

**MEETING OF
PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 15, 2015, 7:00 PM, Town Hall**

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

Absent: Brent Bickel (excused)

Others in attendance:

Liaison: Trustee, Chris Hanson

Staff: Director, Patrick Hammer

Call Meeting to Order (7:04)

1. **Review and Discussion – School Parcel Design.** The group reviewed the revised park concept plan for the school parcel site which will be presented to the Board on April 27. The Committee feels that the current design concept that reflects the 2 million dollar budget does not meet the standard for parks within the Town. Further, the design does not meet the expectation of what was discussed during the public engagement process. If the Board wants to continue developing the park at the 2 million dollar budget, the Committee feels that additional public engagement is needed to realign with public expectations.

The Committee would like to unanimously express concern to the Board specific to the following design areas:

- a. Absence of planned parking off of West Torreys Peak Drive to meet the usage demands of a park this size
 - b. Lack of amenities within the park that were identified during the public engagement process
 - c. Lack of restroom/restroom infrastructure within the park
 - d. Concern specific to the cost of plant material – excessive tree and sod planting
 - e. No identified connectivity to Eldorado K-8 School
2. **Review and Discussion – 5-year Trails Plan.** The Committee unanimously recommends the annual 5-year Trails Plan with the changes made by staff during the meeting.

A continued point of conversation that has developed during this discussion is whether the trails that abut to McCaslin Boulevard should be considered transportation items and fall under the purview of the Town's Public Works Department or should the trails continue to fall under the purview of PROS. The Committee would like the Board to provide feedback on this discussion.

3. **Discussion – Amenity Prioritization.** The Committee unanimously recommends the annual Amenity Prioritization list as presented during the meeting.

4. **Discussion – Founders Park Pavilion Reservation Review.** The group would like to continue with the current reservation process for the pavilion at Founders Park.

5. **Updates and Look-Ahead**

- STC Parcel 1 and 2 – 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.
- Indoor Facility Discussion – The Board is scheduled to discuss indoor facility options at their Board Retreat in April 21.
- 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.
- Louisville Trail Proposal - The group also discussed the Louisville proposal and the need to have secure crossing at Marshall Road. The Committee would like to see a solution to the underpass issue prior to supporting any discussion about a trail into County Open Space.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Next Meeting:

*Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall
(PROSTAC meets on the third Wednesday of the month.)*