



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”  
Zoom Meeting  
January 13, 2021

**Board Members Present:** Tim Power Smith, Kirk Schneider, Leroy Duroux, Bonnie Scott, Jennifer Riffle

**Staff Present:** Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger, Robert Smith,

**Public Present:** Rick Stevens, Amanda Boxtel, Rob Ekblad, Olivia Emmer, Mary Kenyon, Robert Hubbell, Sheldon Wolitski, Scott Condon, Kenzi Pizzino, Mark Godomski, Miah Wheeler, Scott Hanley, Jim Light, Daniel Blake, Tim Lindhold.

- 6:00 Meeting called to order at 6:00
- 6:02 Approval of Agenda
- Bonnie moves to approve the agenda. Leroy seconds. All in favor.
- 6:05 Approval of November 11, Board Meeting Minutes
- Jenn requests to change the verbiage on “Goals” in the presentation as it is not the goal of the board at this time.
- Kirk motions to approve the minutes. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.
- Adoption of Resolution 1-2021: CMPRD resolution of the board of directors establishing the locations of posting notices in the year of 2021.
- Jenn moves to approve the resolution 1-2021. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.
- Approval of November payables.
- Jenn motions to approve. Kirk seconds. All in favor.
- Public Comment: none
- 6:10 Becky introduces the concept of the potential facility that Sheldon wants to build at Crown Mtn Park
- Sheldon is here to introduce his vision for the community. He wants to build a recreation center and allows him to help the community improve both mental and physical health.

Amanda Boxtel is here from Bridging Bionics. She would be a partner if Sheldon was to build his facility. Amanda would like to continue her work helping people walk after losing their ability to do so. She sustained a spinal cord injury in Snowmass. Bridging Bionics was founded out of Amanda's own need for personal well-being. She is determined to make the neuro rehabilitation program available to all people. They have to date helped 135 clients. The program is on its fifth year. In 62 months', they have gifted over 7000 sessions to clients. The demand for her program has increased 400%. Bridging Bionics does not bill insurance at all. Neurological Recover Center has provided a \$250,000 for her program. Current equipment inventory stands at \$750,000, accessible for next to nothing for kids up to adults. Amanda needs 3000 sq feet to continue her program.

The number one facility site in the Mid-Valley is Crown Mountain Park. It is the same site that is currently in the park's master plan.

The Green Play Study in 2012 analyzed 26 locations on and off site from Crown Mtn Park. This process looked at a variety of site criteria and public feedback. Criteria focused on access, infrastructure, expandability, environmental studies, traffic, anticipated costs, etc. Chris Dopinski CEO of GreenPlay confirmed that Crown was hands down the number one location for a sports complex and the studies from 2012 are still valid today.

What's under the roof the GreenPlay needs assessment and feasibility study from 2019 really shaped the first phase of the facility. It analyzed cost recovery and participant ratios from Aspen to Glenwood Springs for both indoor and outdoor facilities. The top three athletic participation rates included soccer 2864 pp, baseball/soccer 1200pp, and hockey 1065pp.

Sheldon mentioned that the first phase is dependent on this budget for the first year and how much additional money can be raised. It includes fitness, track, turf, ice rink, and leased space (PT, Bridging Bionics, restaurant). Once the first phase is built he will reach out to the community to see the interest on additional phases. He is not ready to build the 168,000 square feet that is in the current PUD. This building will be roughly 90,000 square feet.

Rob is here with Sprung structures. He is thankful to be here. Sprung is a family-owned company. This is a patented system that is in 110 countries. Cost savings is significant. The Edge on Canada saw \$7MM in cost savings compared to conventional builds. Currently Aspen Ski Co has Sprung on all of their mountains. They are a very transparent, focused product. 50 yr. warranty on the frame and 25 yr. warranty on the membrane.

These structures are very energy efficient and LEED certified structures. They can be half the cost to heat and cool.

Rob added that construction is also a much faster build out, they are easily removable and relocatable.

Becky likes the ability for it to expand and change over time.

Tim asked Sheldon what else is in his vision.

Sheldon sees that we can touch every walk of life in our community. He is willing to commit to phase I, II & III.

Bonnie asked about the intersection that has been a hurdle in the past. The intersection is slated to be fixed in 2022 according to Eagle County.

Nate commented that this will cost the tax payer's nothing for the build out and O&M.

Mary Kenyon is here in support of gathering spaces for Seniors. She said accessible and affordability, just like Amanda said regarding Bridging Bionics, is mirrored for seniors.

Daniel Blake is here to mention a great fundraising app that is a communication center for teams, groups and leagues that can seek fundraising that can pledge toward a specific project. He could see a lot of partnership opportunities here for sport performance.

Rick Stevens has been involved with Crown for 25-30 years. He was involved with the park when it was built. He said it was a very tough road to get the 45 acres for dedicated recreation. He feels Sheldon is bringing a great opportunity to us. Rick said this is a once in 30-year opportunity to have a guy like Sheldon.

Jenn wants to put it to the board to request further information so they can make an informed decision.

Becky mentioned there is still a ton of research that needs to be done. The goal from this meeting is to get direction on the board if we feel Crown Mountain Park is the best location.

Sheldon mentioned he feels Crown makes the most sense, but has other options with the Crawford family.

Nate comments on Shipping container project. Crown would like to propose to move money that was allocated for asphaltting the tennis parking lot in 2021 to go towards restrooms and shade by the tennis courts. This has been something that has been requested by the public for years and will become a greater need as the Bike Park continues to attract people from around the nation.

The dog park would still move and we would make small modifications to the traffic plan so we can test it for the summer to make sure the traffic plan works and determine in September if we want to pave the lot for 2022.

Becky feels this makes more sense. We need to establish all of our utilities first, have more conversations with the forest service on creating an additional access road to crown. In-addition we are still in a conceptual phase with the abandoned buildings and potential fieldhouse.

Kirk asked if we can stay under budget for the buildout of the restrooms. Nate mentioned that we are saving money by general contracting the project and using shipping containers. We will stay under budget and are working on those details now.

Relocating the Dog Park: There are two locations to consider.

Plan A is located before the first main parking lot when you drive in.

Plan B is located east of the basketball courts. After collecting survey data and looking at both sites plan A makes the most sense. We plan to use a split rail fence, irrigate and lay down seed March 2021.

Tim questioned the location and if it was intrusive on the visual entrance of the park. Nate commented that we can add trees to block the visual of the dog park.

We are putting in a new canal gate where the water splits off to the Robinson ditch and pond. This will control and regulate water flow. A new overflow gate will be installed at the pond, this will help with water quality, water conservation, aesthetics, and water control. Travis Hughes will complete this project before April 15, 2021.

The shop is coming along. In 2021 we plan to run a new water, sewer and gas line the building. We are trying to partner with Eagle County to run an entirely new main water line to the park through the forest service lots. The expansion tank in the old abandoned building continues to fail and there is a push to be on a public water system in the future.

Nate is working on events for the summer for the bike park. We are teaming up with TACAW to put movies and music in the park this summer that coincide with our bike park race events. We would love to have TACAW on board for helping with events and concerts in the future.

Bonnie motions to amend the executive session to January 20<sup>th</sup>. Kirk seconds. All in favor.

Jenn requested that we get a facilitator and a board retreat together to determine our future goals. The board said they would talk about it at the next meeting in February.

Kirk Motions to adjourn. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.