



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”
Zoom Meeting
June 9, 2021

Board Members Present: Leroy Duroux, Bonnie Scott, Kirk Schneider

Not Present: Tim Power Smith (excused) & Jenn Riffle (unexcused)

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Public Present: Ted Bristol

6:00 Meeting called to order at 6:00

6:02 **Approval of Agenda**
Bonnie motions. Kirk seconds. All in favor.

Public Comment: Ted Bristol wants us to be mindful of our water use at Crown as water is looking scarce moving forward. Ruedi is not going to fill the reservoir this year. Spring Gulch is also very low. Water levels are at an all time low. It’s the first time in history that Spring Gulch will not release any water.

6:10 **Approval of April 14, 2021 Minutes**
Bonnie motions. Kirk seconds. All in favor.
Approval of May 12, 2021 Minutes
Kirk motions. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

6:15 **Approval April & May payables.**
Kirk motions. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

6:17 **Crown Mtn Park Audit**
Kirk motions to approve the audit prepared by Beckstead & Co.
Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

6:25 **Traffic Counts- June 1th-8th**
Average visits from June 1st through June 8th to the Crown Mountain parking lots is 596 cars daily and total weekly visits totaled 4173 cars. This particular week we didn’t have organized sports such as soccer and little league. Thirty two percent of the cars on average are parking at the Bike/Tennis Parking lot. The overflow parking lot by the tennis courts and bike park has worked very well from a safety standpoint.

Capital projects (as of today)

Dog park	Status: 100%	(+14k)	Budget: 55k	Actual: 41k
Pond	Status: 100%	(-8k)	Budget: 50k	Actual: 58k
Bike Park	Status: Waiting	(+50k)	Budget: 73K	Actual: 23k

Shipping container	Status: 10%	(-65k)	Budget: 285k	Actual: 173k
Other projects	Status: 0% complete	(+60K)	Budget: 60k	Actual: 0k

Nate mentioned that construction projects nationwide are dealing with the inflation issues. Becky feels the estimated price tag of 350k on this restroom facility is still a great deal for what the tax payers are getting. The GWS restrooms near the boat launch cost 400k, this will become so much more than bathrooms. We are putting all other projects on hold until the bathrooms are completed. Prices are changing weekly therefore these estimates will continue to change. The pond budget was 8k over budget due to a 20ft damaged culvert we needed to replace in the riparian area, it was squashed during construction.

Program Revenue

31,384 Program Fees as of April 30,2021 Goal: 96k (33% of our goal)

Land & Building

Forest Service Land input sessions revealed top three priorities for forest service land include:

1. Recreation
2. Open space
3. Housing

If we are interested in the land and/or building, we need to come up with a conceptual plan to present to Eagle County. Eagle County is open to us adding the land and building onto our existing lease since it aligns with the community input sessions. The consulting budget for 2021 has been used already therefore if we want to move forward on a conceptual plan we will need to use our contingency of 10k. The board felt it was important to move forward, Becky will provide the board with estimations. The board feels we should try to acquire the top 9 acres.

The American Rescue Funding just designated 5 billion dollars to the state of Colorado. Applications for projects were due Mid-May. The projects on the list that were submitted seemed weak. Mary Kenyon and Becky decided to submit the drawings from Barker Rinker Seacat for the old forest service building, we asked for 4 million dollars to finish the renovation. Eagle County knows about the application and they were fine with the request. We will know sometime in fall if the application is accepted. The board can always turn down the money. If the money is granted and accepted, the improvements to the building would have to be completed by 2024.

After conceptual designs are completed, Becky will work with Jon on financial implications of acquiring both the land and building. If Crown wants to make any large capital improvements to the land or building, we will need to look at a bond once our bond expires in 2023.

Rentals

Lacrosse tournament was a huge success with 80 teams participating. Averaging 8 pavilion/shelter rentals a week (limiting #'s to 75 or less)
End of the year soccer carnival 700 people

Landscaping

Fertilizer and chemical treatments happened Mid-May
Spring tree care has been performed.

We ran through the irrigation system this week. Tested 150 zones, fixed 30 heads, one solenoid, 30 feet of clogged line, various drip line repairs and one main line break. We should see improvements to the grass in the next couple of days.

Ice hockey rink

The Crown Ice hockey rink will be open November through March. Colorado Extreme is the name of the hockey club that will serve U6 & U8 hockey program. In-addition Sheldon has a team working on Olympic figure skating coaches and adult pickup leagues. This is a good test for Sheldon to see the need for hockey in the Mid-Valley. He would like to pay for a seasonal summer staff member to perform ice maintenance. Becky mentioned that this would really help with retention of our staff. It will also help during winter days when we need extra help plowing or removing ice from the mile loop. T-sheets would keep track of any staff time spent on Ice Rink maintenance, those hours would be paid for by Colorado Extreme. Becky has a draft job description and MOU that Sheldon is reviewing, once it has been looked at by both parties; I will present it to the board. Nate mentioned that he is burned out and with the influx of people coming to the park has been overwhelming for maintenance staff to keep up. During budget time we need to focus on adequate staffing.

Bike Park Director Update:

CPRA Magazine Publication

Crown Mtn Bike Park had an Op-Ed published in CPRA magazine in May. This is a large Park & Recreation Publication in Colorado.

Video Promo

The new Crown Mtn Park video was launched on Facebook. It received 23,000 views.

Bike Park Award

The Bike Park received the Columbine Award for New Facility Design in 2020.

More Organizations Use the Park

Ascendigo will be using the park for 7 Mondays starting June 28th.

Aspen Def Camp will bring a group of 18-20 yr. old's to ride and help maintain the park this year.

Pro Bikers Team Up w Crown

The Park has a variety of pro riders coming to crown to teach biking and ride with the new bike park team. Callum Holloway, Cami Nogueira, Mykel Larrin and DJ Brandt are a few.

BMX Race Nights Growing Fast

Race nights pre bike park had around 30 riders. We have now grown to 70-80 racers on Thursday race nights. Strider races are closing in on 30 racers. This is over 300% growth in 1.5 years. Last week Crown gave away a free bike to participants in strider races.

Bike Swap w Roaring Fork Cycling

We have teamed up with RF Cycling for strider races and the recent bike swap that brought 300-400 visits at Crown. We added a DJ and a food truck and set up the air bag for entertainment.

Bike Park Programming

All programs are full. Our waitlists are 15-20 ppl deep with every registration.

Bike Tourism

Nate is working with Aspen, Snowmass, Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs on Bike Tourism growth in the valley. The group is working on bringing more bike traffic to our valley.