

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **Regular Meeting – February 4, 2021**

Meeting Location: Virtual – Via Go To Meeting

### **Roll Call**

Board Members Present: William Findlay  
Beau Flores  
Phil Pe'a  
Gary Schroen  
Austin Solko  
Nancy Strippel  
Lisa Whalen  
Byron Wiehe

Board Members Absent: Marc Litzen

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Emily Krause, Recreation Supervisor  
Dave Thornton, Principal Planner, Community Development  
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

**Meeting called to order by William Findlay at 12:02 p.m.**

### **Approve Minutes from the January 7, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

Gary Schroen motion to approve the minutes from the January 7 meeting, noting that his name appears on both the list of present and absent members and should be removed from the absent list. The motion was seconded by Austin Solko and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Role with Community Development**

Ken Sherbenou introduced Dave Thornton, Principal Planner with Community Development, to the Board. Dave Thornton talked with the Board about their role which in an advisory capacity to Council and explained that he hoped to provide tools to help the board be consistent when considering fees or land in lieu of requests from developers. Mr. Thornton reminded the Board that recently a change in development fees was approved and they are in the process of increasing over the next four years. Previously the fee had not been adjusted for thirty years. In most cases Community Development is collecting the fee. The Board will be brought in to advise in cases of land dedication, though the decision rests with City Council. The fee and/or land dedication requirements are set up in section 21 of the Zoning and Development Code. This section of the code also addresses public trails, rights of way, and greenbelts. When the Code refers to “the Director” it is referencing the Community Development Director who works hand in hand with the other City department Directors.

There are 4 documents that should guide board recommendations; 2020 One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan, 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan, Grand Junction Circulation Plan (Active Transportation Map) and other community and neighborhood plans. The

PROS plan was designed to dovetail with the Comprehensive Plan so those two plans will be the most important to consider. The Comprehensive Plan includes two goals which pertain to Parks and Recreation. Under Principle 7: Great Places and Recreation, Goal 1 is to provide a safe, well-maintained, and accessible network of parks, open space and trails and recreation services. (This is also the first goal of the PROS Plan.) Goal 2 is to ensure parks, recreational and open space facilities and programs meet community needs and equity of location. Another useful tool may be the maps from the PROS plan which identify gaps in neighborhood and walkable access to outdoor recreation.

**Supervisor Presentation – Emily Krause, Recreation**

In the interest of time, this item was tabled to a future meeting.

**For the Good of the Community**

Board members asked questions about the proposed ballot initiatives around marijuana and requested Ballot Measure 2A be put on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

**Future Agenda Topics**

Supervisor Presentation – Emily Krause  
Marijuana ballot initiative

**Item 7: Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:08 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 4, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Little  
Administrative Specialist