

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – January 4, 2018

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Office Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Gary Schroen
Sam Susuras
Byron Wiehe
Bob Wiig

Board Members Absent: Abby Landmeier
Marc Litzen
Barbara Traylor Smith

City Staff Present: Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent
Scott Peterson, City of Grand Junction Senior Planner
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Guests Present: Richard VanGytenbeek, Grand Valley Trails Alliance
Robert Jones, Managing Member of Two R & D LLC

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Bob Wiig at 12:00 pm

Item 2: Approve minutes from the December 7, 2017 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Sam Susuras made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by William Findlay and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3: Update: Pinnacle Ridge Subdivision

Robert Jones provided a map of the Pinnacle Ridge Area to highlight existing formal and informal trails in the area of the Pinnacle Ridge development. The Board discussed their site visit at the Pinnacle Ridge development. After being in the area the Board felt the topography would be challenging and there was minimal benefit to the community as a whole. Sam Susuras made a motion that the Board recommend the City accept the fees, instead of land, for this development. The motion was seconded by Gary Schroen and carried unanimously. Richard VanGytenbeek of the Grand Valley Trails alliance spoke to the board after the motion carried, advocating for the connectivity to the Lunch Loop area and requesting the board recommend the HOA keep access and connectivity available.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes: 5 No: 0

Item 4: Golf Open House

Traci Wieland talked with the Board about an Open House at Tiara Rado honoring Mike Mendelson who has accepted a position in Spearfish, South Dakota. The Board appreciates Mike Mendelson's years of service, dedication, and accomplishments in the Golf Division and wish him well on his journey to Spearfish.

Item 5: Project Updates

Traci Wieland talked with the Board about the vacancy in Golf. Staff is exploring a number of options for the operation of the Golf Division moving forward. In the interim, Shon Birch, Recreation Coordinator, is helping with the operational side while the 1st and 2nd Assistant Pros will continue their Golf Operation duties.

Traci talked with the Board about an upcoming public meeting on January 18 from 5:30- 7:00 p.m. at Faith Heights Church on Patterson, adjacent to Matchett Park. This meeting is a part of the Feasibility Study process for a community recreation center.

Byron Wiehe inquired about the training process for SCORE camp staff. Traci Wieland indicated that staff works hard to balance skills and sports activities in this camp which is utilized by kids with a wide range of exposure to each sport.

Mike Vendegna talked with the Board about upcoming park projects. The Parks division has been working on some landscaping, and lighting changes in the breezeway on Main Street between 4th and 5th Streets in an effort to deter transient activity.

Mike Vendegna advised the Board about a recent accident in Greeley involving an ADA swing at a school. A child was caught in the restraint straps and killed. Parks staff has inventoried and had all the ADA swings in the park system inspected by a staff member certified in playground inspection. None has cloth restraint straps. Following this incident School District #51 removed several swings that were constructed with similar strap devices.

Mike Vendegna talked with the Board about Department water usage. The unusually dry weather could potentially have a large impact on plantings and turf throughout the park system.

Item 6: For The Good of the Community

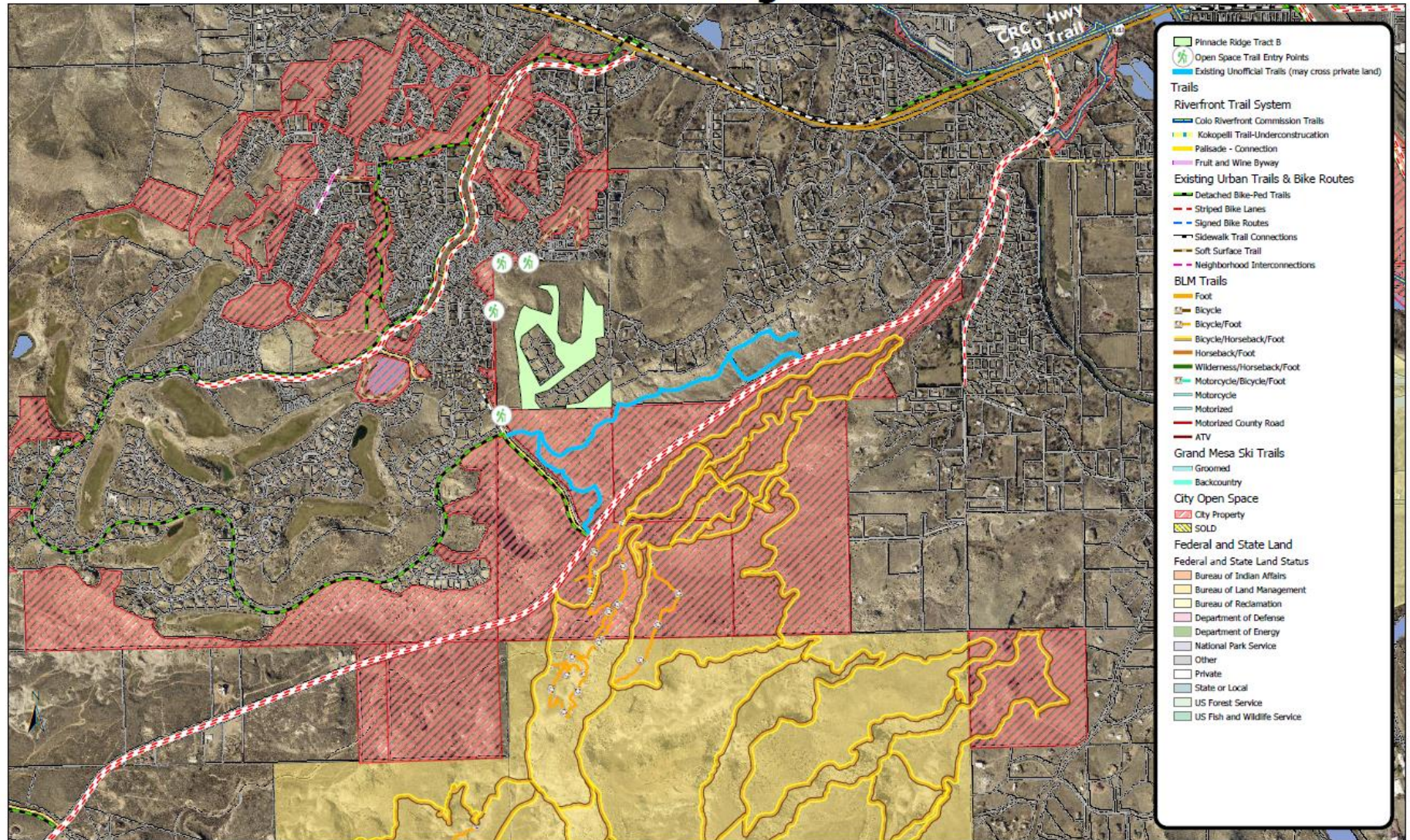
Bob Wiig invited the Board to the dedication of the new Colorado Discover Ability building on January 18 at 10 a.m. There will be an open house of the building until 4:00 p.m.

Item 11: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist

Pinnacle Ridge Area



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