

## Grand Lake Municipal Lands Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - 9/1/20

### **Introduction**

This was the inaugural meeting of the Grand Lake Municipal Lands Advisory Committee, which was created to provide community input and guidance towards the use of public parks, open spaces, recreation areas and other lands owned by the Town of Grand Lake. The meeting was attended by four Town Staff members, two Town Trustees and eight Committee members.

### **GL Board Direction Report**

Town board Financial Trustee and Committee Chair, Cindy Southway, presented notes from a recent board retreat outlining their desired areas of focus for the municipal lands committee, including the following ideas:

- Use the southern-most car wash lot to connect the GL Center with Winter's Pioneer Park for a non-motorized path, landscaping and a possible drainage catch pond.
- The Town Staff will remove the dugouts and back stops from the GL Center field and find a way to remove/relocate the prairie dogs.
- The Town Staff will move the ice rink from the Grand Lake Center to the Town Park basketball court.
- The GL Center field and Winter's Pioneer Park won't be used for equipment storage anymore. Boats and other equipment will be stored on the Water Plant property.
- Pay as you throw equipment will temporarily utilize the 2 northern car wash lots and no concrete pad will be poured. This use may require a zoning change.
- A workforce housing project and transportation hub will be considered for the lots across from the Conoco. The project could be a public/private partnership and include some type of dorm style rooms for seasonal workers.

### **Committee Scope, Framework & Goals**

It was agreed that the goal of the Committee is to provide ideas to the Town Board on how to best utilize town properties while enhancing connectivity, open space, drainage and recreational opportunities. Project funding is recognized as a challenge but not an obstacle.

The most effective way for the Committee to look at all the town properties is to start with the west-side properties and brainstorm possibilities and opportunities. The Committee represents the entire community and will try to focus on projects that are feasible.

The committee will meet once per month to look at each site. Formulated ideas will be vetted by Staff and presented to the Planning Commission and Town Board for input and implementation.

## **Brainstorming Ideas/ Initial Wish List**

- Artistic Elements/ Sculptures
- Band Shell
- Bike Trails
- Climbing wall/ Ice Climbing
- Connecting Trails/Park
- Dog Park
- Explore moving the fire station to the land across from the Conoco and using the fire station as a new public works building
- Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District – Joint Ventures
- Grand Lake Center Recreational Enhancements
- Ice Skating
- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Kids Fishing Pond
- Pathway from the Visitor Center to Town Park – multi-modal
  - Pathways for bicycles, snowmobiles, strollers throughout town (Cairns Avenue & West Portal Road)
  - Pay attention to crosswalks
  - Signage for Trails
  - Enhance Winter Trails
- Pay as You Throw (+ Recycle)
- Picnic Areas
- Skate Park
- Splash Park
- Things that make snowmobilers feel more welcome in the winter
- Walking/Running Track around Grand Lake Center Field
- Workforce Housing

## **Assignments/Tasks**

- Committee Chair, Cindy Southway, will draft committee bylaws and send to the committee members via e-mail for revisions/approval
- Committee Chair will also copy the “wish list” of ideas that was compiled at the meeting into a digital format and share with members via e-mail

**The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, at 6pm in the Community House and the topic will be the potential uses of the Grand Lake Center and its open space.**

**The meeting will be live-streamed on the Town of Grand Lake Facebook page @townofgrandlakecolorado.**