

## Grand Lake Municipal Lands Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – 12/10/20

**Introduction/Update** – The 12/10/20 meeting was held virtually via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting was to finalize recommendations for the public lands located on the West side of Town (Grand Lake Center fields, Center Drive lots, Winter’s Pioneer Park) to present to the Grand Lake Planning Commission for feedback at their next meeting.

Additionally, on 11/23/20 the Grand Lake Board of Trustees voted to approve the Public Lands Committee bylaws.

### **Minutes - Updates/Approval**

The minutes from the meeting on 11/10/20 were reviewed and approved by the committee.

### **Discussion Items**

The committee reviewed and revised its recommendations for improving the public properties located on the west side of Town. The original list of ideas generated at previous meetings was refined and organized into the following main categories for each property: Landscaping, Activities and Facilities.

Additionally, the committee composed a “Vision” statement for its efforts, as well as a list of overall value intended by the proposed improvements:

- Provide an inviting Grand Lake Attraction near the entrance to Town
- Provide space/facilities for family and community functions and gatherings
- Provide an opportunity for increased rentals and fees
- Provide recreational opportunities and facilities for people and their pets
- Provide Lakefront views
- Provide conserved, connected greenway and open space
- Provide access for increased parking and foot traffic for all three areas

### **Additional Items/Followup**

Committee Chair, Cindy Southway, planned to present this revised plan to the Planning Commission at their regular meeting (virtual) on December 16, 2020.

**UPDATE:** The December meeting of the Planning Commission was cancelled, and the plan was instead presented virtually on January 6, 2021. The plan was well-received by the members of the Planning Commission, who agreed that the help of a consultant would be useful in

executing/finalizing plans for the future use of the properties, which could possibly be funded by obtaining grants. Additional suggestions included:

- Maintain the Town Properties that we have until a Lands Plan is approved
- Remove trash and abandoned vehicles from all Town properties
- Review the 2009 GL Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Plan (attached)
- Continue working on ideas (landscaping, activities and facilities) for each piece of property the Town owns
- Focus and encourage winter uses of Town properties, not just summer - especially at the lakefront
- Look at the East Inlet area for a dog park
- Help improve areas of Town that don't get much attention
- Consider unused road right-of-way as possible areas for public parks and open space
- Keep dug outs and the backstop in the GL Center Open Space to store sports equipment
- Look for and present projects that are inexpensive and easy to implement
- Utilize and organize volunteer labor to clean up town properties and build a pathway to Winter's Pioneer Park across the south Center Drive lot

Due to the re-scheduled timing of the Planning Commission meeting, the Lands Committee did not meet in January.