



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”

July 12, 2023

Board Members Present: Leroy Duroux, Ted Bristol, Shelley Lundh Freeman, Trevor Lalonde.

Excused: Heather Lewin

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Public Present, Joanne Applebaum with her dog Emma, Nancy Meyer, Gabrielle Stark, Randy & Nancy Crenshaw, Lisa Drake, Sue Ann Latterman, Marjorie & Lawrence Aleamoni, Jo Silverman.

6:00 **Public Comment:**

Gabrielle Stark currently lives across the street from the park. She has used the park for a long time and uses the park twice a day. She comes to Crown because her dog can be off leash. She has never seen a negative interaction with a dog. She feels people are very happy to have dogs off leash. She would suggest putting signs around the park letting people know this conversation is being had. She feels there are a lot of people willing to give feedback on this topic.

Shelly Gross feels most people are good with their dogs. She thinks we should put up cameras at the park. Her friend was attacked by a dog at the park.

Nancy Crenshaw walks the park every day. She does her best to stay away from team sports. She believes when you leave your house you are open to risk of all kinds. She has fallen multiple times on her own. She believes leashes will bring an entirely new dynamic to the park that may not be good. There are so few places where you can take your dog off leash and she loves the freedom at Crown. Occasionally, she sees people who are recovering from injury come to Crown and she feels that is not a good idea. She thinks maybe we should prohibit treats because that attracts all types of dogs.

Randy Crenshaw enjoys coming to Crown most in his day. Crown has been great for his dog who is afraid of cars.

Joanne Applebaum likes the improvements at Crown. She feels there are always people who struggle to manage their pets but it is only a few.

Jo Silverman thinks this topic started on Next Door. She recognizes everyone in the room because of their dogs and that is cool. She heard of a dog issue today at the park. She feels that issue is non related to the leash topic because those dogs were running lose with no owners. She does not think we should shut everyone down because of a few incidents. She knows that Boulder hands out tickets for \$200. She thinks heading down this route is not a good idea. She suggested no dogs on certain days.

Beth Weisenborn is so happy and grateful for the park and how special it is. She feels the common dog owners are amazing and very respectful.

Lisa Drake brings her lab here every day. She thinks most dogs are managed very well. She lived in Boulder where they had a program called Voice & Tag. The city gives a course with a test to get a license in order to have a dog off lease. They do have open space rangers who manage this.

Suanne Latterman is a veterinarian. She has concerns about leashes. Dogs act differently with leashes. They also wrap around people's legs. There are more issues that come with a leash. She does agree dogs need to be managed better on voice command. She has never been around a park that is this great for everyone. The fenced in areas have many more issues from her experience. She suggested dogs off leash stay in the grass. She thinks we have enough space to separate people who are worried about off leash dogs. She would also support a dog pick up day.

Marjorie Aleamoni feels she has a right to walk Crown as much as dogs. She has 6 dogs and 4 were rescues. She does not appreciate owners who do not have their dogs under voice control. She is asking for awareness and respect. But she is very concerned about dog owners who do not manage their animals responsibly.

Larry Aleamoni feels that if the park is voice command, then people need to have voice command control of their dogs and that is the bottom line.

6:30 **Approval of Agenda:**

The audit needs to be removed from the agenda this week. The new company who took over for Beckstead is not prepared to review the audit.

Ted motions to approve as amended. All in favor.

6:35 **Approval of May Minutes**

Trevor motions to approve. Ted seconds. All in favor.

6:40 **Approval of May & June Payables**

Trevor motions to approve. Shelley seconds. All in favor.

Ted is concerned the board is becoming a rubber stamp. He is proposing that the board gets more involved and take part in decision making. Ted is asking the board to take a more active role in getting involved by creating a foundation to raise money for park projects. He feels there are people who will donate to the district for various causes. He thinks we are going to need money if HH goes through.

Trevor is questioning if the board of directors is the place to set up a foundation.

Leroy is questioning the legality of being involved with starting a foundation.

Ted would like to see a more active board.

Leroy feels very involved with the board and is happy how things are going.

Ted wants to provide an avenue so people can make donations if they wish to.

Leroy does not like the idea of money with strings attached giving a foundation power to dictate what happens at the park when those people are not elected officials. Shelley agrees with Leroy.

Leroy mentioned that there are other avenues to bringing in more revenue if Proposition HH were to pass. Leroy wants to know if we should consider a ballot question to void HH in the November election.

6:25 **Recreation Update:**

PUD Amendment & Traffic Study are underway with Doug & Julie Pratt.

We are debating pulling out the recreation center from the PUD.

Trevor does not like removing the recreation center at first smell.

Becky and Nate do not like the idea of washing away all the work associated with the old PUD amendment for the recreation center. A lot of time and money were spent on that amendment. Trevor asked if we could define the pros and cons of leaving the Recreation center in the Site Plan and PUD.

Becky and Ted submitted a grant with Core for covering the install of the EV stations.

Becky is working on managing the incoming traffic coming into the park. Safety is a primary concern.

The trampoline partnership with AVSC is in a holding pattern as Eagle County considered the trampoline a Trampoline Park. This means it is not an approved use by right for the park, therefore a PUD amendment is required by Eagle County to move forward on the project. Becky mentioned that we are crack sealing the park roads the week of July 24th and the road/parking lots to the park will be closed for a couple days.

6:30 **Bike Park Update**

Bike Park State race had 250 racers for 2023. Roaring Fork Cycling is now running programming for the BMX track at Crown. This year was the smoothest year to date for the race. Nate put on a bike park opening party the same day. We had competitions all evening and gave away prizes.

Nate is continuing to focus on decreasing maintenance at the bike park. This will take some spending to replace dirt surfaces with alternate, more durable surfaces.

Current staffing model is working well with the bike park.

Ryan & Scott are the lead builders and we have contracted with one of the best bike jump builders in the nation from Frisco, Jump Doctors. Nate is expecting to come in below budget with the new staffing model.

Triple Crown Baseball World Series will be in town next week. There will be 30 teams in the valley, 22 teams potentially playing at Crown. Crown will be hosting the skills competition where all the 12 & 10 under teams show up to compete in a home run derby and more. Nearly every field in the valley will be filled with games all week.

7:15 **Adjourn**

Shelley motions to adjourn. Ted seconds. All in favor.