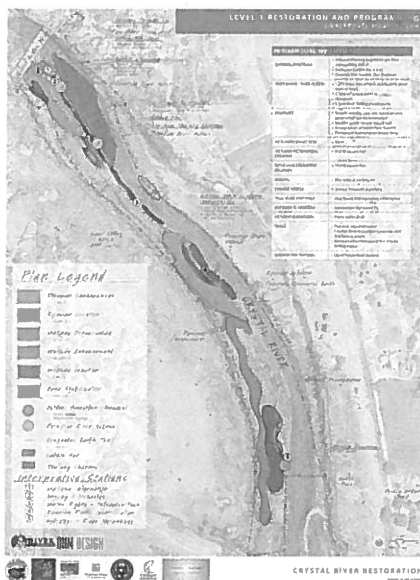
REVIEW CONCEPTS

The project team has drawn up two conceptual schemes. Improvements shown in the Level 1 scheme are generally more primitive in nature. Level 2 improvements would be a bit more formal. Any individual element from either level of improvement could be designed to fit the wildland character of the park. *Please note: Individual design elements are completely interchangeable between the two schemes. Please be specific in your comments as to which elements you prefer.*

COMMENT

Share your vision for this community space.
Please help us find the right balance for both the
river and the community.

[CLICK HERE TO COMMENT](#)



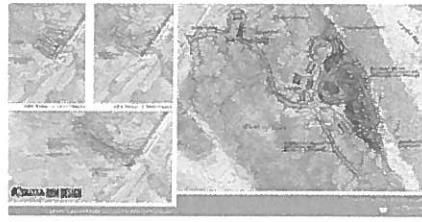
Comments will be accepted through this website, or by email to matt@avlt.org, prior to 5pm on May 10, 2019.

Conceptual Master Plan - Level 1



Trailhead and River Access - Level 1

Conceptual Master Plan - Level 2



Trailhead and River Access - Level 2

VIEW ALL PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- Site Assessment
- Site Location Map
- Existing Conditions Photo-map
- Conceptual Master Plan - Level 1
- Conceptual Master Plan - Level 2
- Conceptual Trailhead and River Access - Level 1
- Conceptual Trailhead and River Access - Level 2
- Conceptual Sections (both Levels)
- Weaver Ditch Diversion Concepts (both Levels)

BACKGROUND

The Town of Carbondale with partners, Aspen Valley Land Trust, Roaring Fork Conservancy, American Rivers, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Public Counsel of the Rockies, and Trout Unlimited, invite members of the public to participate in the planning process for restoring a one-half mile long reach of the Crystal River along the town-owned Riverfront Park in River Valley Ranch.

Riverfront Park lies between the Carbondale Fish Hatchery and Crystal Bridge Drive. This reach of the Crystal River was identified by the 2016 Crystal River Management Plan as being severely to unsustainably impaired.

This project aims to restore ecological integrity, improve channel stability, create a low-maintenance Weaver Ditch diversion structure, and enhance the passive user experience of the adjacent wildland park.

In 2018, a consultant team comprised of River Restoration, DHM Design, and Lotic Hydrologic (all of Carbondale, CO) conducted a thorough site survey and analysis of the reach to identify which parts of the river and riparian system were functioning in a healthy way, and which parts were not.



On April 24, 2019, the consultant team presented the results of their site assessment, along with conceptual restoration and enhancement alternatives to the public. **Public comment will be accepted through this website, or by emailing matt@avlt.org, prior to 5pm on May 10, 2019.**



TIMELINE

- Data collection -2018
- Site Assessment - 2018
- **Conceptual Design & Public Comment - April 2019**
- Preliminary Design & Permitting – Summer/Fall 2019
- Fundraising – Begin Fall 2019
- Final Design – Winter/Spring 2020
- Bid and Construction – Late Summer/Fall 2020

PROJECT GOALS

1) RESTORE THE CRYSTAL RIVER

Develop a long term, self-sustaining solution to improve river channel stability, fish habitat, and spawning areas by promoting conditions that support and enhance instream biotic structure and diversity.

2) RESTORE THE RIPARIAN ZONE

Restore the ecological integrity of the riparian zone through streambank stabilization, reconnection of the floodplain, and replace invasive weed communities and plant monocultures with healthy and diverse riparian plant regimes, while preserving healthy bird and wildlife habitat.

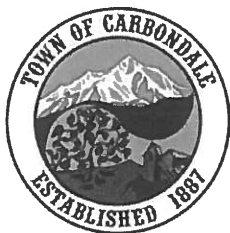
3) IMPROVE THE WEAVER DITCH DIVERSION

Create a self-sustaining diversion and head gate structure for the Weaver Ditch to function as part of the river system while improving the water delivery for the Town of Carbondale and consistent with future ditch improvements and efficiencies.

