
**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2018
6:00 PM
TOWN HALL**



Committee and Town Staff Present: Jen Coates, Chase Jones, Jared Coburn, Lois Zeimann, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Johnson, Town Councilor Robb Austin, Councilor Ninah Hunter

Committee Not Present: Nick Williams, Doug Canright

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

- II. Approval of meeting minutes from July 2, 2018
The minutes were deferred to the next meeting for lack of a quorum of those attending the July 2, 2018 meeting.

- III. Presentation on placement and locations of Harmony Park musical instruments – Public Art in Ridgway Colorado (PARC)
Pam Kraft shared with the committee that they have secured 8 musical instruments and have identified placement of the instruments: 1 to be placed in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park and 7 instruments near the playground area in Hartwell Park but out of the way of the Farmer’s Market.

The committee asked about the wear of the grassy areas in the park and suggested wood chips may be needed around the instrument area to mitigate the loss of turf and ensuing mud. Pam stated that water would not impact the instruments.

Robb Austin proposed endorsing the placement of 1 piece in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park and 7 pieces in the playground area of Hartwell Park with some chips or mulching to mitigate traffic.

Pam also requested support and help from the Town Public Works staff in the Fall of 2018 for the placement of the instruments.

The committee walked out to view the site in Hartwell Park and suggested an approximate 400 sq. ft. area abutting the southwest aspect of the playground with the instruments arranged in a circular arrangement. Pam will develop a diagram and email to the committee for review.

- IV. Follow up discussion on request to stripe 2 pickleball courts on the tennis courts in the Regional Athletic Fields

Jen reminded the group that the committee requested the pickle ball players hold a meeting at the tennis courts for all racket sports players to preview what the stripes would look like for both tennis and

pickleball striping. Jen also shared the contents of the parks committee packet, including a sign in sheet for the meeting and some emails,

Gordon Reichard, Debbie Forrester, Donna Jones, Dave Evans, Dave Jones were in attendance, all in support of pickleball striping on both tennis courts.

Robb motioned to approve the request to place permanent lines for 2 pickle ball courts on each tennis court and work out a schedule with tennis and pickleball players to mitigate conflicting use. Town staff will orchestrate the striping work. Lois seconded the motion. All committee members (Jared and Ninah) present approved the motion.

Gordon stated the demand is not for more than 4 courts.

The pickleball players suggested placing more benches and the options for having shared nets for all users.

- V. Request to place a Hitching Post in Hartwell Park for horses – Mayor Pro Tem Johnson
The committee discussed the request and had a difficult time locating a place that would provide needed shade, water and security for horses while being central. The committee discussed options for cleaning up after the horses and what might be needed. It was suggested that some space at the Ouray County Ranch History Museum might be obtainable. The committee thought that maybe the Master Plan process could address incorporating a hitching post downtown.
- VI. Request for town-wide clean-up day – Councilor Tom Heffernan
This was tabled for another meeting.
- VII. Discussion of tree maintenance in public rights of way – Town Manager
Jen shared with the committee the numerous requests this year for the town to maintain a number of street trees and the Town’s approach of managing those trees and high hazard trees and costs. The Committee agreed that an ordinance and some clarification is needed.
- VIII. 2019 Budget and Priorities
The committee discussed the following opportunities for 2019 priorities:
 - a. *Policy on maintenance of trees in public rights-of-way;*
 - b. *Review the Green Street Plan and making priorities for the future: discussion included: Continued work at Green Street Park to further develop the Green Street Park plan, including a potential play structure, trees internal to the park (away from the street and at the west periphery), paving the parking lot and landscaping around the parking lot;*
 - c. *Replace trees at Green Street Park;*
 - d. *Tree Board from the Tree Inventory and Management Plan*
 - e. *Adopt a Park program*
 - f. *Solar Ranches trails improvements (Cottonwood Park)*
 - g. *OCSA improvements in the Athletic Fields (bleachers, storage, concession building)*
 - h. *Water in cottonwood park*
 - i. *Picnic table replacements*

Jen shared with the committee that Spencer Graves has reached out to the town and expressed an interest in additional work and improvements for the skate park, including potential for placement of a pre-fabricated ramp. Spencer will do the due diligence on the ramp and report back to the town.

IX. New Business

X. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.