

MINUTES
CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
June 10, 2020

Hollis Sutherland called the virtual meeting of the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, 2020, in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members:	Hollis Sutherland, Chair Rose Rosello, Vice Chair Ashley Hejtmanek, Member Kathleen Wanatowicz, Member John Williams, Member Genevieve Villamizar, Member
Absent:	Becky Moller, Member Tracy Wilson, Alternate
Town Staff Present:	Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Rochel, Recreation Center & Recreation Programs Manager Kae McDonald, Boards & Commission Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: John *moved* to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting. Rose *seconded* the motion, and it was *unanimously approved*.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no items from citizens present but not on the agenda.

TOC PARKS & RECREATION COVID 19 REPORT

Eric gave the Commission an update on the current Covid-19 action plan for the Parks & Recreation facilities throughout the Town. The State of Colorado is currently in the “Safer at Home” and “Safer Outdoors” phase, and some Park & Recreation facilities have been allowed to re-open with specific guidelines:

- June 1st the Recreation Center opened on a reservation-only basis. The reservations are in 1 ½ hour increments at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 2:00 PM, which allows for ½ hour to clean the facility and all equipment used. The cost is \$4.00. There were 48 reservations the first week, and 36 to date for the second week.
- Gateway RV Park also opened on June 1st to self-contained units. Reservations are filling fast.
- The pool will tentatively open on June 23rd under fairly stringent rules. Reservations will be required. Only one person will be allowed in each lap lane, and the pool will be sectioned off for family/open swim. Only one person will be allowed in the bathroom at a time, and showers will not be available.
- The Farmer’s Market began today. The picnic tables have been removed to encourage people to make their purchases and leave the area.
- Because group sizes are still limited to 25, special events on Town property have been cancelled through June. The Bonedale Skate Revival has been postponed until August, and the Rodeo is waiting to start.
- Recreation Programming currently includes the hiking program—the USFS permit has been applied for and social distancing will be achieved by using two vans to space kids out—and some sports clinics. The baseball/softball league was cancelled, but may possibly occur in the Fall.

Questions/Comments:

Kathleen asked if there was a way to make the reservation system equitable. Eric replied that the reservation system is

internet-based and is first-come, first-served. Jessi added that if someone doesn't have access to the internet, it may be possible to call in to reserve time. She went on to say that with the software they use, it may be possible to limit the number of visits and timeslots each person can reserve, and that they are considering only allowing people to reserve one month at a time.

AQUATICS FACILITY MASTER PLAN: SURVEY DATA & NEXT STEPS

Eric updated the Commission on the current status of the Aquatics Facility Master Plan. Because of the continuing Covid-19 restrictions, the public outreach portion of the Master Plan has shifted to a survey-oriented process. To encourage response to the survey (which closes on June 19th), Design Workshop has undertaken "Every Door Direct" mass mailing, as well as having purchased time on the Latino radio station to encourage LatinX response. There are also Spanish language hard copies in the Town Hall lobby and Recreation Center. To date, there have been more than 1,052 responses, although Eric noted there is not a proportional representation of LatinX users. Based on the results from the first survey, a second survey may be tailored to get more detailed responses on specific pool designs. The next steps are to analyze the survey results, and spend more time with the working group on the design phase.

Questions/Comments:

Kathleen asked if there was sufficient survey response to move to the next step. Eric replied that yes, the response is statistically significant.

Rose suggested having a table at the Farmers Market to increase awareness about the survey, specifically for the LatinX community.

Hollis questioned whether the Farmers Market would adequately capture that audience, and suggested a table at the City Market instead.

Kathleen was happy with the survey response, and suggested focusing efforts on finding opportunities for increased engagement during the next phase.

SUMMIT 54.ORG SUMMER SUCCESS PROGRAM PARK USE FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Eric presented a request from the Summit54.org Summer Success program to waive park reservation fees. The Summer Success program is a summer tutor program. Because the School Advantage program has been cancelled, this tutoring is essential. They have pared the program down to small groups of 11 kids and two teachers. It will run Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to noon between June 22 and July 23. They are requesting the use of the picnic shade shelters at Miners Park, Promenade Park, and Triangle Park, with the possible use of the Bonnie Fischer Park bread oven shelter and Rodeo Grounds shade shelter if the program numbers warrant a fourth location.

Motion Passed: John ***moved*** to waive the park shelter rental fees for the Summer Success Program. Ashley ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

VIRTUAL PARKS TOUR-PRESENT PROJECTS, FUTURE PROJECTS, BUDGETING PRIORITIES

Eric presented a virtual park tour using Connect Explorer software to update the Commissioners on current and planned projects at TOC parks.

- At North Face Park, Eric showed the Commissioners where the batting cage will be installed;
- At Nuche Park, a late Fall project will be to demarcate a parking lot with gates to limit vehicular access across the park;
- At the Crystal River Park, the river and wetlands restoration is at 60% design. The current push is to accumulate sufficient funding to reach 100% design;
- At Triangle Park, the playground equipment has all been installed except for the slide; project completion should be within the next few weeks;
- At Hendricks Park, future investments being considered are shade structures of some type within the dog park, and upgrading the playground equipment;
- At Miners Park, the cost of the rubber liner for the sandy volleyball court that was appropriated for 2020 may be pushed to 2021;
- At Gianinetti Park, a FMLD grant has been submitted to replace the play elements outlined during May's meeting;
- At Colorado Meadows Park, a FMLD grant request is planned for Fall 2020 to replace parts and pieces of the older play elements at the park including the basketball net, swing set, and slide;

- At the Nature Park, fence line maintenance is ongoing. Eric also pointed out the location of an irrigation ditch blow-out that required some repair;
- The road realignment project is underway at Red Hill, with an anticipated completion in mid-July. Once that is complete, the trailhead kiosk, information board, and access trail will be installed;
- Phase 2 of the electrification upgrade at Gateway RV Park has been completed. The next phase in 2021 will provide the remaining spots with 50-amp service.

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REPORT & UPDATES: STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director:

30/60/90 Staff Work Plan and Outstanding Project Status Report (it is the last page of the packet and was covered in the Virtual Parks Tour):

Jessi Rochel, Recreation Center & Recreation Programs Manager:

- Eric covered most of the Recreation Center items in the Covid-19 update;
- Beginning June 8th, Recreation Center staff will distribute shelf-stable meals provided by Food Bank of the Rockies to those 18 years and younger on Tuesdays and Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm;

Hollis Sutherland, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair:

- Hollis asked Eric how weed control was progressing. He replied that the steam machine seems to be working on most weeds, but it is not working on bindweed. He noted that the bike park is pretty weedy, and the Parks staff will need to start working there soon.

ADJOURNMENT

The June 10, 2020, regular meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for July 8, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kae McDonald