



**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017**

**PRE-MEETING (DINNER) 5:00 P.M. ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
WORKSHOP, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET**

To become the most livable community west of the Rockies by 2025

- 1. Presentation**
 - a. Demonstration of the New Parking Meter Application
- 2. Discussion Topics**
 - a. Riverfront /Trails Update
- 3. Next Workshop Topics**
- 4. Other Business**



Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #

Meeting Date: April 3, 2017

Presented By: Allison Blevins, DGJBID Director

Department: Admin - City Clerk

Submitted By: Allison Blevins, DGJBID Director

Information

SUBJECT:

- a. Demonstration of the New Parking Meter Application

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Allison Blevins, DGJBID Director, will show a brief video about the new Parking Meter application which allows users to pay parking meter fees with their Smart Phone.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

SUGGESTED ACTION:

None

Attachments

None



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Item #2.a.

Meeting Date: April 3, 2017

Presented By: Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director, Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent, Trent Prall, Engineering Manager

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Rob Schoeber, Director, Parks and Recreation

Information

SUBJECT:

Riverfront /Trails Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There are currently four projects in various stages along the riverfront and riverfront trail ranging from design to construction. These projects include the Amphitheater phase of Las Colonias Park, design concepts for Recreation Inspired by the Outdoors (RIO), commercial development along the Jarvis property, and potential trail connections for the Lunch Loop Trail.

Las Colonias Park - The Amphitheater building is approximately 90% complete with substantial completion expected later this month. Landscaping will be completed in May and June. The City has received several grants specific to the riparian restoration (slough) from Ducks Unlimited, Colorado Youth Conservation Corps, GOCO, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Grants and donations have also been provided for historical signage from Navarro and the Department of Energy. The City is working in partnership with CMU on a whitewater feature conceptual study for an additional section of the newly excavated slough. Colorado Discoverability (CDA) requested a lease on approximately 3/4 of an acre of the western portion of Las Colonias Park for use as a headquarters for programming, storage, and administrative functions. CDA has been working to develop their funding model, site plan, and building plan over the last several years and is ready to move forward with construction.

RIO (Recreation Inspired by the Outdoors) - The City is completing community outreach with the Riverside and Orchard Mesa neighborhoods in an effort to

better connect underserved kids with nature. Major improvements include closure of Riverside Park Drive, expanded playground, dedicated parking areas, bicycle playground, and other improvements. The Grand Junction coalition is working to develop a total project of approximately \$1.25 million and leverage almost \$1 million from GOCO. Thus far, fundraising has secured \$50,000 to be used as local match.

Jarvis Property - Infrastructure improvements are underway in support of commercial development on this site. Linear improvements along the trail are proposed as part of the RIO project.

Lunch Loop Trail - Proposed connection from D Road to Lunch Loop along Monument Road in an effort to improve safety and access to the downtown area and existing Riverfront Trail. This project is a partnership with the City and Mesa Land Trust and is estimated at \$2.1 million. Funding options include GOCO Connect Initiative with matches coming from other local foundations and grants.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

The Las Colonias Park Amphitheater is currently under construction and is set to be complete in time for a ribbon cutting ceremony in July of 2017. The long-awaited facility was the result of 11 different funding sources including \$1.6 million from the Department of Local Affairs. The riparian restoration phase was a component of the Amphitheater phase since the excavated material was used as fill for the seating area. This area was previously cleared of non-native species and is an excellent location for revegetation efforts to improve wildlife and riparian habitat as well as provide a location for interaction with water and nature. The historical signage project will kick-off as part of the Amphitheater project and will result in four signs highlighting the sugar beet, migrant farm workers, and uranium mill operations. Future phases can result in a full historical and interpretive review of the park site.

CMU, in partnership with the City, has initiated a whitewater feature conceptual study for an additional section of the newly excavated slough. This western section of slough was not permitted during the original project scope, so coordination and approval will be required through several state and federal agencies before any design development can occur. Colorado Discoverability (CDA) requested a lease on approximately 3/4 of an acre of the western portion of Las Colonias Park for use as a headquarters for programming, storage, and administrative functions. Council gave their initial approval for CDA to develop their funding model, site plan, and building plan, and CDA is prepared to move forward towards construction in the near future.

RIO (Recreation Inspired by the Outdoors) is a group of local organizations working to

better connect underserved kids with the outdoors. A \$75,000 GOCO planning grant was received in 2015 to complete this planning effort and will result in an implementation application to GOCO in July of 2017. RIO is working to secure the required 25% match (10% is required in cash) to fund the \$1.25 million project.

The Jarvis Property is a component of the RIO project; however, due to the recent development activity, great care will be taken to develop linear opportunities along the trail that do not conflict with further development plans.

The Lunch Loop Trail is a 1.5 mile connection from D Road to the Lunch Loop area. Thanks to technical assistance from the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance grant, a significant amount of planning has been conducted to determine trail alignment and other safety related features. The trail will be a major connection for underserved populations in the downtown area and from the Riverfront Trail. A GOCO Connect Initiative grant is suggested for this important construction work and can be applied for in 2017. If Council authorizes direction to move forward, a letter of support from City Council is required by April 14 for submittal with a concept paper.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Update Only

Attachments

None