
PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE MEETING #2
AGENDA AND MEETING OBJECTIVES
TUESDAY, JULY 12TH
5:30 – 7:30 PM
RIDGWAY TOWN HALL

TO: PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE / PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS
FROM: JEN COATES
SUBJECT: MEETING #2: AGENDA AND OBJECTIVES
DATE: JULY 12, 2011
EST TIME: 2 HOURS

Committee Members: Stephanie Wallin, Randy Charrette, Kimah McCarty, Doug Canright, Sara Ballantyne, Eric Johnson, Rich Durnan, Rick Weaver, Paul Donegan, Jen Coates

- I. Quick Review of June Meeting
- II. Review Revised Map
- III. Review and Develop Goals and Objectives
- IV. Next Meeting – August 9th: Develop Action Plan for Goals 1 and 2
- V. Adjourn – 7:30 PM

MEETING NOTES
PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE MEETING #1
TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH
5:30 – 7:30 PM
RIDGWAY TOWN HALL

In Attendance: Jen Coates, Sara Ballantyne, Kimah McCarty, Eric Johnson, Rich Durnan, Doug Canright, Rick Weaver, and Paul Donegan

Sara Ballantyne is interested in developing a pump track somewhere in town for public use

- Could be placed at current BMX track, but may be temporary due to Fire Department plans for relocation
- Community interest is there according to a petition at the Peak to Peak bike shop (many are interested in helping build), developed by Sara
- Project could be completed with minimal funding: community involvement, town donation of land, and a design/construction donation from an individual in Telluride
- The committee discussed a more permanent location for the pump track in the undeveloped Green Street Park adjacent to the Parkside Subdivision and or the south side of the Regional Athletic Park
- The southern most end of the Athletic Park is a favorable due to proximity to parking and agglomeration of sporting opportunities, and some separation from the skate park
- The issues of accommodating space for the BMX park relocation, irrigation, and weed management were brought up

Review of Draft Map and Draft Plan dated June 9, 2011

- Committee reviewed and updated the vision statement for the Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Plan, inclusive of a reference to the economic development component of the plan
- Review of the Parks and Recreation Map brought up need for more detail to provide more information about current uses in Athletic, Hartwell, and Rollans Parks
- Additional cycling trails were pointed out along east side of Uncompahgre River between River Sage, Eagle Hill, and behind the Secondary School; Jen will provide maps to the committee for editing to include other existing trails and linkages
- The idea of developing a town-wide Parks and Trails map similar to the Montrose Parks Map was suggested, which would be for distribution to tourists and to support economic development
- The Committee recommended adding a goal to promote the concept of economic development for recreational amenities, including both outdoors tourism and long term improvements that enhance quality of life (encouraging development of parks and trails with annexations and new development)
- The issue of how parks, trails, and open spaces would be integrated into new developments was raised and also maintenance and care of existing parks. It was recommended that information be developed and made available to developers about town parks needs and their economic benefits to development

The Committee agreed to the following meeting schedule, which will be posted on the Town Website. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30-7:30PM at Town Hall, as follows:

- ↳ **Meeting #1:** (June 14): Review of Plan Draft and prior recommendations - Schedule, Plan Outline/Review, Maps and Vision, and Review and Develop Goals and Objectives
- ↳ **Meeting #2** (July 12): Review and Develop Goals and Objectives; review the updated map...
- ↳ **Meeting #3** (August 9): Develop Action Plan – Goals 1 and 2 (*What is it that we want?*)
- ↳ **Meeting #4** (Sept 13): Develop Action Plan – Goal 3 and 4 (*How to achieve needs/desires*)
- ↳ **Meeting #5** (Oct 11): Develop Action Plan – Goal 5 and Other... (*Maintain and Monitor, and...?*)
- ↳ **Meeting #6** (Nov 8): Finalize Plan
- ↳ Present Plan to Planning Commission – **Nov 29, 2011**
- ↳ Present Plan to Town Council – **Dec 14, 2011**

Follow Up:

Sara will work on documents to propose the pump track idea to the Town Council inclusive of a draft plan for the track, proposed locations, and public works staff resources desired.

The Committee will review and provide feedback to Jen including additional information on existing trails, etc. to update the draft map prior to the next meeting

The Committee will review the existing Goals and Objectives in preparation for discussion and finalization of the goals and objectives during the July 12th meeting.

I. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1. Develop and map a sustaining Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan that identifies and characterizes all existing and proposed parks and trails, open spaces, wildlife corridors and riparian areas, inclusive of long-term management, financing, and resource allocation.

Objectives

1. Clearly identify needed trail linkages and recreation paths that provide integrated access to parks, open spaces, public facilities and schools
2. Establish areas within the Town where future park facilities and trail linkages are needed
3. Establish areas of environmental and cultural significance to be prioritized for conservation and preservation, including environmentally sensitive areas, riparian areas, wildlife corridors, etc.
4. Develop a parks/trails user map and provide the map for wide distribution

GOAL 2. Identify and Prioritize Needed Park and Recreation Facilities

Objectives

1. Understand and identify community needs and desires (*potential action items are - review 2009 survey, complete an updated survey: online, email, informal poll, etc.*)
2. *The 2009 community survey prioritizes the acquisition of strategically located, neighborhood parks and open spaces including a large community park received the most support (44%, 154 respondents), followed by the acquisition of smaller neighborhood parks under 5 acres in size to serve new neighborhoods (21%, 76). Acquisition of a larger 'community park' received the least support (7%, 26 responses). 15% (52 respondents) feel the Town has sufficient parks and opens spaces to accommodate new growth. Open spaces and light use areas received 10% support (36 responses).*
3. Finalize inventory of existing facilities and amenities
4. ...

Note –this goal does not include extensive and specific parks planning at this time, but rather identification of needed improvements and suggesting appropriate locations. Master Plans for the parks may be developed at a later time, as appropriate.

GOAL 3. Establish and define acceptable park standards to support future park requirements associated with new development

Objectives

1. Establish an equitable basis for parkland dedication associated with new and proposed development within the Town, utilizing acceptable standards as defined in Goal 4

2. Establish a “payment in lieu of” dedicated park and open space utilizing local land values and park land development costs as a basis
3. Develop park design guidelines to assist in neighborhood and community park development
4. Identify and acquire open space for future park, recreational and open space utilization
5. Clearly define development standards, inclusive of parks and trails connectivity, low-water irrigation systems, and continued maintenance and financing criteria.

GOAL 4. Develop a Means of Acquiring Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces including Long Range and Long Term Operations and Maintenance Costs and Financing Mechanisms

Objectives

1. ...1998 community study
2. Codify annexation and subdivision development standards and requirements for parks, trails and open spaces, including formulas for payments in lieu and land donations (developed and undeveloped) pursuant to standards defined in Goal 3 above
3. ...lodging tax and sales taxes on food for home consumption
4. *The 2009 survey results prioritize development by new residential subdivisions, pursuing grant dollars (GOCO), followed by fee-in-lieu payments and limited support for new taxes.*
5. Explore feasibility of general sales tax revenue allocation and user fees, other... to finance operations and maintenance; impact fees may also be considered for land acquisition thereby freeing general fund revenues for operations and maintenance costs.

GOAL 5. Develop a Plan to address Urban Forest Management

Objectives

1. ...
2. ...
3. ...
4. ...

GOAL 6. Market and Promote the Town Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces as an economic driver for the Town.

Objectives

1. Develop and distribute a parks and trails map for public use
2. Work with the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce in promoting recreational amenities
3. Provide educational information and resources on the economic benefits of parks, trails and open spaces for property owners and developers.

4. ...

GOAL 7. ...?