

MINUTES
CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
JULY 12, 2017

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 12, 2017, in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members: Ashely Allis, Member
 Becky Moller, Chair
 Camy Britt, Member
 Hollis Sutherland, Member
 Kathleen Wanatowicz, Member
 Lana Trettin, Member
 Todd Chamberlin, Member

Town Staff Present: Angie Sprang, Boards & Commissions Clerk
 Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director
 Erica Sparhawk, Board of Trustees Liaison
 Jessi Rochel, Parks & Recreation Manager

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Hollis Sutherland ***moved*** to approve the minutes with noted edits from June 21, 2017. Todd Chamberlin ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present not on the agenda that wished to address the board.

PARKS TOUR

Eric Brendlinger and Jessi Rochel lead the commission via 12 passenger van on a guided tour of Carbondale's public parks. Discussion ensued regarding needs and design at each park, as follows.

- (1.) Sopris Park
 - a. Restroom renovation needed, restrooms already have LED lighting installed and good day lighting through an open roof design, renovation needed is cosmetic only (i.e. partition replacement, plumbing fixture replacement), estimated \$3k in restroom renovation costs during 2018.
 - b. Gazebo has new stairs.
 - c. Balance beam on playground has a sun deteriorated cover, which cannot be replaced. The deterioration has exposed metal to the heat of the sun, making it a potential health/safety issue. This fixture will need to be replaced with a similar or different element.
 - d. Discussion ensued regarding a desired cohesive rustic theme design at all park similar to the park design at Ross Montessori School.
 - e. No spinners currently exist in any Carbondale parks, which was an item noted during decisions about choosing playground replacement equipment.
- (2.) Bonnie Fisher
 - a. Next steps in the master plan for Bonnie Fisher are to install a playground.
 - b. A park playground is across the street and the original design idea was to create something different from what triangle park has across the street.
 - c. Design ideally will mimic the old park design from when 3rd street center was an elementary school.
 - d. Discussion ensued regarding potential field space, open space at Bonnie Fisher is not sufficient for dedicated field space. The space is too small for field

sports, and is rented annually for 5 Point Film Festival and Bonedale Bike Week community events.

(3.) Hendrick Ranch Park

- a. Shed renovation to begin soon!

(4.) Miners Park

- a. Has basketball, soccer, volleyball, playground space, and open space
- b. The basketball courts have new concrete, and lines are to be painted soon.
- c. The in ground irrigation system is dated and will need a complete overhaul in the near future. This will prove costly, but is necessary maintenance.
- d. Discussion regarding the potential use of open space as field space. The ground is uneven and excavation and flattening of the open space is outside of the budget at this time. Potential was noted by all, and this item was tabled for future discussion.
- e. Trenches have been dug bury the powerlines that take away from the charm of Miners Park. They will be buried near the bike path.
- f. Restrooms need renovation, roof replacement, partition and doors installed

(5.) Gianinetti Park

- a. Restrooms desperately need renovation
- b. Discussion ensued regarding open space potential to be used as field space. The field space has no scheduled events and is good usable open space, but not sufficient for field space.
- c. Potential to improve handicap accessibility exists. The wood chips are replenished each 2 years, and the accessible entry could be redesigned to provide more of a ramp. Once a more accessible ramp is created, an ADA swing would work well in this park.

MASTER PLAN GOALS & PRIORITIES REPORTS

Eric Brendlinger provided the commission with an update regarding the legal feasibility of creating an Aspen Community Foundation fund. Legal and Finance advisors from the Town noted that the Aspen Community Foundation contract is specific to a 501(c)3 not to a municipality, and that further research needs to happen regarding the legality of creating a foundation on behalf of a municipal government entity. Eric and Todd will work together to inquire with Aspen Community Foundation regarding a municipal focused contract and/or figure out if the Town would need to create its own 501(c)3 prior to signing with a fund management service. If the fund is managed by the Town Finance department, from a risk standpoint, a money market investment fund would be the only feasible and best investment option for the fund. The commission is back to the "how to" create a fund in a manner appropriate for a municipality. Hiring a professional fundraiser at this juncture is not a good use of funds, but may be considered in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding community support for a fund and pool. Questions were raised regarding support from the community and the community's desire for a new pool. It was noted that support for a pool was a top priority in Carbondale Master Plan survey data collected. Ashley Allis will go back through the data and report back to the commission. The commission may consider administering another survey to gather recent data gauging community support of a new pool build or replacement pool. The survey would include questions about: (1) replacement of the existing outdoor pool, (2) adding onto the recreation center to create a year round pool, and (3) remodeling the existing pool and building a structure over it to create a year round pool in the existing pool location. Discussion ensued regarding recreation center operations, and it was noted a benefit to have one front desk from an operational costs perspective. The idea of a retractable roof over the new pool was raised. There was discussion about adding pool support questions to the next ballot, and it was decided that this may be a waste of Town resources.

