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PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
6:00 PM  
TOWN HALL

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Committee Present: Jared Coburn, Doug Canright, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Johnson, Town Councilor Robb Austin.

Town Staff: Chase Jones

- I. Call to Order:  
*6:09pm*
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
*Jared moved to approve the minutes*  
*Robb seconded the motion*  
*All committee members present voted in favor*
- III. Review upcoming public events  
*Chase shared all scheduled town events occurring before the next committee meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019.*
- IV. Chamber - Heritage improvements and RFP  
*The committee discussed the 'Colorado Main Street – Request for Proposals for the Ridgway Heritage Park and Visitor Center Construction and Bid Documents' and developed the following comments:*
  - *The project would likely be ideal for a GOCO grant*
  - *In the height of ski season there are roughly 30 cars per day parking at that location*
  - *Consider moving the landscaping strip to the middle to help maximize parking spaces*
  - *Recommend to maximize parking*
  - *Certain members were not in favor of the larger tourist oriented structures, such as the "picture frame", but acknowledged there is a visitors center so there will need to be a balance between providing for local residents and tourists.*
  - *Incorporating Ute and Native American history should also be explored**Chase was to share the above comments with those involved. With the chamber having \$5,000 and the Main Street Development group having \$5,000 for improvements during 2019, there will likely not be enough funding for all improvements.*
- V. New Business  
*Ridgway Community Garden - Jared shared a brief update of the garden with the following being completed; fencing, gravel parkings lot, irrigation and the raised beds are being prepped. Opening day is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> and a shade structure is planned to be built later in the summer. Jared thanked Town staff and the Public Works Department for their assistance in the project.*

*Sue Husch - The Committee recommended the appointment of Sue Husch to the Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee due to her interest and community involvement. The recommendation will be taken to Town Council during their next regular meeting for approval.*

*Tree funding – Eric suggested that the committee consider requesting twice the current annual budget for arborist work with annual increases from Town Council during the next budget season.*

*Trails near Solar Ranch – Doug inquired what trails will be regradeed during the planned 2019 trail work in Cottonwood Park. Chase is to discuss with other staff, review initial scope of work and funding limitations then return to the next meeting with an answer.*

VI. Old Business

*The committee was updated with the following information:*

- *Picnic Tables – 22 new, 6 are ADA, tables are in each place committee prioritized previously*
- *Planting trees – 10 trees have been replaced, will get second order in when number is finalized*
- *Seasonal hires – 1 hired already, 2<sup>nd</sup> to start the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2019*
- *Streetscape contract – maintenance contract has been renewed for 2019*
- *Pickleball – staff is working with contractor to set date to strip pickleball lines on the tennis court.*
- *Harmony Park – the ground beneath the instruments has been wood chipped. This work completed the project.*

VII. Adjourn  
6:59pm