4) ENHANCE THE WILDLAND PARK

Enhance passive user experiences of Riverfront Park through interpretive signs, trails, gathering spaces, and educational programs.

PROJECT PARTNERS



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From: Shep & Mary Harris Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:52 AM

To: Angie Sprang

Cc: William Evans ; Colin Quinn

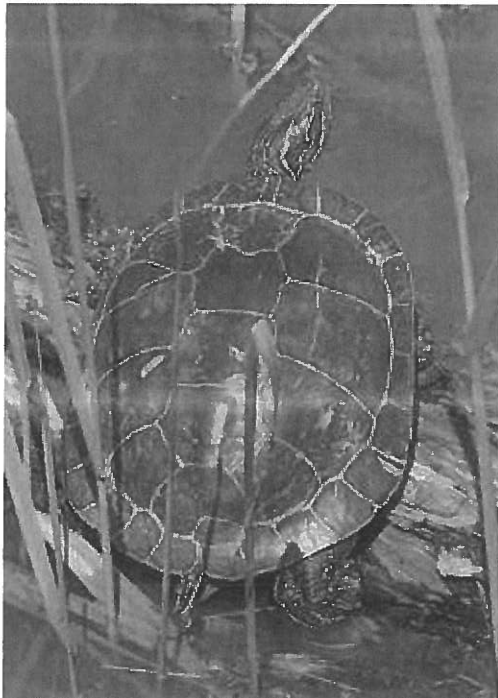
Subject: Re: Environmental Board Meetings

Hi Angie and Colin, I would like to ask the E-board to look at protection in the form of fencing for one of the ponds in the Delaney Nature Park, now known as "the dog park". Colorado's State Reptile the Painted Turtle are surviving there in low numbers (have seen only 2) and the pond is heavily used by dog owners who throw balls for their dogs to retrieve. It should be off limits. ATTACHMENT B PAGE 6 OF 10 I do not know the status of this turtle in Colorado, but I suspect that it is very rare in our area as this is the first time I have seen them. This presentation would be 10 minutes max depending on Board's questions.

- This went to the Environmental Board on 4/22/2019. The board recommended that they present this idea to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Colorado State Reptile

Western Painted Turtle



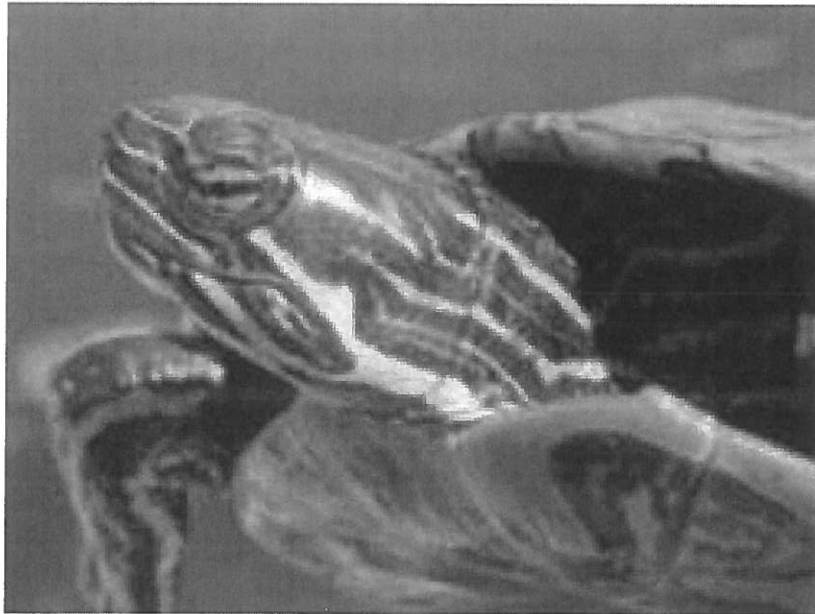
(Chrysemys Picta Bellii)

Adopted on March 18, 2008

One of the newest state symbol, the Colorado State Reptile, is the **western painted turtle**, adopted on March 18, 2008. The painted turtle is the state reptile. How did the painted turtle get this honor? Fourth grade students asked the legislature to make the turtle the state reptile. The students said that the painted turtle is found everywhere in the state. It is also colorful- just like Colorado. The painted turtle has a dark olive shell with red markings on the edges. Its underside is yellow with bright red patterns. There are yellow or red lines on the painted turtle's head and legs.