The commission will hold an open community forum/fundraising kick off event in late September or early October once the seasonal Carbondale pool closes, to get a better gauge on community support and next steps. The commission will reach out to media to ensure the event is well advertised and covered. The hope is to obtain some solid pledges to kick off and prove community

support and make their case prior to going to the BOT for fund creation approval. Todd, Hollis, Kathleen, and Ashley will form a committee and devise a plan to gauge community support for a new seasonal/year round pool. Todd will reach out to local schools for support/feedback regarding a pool. Erika noted new pool energy use as a concern. Becky noted concern about the cost of maintaining a new pool.

Discussion ensued regarding a shop local campaign and the use of such a campaign as a community educational outreach program. Hollis will inquire with a graphic artist, who may be willing to volunteer services for pool outreach and buy local outreach.

Questions from commission members absent from the previous meeting were posed regarding the "Big Overarching Goal" document. It was explained that the document was created as a guide to provide direction, and will continue to be a working shared document throughout the process. The document was created to keep commission goals and priorities aligned and keep everyone on track. Members are passing the document around for edits.

Becky spoke with Town Finance to inquire about rounding up water bills, and it is a possibility. Though, it may only bring in an addition \$10k in funding, it is an option. It would have to go through the commission as a proposal/recommendation to the BOT for review and possible approval.

Becky spoke with Andrea regarding buy local campaign best practices, and was provided with a number of resources and ideas to make the campaign a success. Becky and Tracy will continue to work together on this initiative and report back to the commission.

Becky was unable to touch base with Amazon, and will do so prior to the next meeting.

Kathleen and Erika spoke to the delays with the City Market build project. Erika mentioned that City Market representatives presented to the BOT at their last meeting, and that full details on the status of the City Market build project can be reviewed in the BOT meeting video archive. Some of the issues with the build going forward are: (1) the Whole Foods – Amazon buy out, (2) construction costs rising, and (3) construction delays and difficulties anticipated from the Grand Avenue Bridge project. City Market was recently extended a 90 day extension from the BOT.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Eric Brendlinger is working to close out his first FMLD grant. The picnic shade shelter on the Rodeo grounds is in the process having ownership transferred from the Turnbulls to the Town.

Jessi Rochel mentioned that "Team Bike Beyond" a team of 22 cyclists riding from New York to San Francisco plan to visit Carbondale on Friday night. These 22 cyclists are riding across country to raise awareness about type 1 diabetes. They will be staying at the recreation center overnight Friday and attend a dinner hosted by Heather Henry. Then, they'll enjoy breakfast at the Village Smithy on Saturday morning prior to continuing on the journey to San Francisco. On another note, recreation center programing is moving smoothly along this summer. Ideas for senior citizen trips were discussed (i.e. a senior's trip to the Rodeo, Aspen mountain gondola trip).

Hollis Sutherland noted concern about dogs attending music at the park events at Sopris Park. No animals are allowed in the park and there were many this past Sunday. There was a call for police enforcement expressed by the commission as having pets in the park becomes a health and safety issue due. Droppings from pets are an issue as citizens lie in and are sometimes barefoot in the grass. Eric will request that Marty Silverstein include additional announcements about pets not being allowed in the park during kick off speeches at Sunday music in the park events.

Erika Sparhawk mentioned that the BOT granted temporary modifications to hours of construction and trash hauling allowed in Carbondale to accommodate a need to reduce traffic congestion during the Grand Avenue Bridge closure from August 14, and for approximately 95 days thereafter. Business as usual will continue when the bridge reopens. Town Hall, Public Works, Utilities, and the

Police offices will also temporarily change hours of operation to Monday – Thursday from 7am – 6 pm and will close Friday – Sunday. Erika reported that signage and PD enforcement from Highway 133 traffic coming over McClure pass will drastically increase. Four RV park spots have been reserved for Town employees to park their RVs in during the closure, and a Town owned housing unit is vacant for temporary employee housing in case need arises during the closure.

Erika reported that Ben Bohmfalk met with Tom Jankovsky, Garfield County Commissioner, about the installation of a Snowmass Drive connector, which is a looming task in the Carbondale master plan. Tom pledged that the County will install a sidewalk in that location providing the much needed Snowmass Drive connector. The commission was delighted.

ADJOURNMENT

The July 12, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for August 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Sprang
Board & Commissions Clerk