

**MEETING OF
PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 18, 2015, 7:00 PM, Town Hall**

Members in attendance: Peter Bottomley (Chair), Sandie Hammerly (Vice Chair), Daryl McCool, Ron Sommer, Cory Ochsner. Quorum Present

Absent: Aaron Atwell, Brent Bickel, Jeff Isaacson (all excused)

Liaison: Trustee, Chris Hanson (excused)

Staff: Director, Patrick Hammer

Others in attendance: Tori Petersen, Volunteer Coordinator

Call Meeting to Order (7:02)

1. **Review and Discussion** – Playground Assessment. Committee Chair Peter Bottomley reviewed with the group the draft playground assessment provided by Design Concepts. The goal of this project was to have the Town's playgrounds and surrounding sites assessed using a matrix rating the following criteria: existing site condition, condition of existing playground equipment, ADA accessibility, and condition and amount of site amenities such as shade, seating areas, picnic tables, trash cans, etc. The Committee would like Design Concepts to follow-up this initial assessment by providing their professional recommendations and budget estimates for upgrades to be made to Community Park Playground and North Pool Playground - specifically focusing on play features that would appeal to youth age 7 years and older. Staff will follow up with Design Concepts on this item. PROSTAC would also like to discuss further whether the Town should consider repurposing Children's Park in Original Town to another use.

An item to note that was identified in the assessment is the lack of ADA accessible ramps leading into the play pits of several playgrounds. The Committee would like to bring this item to the Board's attention and possibly explore making a budget recommendation for 2016 to have ramps installed.

2. **Review and Discussion** – School Parcel Design. The group reviewed the preliminary concept design for the school parcel site. The Board as part of the 2015 budget process allocated \$2.2 million to be spent over the next four years to design and build the park. The group expressed concerns about the lack of parking at the site including the absence of parking spaces along West Torreys Peak on the north side of the parcel. Other areas of concern focused on the lack of amenities and restroom facilities interior to the site, and the cost of installing sod verse the cost of using seed.

Vice Chair Sandie Hammerly requested clarification on the decision/direction given by Trustees related to the budget for this park and expressed concern about the message that would be sent to the community if this was indeed the design that the Board would be approving in April. Staff let the group know that the Board has allocated \$165,000 in General Fund Capital Improvement and \$35,000 in

Conservation Trust for 2015 to design the park, with an additional \$2 million in construction costs spread out between 2016 and 2018. Staff also informed the Committee that the costs associated with the parking improvements along Indiana Street will likely be absorbed into the Town's street improvement program and savings could be used to add potential amenities. This item will be discussed further at the April meeting.

3. **Discussion** – Amenity Prioritization. The group briefly discussed the current status of the amenity prioritization list. Not all members have completed their ranking. This item will be discussed further at the April meeting.

4. **Updates and Look-Ahead**

- STC Parcel 1 and 2 – The Board reviewed the concept plans for Parcels 1 and 2 and suggested minor revisions. Design Concepts and staff will address the revisions and present a revised plan to the Board on April 13. Once the Board is comfortable with the concept plans a Final Development Plan (FDP) will be created. The Town's Advisory Committees will be asked to review and comment on the FDP prior to being reviewed by the Board for final approval.
- Kupfner Field Scheduling – The Board provided direction to staff to begin scheduling Kupfner Field at Founders Park for Tee-ball specific activities.
- Indoor Facility Discussion – The Board is tentatively scheduled to discuss indoor facility options at their Board Retreat in April. At the request of the Board, staff set up recreation/community center facility tours on March 17 to three area facilities (Erie Community Center, Louisville Recreation Center and East Boulder Community Center). Committee Chair Peter Bottomley, Vice Chair Sandie Hammerly, former PROSTAC member Jim Paine and all Town Trustees were invited to attend. Peter Bottomley, Sandie Hammerly, Trustee Pennington and Trustees Gourgouris participated in the tours.
- Baseball Field Fence CIP Project – Staff has received bids to replace the fence fabric around the baseball fields at Community Park. Western Fence LLC., submitted the most competitive bid. Work is scheduled to begin the week of April 13.
- Arbor Day – The Town's annual Arbor Day celebration will be held April 18 at Founders Park at 10:00 a.m.
- Committee Open House – A Committee Open House has been scheduled for April 16 at Town Hall, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Next Meeting:

*Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall
(PROSTAC meets on the third Wednesday of the month.)*