



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”
Master Plan Special Meeting
Bike Park Clubhouse
January 9, 2023

Board Members Present: Leroy Duroux, Ted Bristol, Bonnie Scott, Trevor Lalonde, Heather Lewin

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Consultant Present: Jamie with 110%

Public Present: Trevor Cannon

6:00 **Public Comment:** N/A

6:05 **Master Plan Site Review**

Becky opens with our Master Plan process and how our goal is to serve as many of our community members as possible. She suggested that we need to look at the big picture and the long term plan for Crown Mountain Park so that we can reach our potential as a Park & Recreation District. This involves strategic planning and careful thought of the entire park.

Jamie with 110% recaps the Master plan process which included the public input sessions, surveys and focus groups. After reviewing the 2004 master plan she feels the park is still in alignment with the 2004 master plan. Jamie mentioned the three pillars of Park & Recreation today. Health & Wellness. Equity. Conservation. Health & Wellness talks to staffing issues, physical & mental health, walking & jogging or passive recreation. Equity speaks to fostering opportunities for people who don't have access. What can Crown provide to give more access to the benefits Crown offers? Regarding Conservation, we look at protecting natural riparian areas and balancing active recreation with passive recreation while limiting water use and managing water use as well as possible.

Master Plan Topics

Building enhancements: Crown is running numbers on what it would look like to own and operate the old El Jebel Tree service building. When Crown has an idea, they will decide if they want to partner or run operations internally.

Synthetic Turf: Crown is looking at synthetic turf for a full-size soccer/LAX/baseball field. The best location to date is over baseball field one, running North to South.

Pond enhancements: Staff likes the old master plan that included more ponds. At this time the board is interested in one additional pond with water conservation being at the head of the design and planning.

Pickleball/Tennis: Crown is interested in adding pickle courts at the park. It is possible the tennis courts would be moved altogether to open up access to the native and riparian areas in the back of the park.

Entrance to passive recreation: The corridor here would walk past the tennis courts and move the tennis courts in an alternative location. DHM is designing the entrance to the passive recreation in the south & south west portion of the park.

Rio Grande Connection: It came to Crown's attention that RFTA has prioritized access from the Rio Grande to the mid valley Willits area. Crown feels this project would help cut down traffic and promote bike traffic too and from Willits/Carbondale.

Playground: The playground is aging. Staff is looking into cost of upgrading the existing play area. Shade and a water feature were prioritized in the playground.

Parking: Mid valley growth is on the way and the increase in traffic will be significant at Crown. Finding the right balance with parking & growth is critical.

Bathrooms: Bathrooms are needed near the Eagle County Building. In the mean-time the district can look at expanding their existing bathrooms in the future.

Aging Well: The staff would like to add an amenity south of the Eagle County building in the native for the Aging Well community. Suggestions during the public feedback sessions included, community gardens, and a walking area with no dogs off leash.

Heather thinks the access to passive recreation native is a critical topic to look at.

Leroy wants to make sure we don't flood CMP with parking lots.

Leroy feels we should widen the entrance into the park to accommodate parking coming to the soccer fields.

Heather would like to see us look at existing irrigated turf area for more parking before we take up native space for cars. She mentioned we are irrigating between the parking lots for aesthetic.

The board agrees that we should create an entrance into the passive recreation and move the hard courts.

Becky brought up the original 2004 Master Plan of additional ponds and how she and Nate feel this is an important addition to prioritize.

Ted supports the addition of ponds in the native.

The board is on page with Heather, that if conservation is at the front of the conversation and recognition that future water availability is likely an issue, we will move forward with the addition of one pond in the native.

Becky summarized the abandoned building. We are working on pricing out bringing the building to life.

We are interested in taking a look at Crown operating the building to see where the numbers shake out.

AVSC is still interested in the building. Ted & Heather suggested we have a conversation with AVSC in March. Becky will follow up with them after we receive pricing from 110%.

7:15 Executive Session for the Purpose of Conducting the Executive Director's Review

Leroy hereby move that the Board go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f)(l) for the purpose of conducting the Executive Director's review, inviting the members of the Board and Rebecca Wagner.

Ted seconds. All in favor.

7:45 Motion to Adjourn 7:45

Motion to adjourn. All in favor.