

**MEETING OF
PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 20, 2016, 7:00 PM, Town Hall**

Members in attendance: Peter Bottomley (Chair), Sandie Hammerly (Vice Chair), Daryl McCool, Ron Sommer, Corey Ochsner, Corbett Hoenninger, George Kupfner, Aaron Atwell, Quorum present.
Absent: Lindsay Boyle (Excused)

Others in attendance: Staff, Patrick Hammer
Resident, Jim Paine
Resident, Noelle Roni

Call Meeting to Order (7:05)

1. Public Comment

- Former PROSTAC and OSAC member Jim Paine provided the group with background information regarding the public process for the Eldorado Park project. As someone who was heavily involved in the public process, Jim expressed concern with the Board's decision that allowed a small group of residents dictate the basketball court amenity be considered in the construction contract as an alternate bid item and not part of the base bid. The basketball amenity was included in the park as a result of input from the public process. Potentially removing the court at this late stage would contradict the public process and open the door for additional changes to be recommended. Jim and the members of the Committee felt that if the Board is interested in receiving additional design recommendations from citizens, all sides should be allowed to weigh-in not just those against the current design. As a result the Committee passed the following unanimous recommendation:
 - The Committee unanimously agrees that the PROSTAC Chair Peter Bottomley should address the Board during public comment on January 25 in favor of the current plan, with basketball court, which reflects the input of the public process.
- Citizen Noelle Roni addressed the members of the Committee and asked for clarification regarding PROSTAC's role in advising the Board. Noelle was specifically interested in the indoor space survey, presentation of final results and future decision making process for indoor space.

2. Coal Creek Crossing trail. The Committee continued their discussion from the December meeting regarding the east/west trail connection south of the Coal Creek Crossing Development. Two recommendations resulted from the dialog:

- The members of PROSTAC voted down 1 to 7 a motion to recommend the Board remove both the east/west and north/south trails in the open space area south of the Coal Creek Crossing development.
- The members of PROSTAC voted in favor 7 to 1 to recommend the Board remove the east/west trail connection while leaving the north/south trail connection in the open space area south of the Coal Creek Crossing Development.

3. 2016 Trail Recommendations. As a carryover item from 2015, the group discussed possible ways to revamp the format of the 5-year Trails Plan to look and function more similar to the annual Amenity Prioritization exercise. The group would like to see a ranking process that allows the public to weigh-in on trail priorities around Town. Another suggestion that was discussed involved conducting an informal survey asking citizens to prioritize trail needs.
4. Coyote Ridge Mountain Bike Trail (east of Huron Peak – open space). The group continues to discuss ideas/solutions to improve the existing Coyote Ridge Mountain Bike trail network on the south side of Town. Committee members would like to implement an education and outreach process for citizens highlighting the proper use of the existing trail system. Several in the Committee feel that residents do not know the area was originally designed as mountain bike trails, not hiking trails.
5. Kupfner Tee-ball Field at Founders Park. In February 2015 PROSTAC voted 5 to 3 in favor of recommending the Board allow up to six hours of programmable time on the Kupfner tee-ball field for the months of April through June. The group discussed programming on the field for 2016 and would like to move forward with a similar recommendation:
 - The members of PROSTAC voted in favor 5 to 3 of carrying forward the approved programming for Kupfner Tee-Ball Field in similar fashion to the approved programming in 2015.
6. Annual dinner with the Town Board. The Board and PROSTAC will meet on February 22 for their annual dinner. Potential discussion items:
 - Indoor civic space and library space
 - 2016 trail development and public engagement
 - OSAC and PROSTAC crossover work plan items
 - Coyote Ridge Mountain Bike Trail project
7. **Update Items**
 - **Turf field replacement project** - The Board approved a contract on January 11 with Academy Sports for \$276,663 to replace the synthetic turf surface.
 - **STC Parcel 1 and 2 FDP update** - The Board will consider a contract with a design firm to create FDPs for Parcel 1 and 2 in the STC.
 - **Eldorado School Site Park update** - The Board will consider a construction contract with vendor to build the park with construction beginning in the spring. The Board has requested that the basketball court in the park be considered an alternate item.
 - **Plantings for Coal Creek** – Due to environmental impacts from construction on US36 near Coal Creek, the Town is owed 56 trees and 4000 sq. ft. of shrubs from CDOT to plant in the creek corridor.