In 2007, Jay Baichi's 4th grade class began the process to get the Western Painted Turtle designated as the Colorado State Reptile. His 4th grade class the next year completed the legal steps and Governor Ritter signed HB 08-1017 on March 18, 2008. The two classes researched Colorado reptiles and decided that the Western Painted Turtle was most representative of Colorado reptiles. The turtle (*Chrysemys Picta Bellii*) is a common sight around many Colorado ponds and lakes.

Colorado State Reptile: Western Painted Turtle



The painted turtle was named Colorado's official state reptile by the General Assembly in 2008. Ranging in size from 2" to just under 10", this hard-shelled turtle gets its name from bright red and/or orange markings on the underbelly. It is also identifiable by the bright yellow lines on the neck, head and limbs. Females have shells that are typically larger (up to 9.8") than males of the species. Painted turtles enter a period of hibernation during the winter months, emerging as early as February in the southern portion of its range and as late as May in the north.

Behavior

Painted turtles bask in large groups on logs, fallen trees, and other objects. The sunning helps rid them of parasitic leeches. In many areas turtles hibernate during the winter months by burrowing into the mud and allowing their bodies to become very cold. Because of their small body size, they can move easily. Turtles dive quickly at the first hint of danger. Painted turtles are diurnal; that means

they are active during the day. At night they will rest on the bottom of a pond or on a partially submerged object, such as a rock. During the day, painted turtles will bask in the sun, sometimes as many as 50 on one log, stacked on top of each other.

Habitat

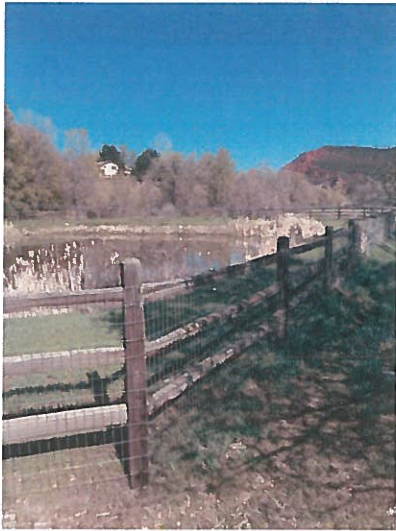
The painted turtle is found from southern Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. They can be found from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific Northwest and can survive at elevations from sea level to 8,500 ft. In Colorado, the painted turtle is common throughout the eastern part of the state. Smaller dispersed populations have been confirmed in southwestern Colorado's La Plata and Archuleta counties and some sightings have been reported in Moffat, Garfield and Mesa counties.

Reproduction

Mating begins after hibernation and before feeding begins when the water temperatures are still low. Fall mating may also occur. Temperature is a major environmental cue for the regulation of the seasonal gonadal cycle, but the thermal dependence of the reproductive system differs markedly for the two sexes.

Colorado Law

The law designating the western painted turtle as the official Colorado state reptile is found in the Colorado Revised Statutes Title 24, Part 9, Sections 24-80-911.3 reflecting changes current through all laws passed at the First Regular Session of the Seventieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado (2015)



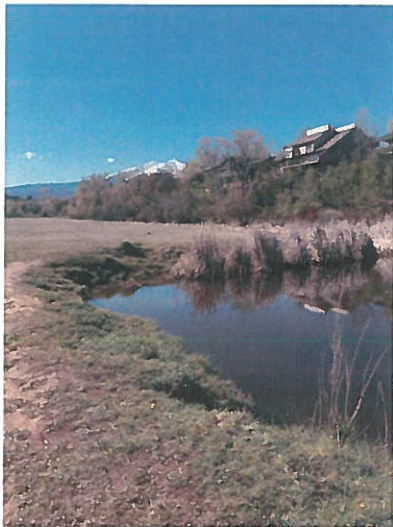
Existing fence



Exisitng fence



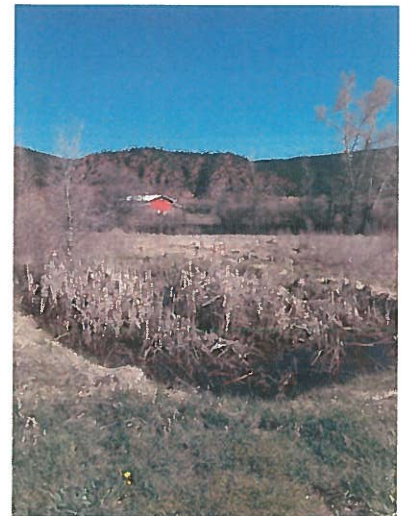
Property boundary



Pond perimeter east



Pond Perimeter West

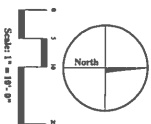


Pond Perimeter North



**Turtles-
counted 6**





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