



CROWN MOUNTAIN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”
Zoom Meeting
Executive Session
January 20, 2021

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

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Garfield & Hecht: Mary Geiger

Public Present: Sheldon Wolitski, Mary Kenyon, Miah Wheeler, Ted Bristol, Robert Hubbell, Mark Godomsky, Dave Portman, Rod Woelfle, Bernie Grauer, Scott Condon, Olivia Emmer, Meredith Elwell, Amanda Boxtel, Andrew Reed, Kseniya Mamlin, Graham McMahon, Michaela Idhammer, Rich Pavcek

6:00 **Meeting called to order at 6:00**

6:02 **Approval of agenda.**

Leroy moves to approve the agenda. Kirk seconds. All in favor.

Public Comment: NONE

6:05 **Approval of Mid valley facility site from Green Play Research**

Becky commented that tonight is to decide if staff should move forward with preliminary discussions with Eagle County regarding a pre application process regarding the mid valley facility.

Public Comment:

Rod Woelfle with Roaring Fork Valley Soccer Club really appreciates Crown Mtn Park. He is the largest user of the park with over 600 players using crown for games and practice. He and Jerome Simecek want to express excitement for this path and concept moving forward. They want to provide any support they can. All of their players would be users of an indoor turf facility.

Jerome Simecek wants to echo what Rod said. The club has a very large number of constituents and has loved working with Crown in the past. He is very excited to see this come to fruition so we end up with a great product for the entire community.

Bernie Grauer wants to applaud Crown for the new bike park. He feels Crown is one of the premier parks. He can not support moving forward with indoor facility. He feels if we are going to change direction toward indoor, we need to have a very thorough public process. He feels indoor development is not proper use of Crown’s future. He also feels a fitness center would hurt small businesses involved with fitness. In general, he thinks we should minimize brick and mortar. He finds the ice rink to be intriguing and worthy of investigation. He supports moving forward with the ice rink and analyze marketing and financials on development.

Rick Stevens has been involved with Crown Mtn Park since its inception. The evolution of recreation in this valley has been significant with groups like AVSC and RF Soccer Club growing substantially to name a few. The bond question for the recreation center in the past was bad timing and it relied on tax dollars. The importance of indoor recreation right now during COVID-19 times is critical. This facility is another step in our valley's evolution of sports and health. The PUD currently has a facility in the agreement and it is allowed. This is a great opportunity and he supports it 100%.

Mary Kenyon was totaling up the number of adults over 60yrs that live in Crown's district. 1600 in Eagle, 1500 in Pitkin, 3600 in unincorporated Garfield County who would all use this facility especially during winter. They need a place to go inside to walk, gather, recreate. This is a perfect opportunity.

Tom Okeefe feels that Crown is a beautiful open space area and should remain that way. He feels the facility is too big, and he is concerned about light pollution. He also feels the traffic will be considerable.

Ted Bristol has been involved with Crown since its inception.

He believes now that we have a benefactor who will mitigate the financial concerns of building the facility, we must explore this opportunity. He also feels we can do this in stages. Previously the research showed strong support of a facility. Now our situation is different and a different need with COVID-19 threatening our health.

Olivia Emmer commented that she has a lack of clarity about the terms being proposed. Is the offer on the table to site an indoor facility at Crown that will be donated to the park and be managed by the park? Or will it be privately owned and managed?

Rich Pavcek has sat 2 terms on the board. There has always been a facility in the vision of the park. He sees this as a great evolution for our community. He feels we have a responsibility to vet this out with Sheldon being willing to pay for the build. It is a must that we venture deep into this opportunity and see if it works. He fully supports it.

Board Comments

Jenn Riffle questions what direction we are giving to staff moving forward.

Mary Geiger commented that following the presentations given by staff, they would move forward with discussions with Eagle County if this is a viable option.

Becky commented that the topics moving forward will be design review, traffic, sub leasing possibilities, & land use.

Jenn also asks about staffs work load and if they are ok moving forward.

Becky commented that the community needs to prioritize health and wellness moving forward. She thinks this needs to be number #1 priority.

Nate commented that this is our job and we are happy to work on this after hours as our community is badly in need right now.

Leroy agrees with Rick Stevens that this is an opportunity that we must look into.

Bonnie agrees. She was on the committee with the last recreation center. The main issue then was the financing of the building. She thinks we have to go for it.

Kirk agrees as well. He thinks Sheldon will get this done somewhere and they may be another location but it belongs at Crown.

Tim is in agreement as well. This is park & recreation and we are supporting recreation. He likes the location and the current plan.

Jenn thinks there are some really neat opportunities at Crown. She agrees to reach out to Eagle County. She feels there is a definite need with more indoor space. She invites staff to continue to look into all options including the existing abandoned building at Crown. She thinks we should explore existing buildings rather than a new building.

Leroy motions to direct staff to start preliminary conversations with Eagle County.

Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

Green Play Site Plan Approval

26 Sites analyzed for a facility location.

Jenn inquired about what location we are talking about for the facility.

Becky directed her toward the approved master plan of Crown Mtn Park.

Jenn asks about the layout of the building on the master plan.

Becky commented that it isn't exactly to scale but the area of use is accurate.

Jenn asked how close Sopris Townhomes are.

Nate commented that the rental homes are roughly 300-500 feet from the site.

Tim likes how close the facility is to public transportation.

Kirk feels that we don't lose the open space feel with this site.

Jenn pulled up google maps and is uncomfortable with the proximity to homes and disruption of their view.

Leroy calls the discussion to vote.

Yes Votes:

Tim Power Smith

Kirk Schneider

Bonnie Scott

Leroy Duroux

No Vote:

Jennifer Riffle

7:00pm

Allocation of parking lot funds:

Nate commented that we originally budgeted for new parking in the bike park area to serve biking, tennis, walking and river trails. Becky and I felt like our tax dollars could go further so we looked into more affordable, creative approaches to add shade, bathrooms, seating, event space and party rentals that drive revenue. We have designs for the shipping container build out that will save a lot of money but overall we will get all of these amenities for the same price as what we budgeted for parking.

Kirk motions to reallocate the parking lot money to bathrooms and shade. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

Leroy makes a motion to move forward on land use application for the bathrooms. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

7:15pm

Board Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f)(I)

The next business in order is an executive session to provide an update on the executive director review.

Bonnie moves the board into executive session to provide an update on the executive director staff review, pursuant to C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(f)(I), inviting all board members and Rebecca Wagner.

Kirk seconds this motion.

Tim calls the vote for Rebecca Wagner's compensation for 2021.

Tim would like to motion to give Rebecca a 5% raises in 2021.

Leroy seconds. All in favor

Tim would like to motion to give Rebecca a 10% bonus for worked performed in 2020.

Leroy seconds. All in favor.

7:45pm

Adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm

