
**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2012
4:30 – 6:00 PM
RIDGWAY TOWN HALL**

TO: PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
FROM: JEN COATES
SUBJECT: HARTWELL PARK MASTER PLAN + 2013 IMPROVEMENTS
DATE: JUNE 5TH, 2012
EST TIME: 1.5 HOURS

Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Committee Members:

Stephanie Wallin, Doug Canright, Sara Ballantyne, Eric Johnson, Rich Durnan, Rick Weaver, Jen Coates

- I. Follow up to May 3rd Joint Meeting**
 - see meeting minutes attached*
 - a. Update from CDOT and HBSS on Railroad Street re-alignment
 - b. Review Draft Concept Map for Hartwell Park and identify priority parks improvements for 2013, including location for bouldering area
 - c. Request from Ridgway Schools for Town to be GOCO mini-grant Applicant during Fall 2012 grant cycle for soccer field improvements

- II. Follow up to May 24th Meeting**
 - see meeting minutes attached*
 - a. Recommendation to Town Council at the June 13th regular meeting for construction of Youth Bike Track in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park

- III. Adjourn – 6:00 PM**

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
AND CONCERT SERIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 3RD, 2012
4:00 – 5:30 PM
RIDGWAY TOWN HALL**

TO: PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE AND CONCERT SERIES COMMITTEE
FROM: JEN COATES
SUBJECT: JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS HARTWELL PARK MASTER PLAN
DATE: MAY 3RD, 2012
EST TIME: 1.5 HOURS

Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Committee Members:

Stephanie Wallin, Doug Canright, Sara Ballantyne, Eric Johnson, Rich Durnan, Rick Weaver, Jen Coates

Concert Series Committee Members:

Pam Kraft, John Clark, Jennifer Mandaville, Brian Scranton, Rich Durnan

The meeting convened at 4:03 PM

Attendees: Doug Canright, Josh Gowans, Rick Weaver, Jennifer Mandaville, Rich Durnan, Jen Coates, John Clark, Pam Kraft, Stephanie Walling

I. Summary of April 5th Joint Meeting

a. Update from GOCO

Performing arts stage does not qualify for funds from GOCO

b. Update from CU-Denver Program

Ouray County Performing Arts Guild (Sue Hillhouse) indicated they would like to be informed about the progress of the performing arts stage in Hartwell Park.

Rich indicated the CU-Denver program could provide some funding up front if fundraising falls behind.

Rick indicated the stage should include a mobile screen for movies.

John shared that the Concert Committee has discussed options with the CU

II. Discuss proposed improvements and funding/partnership opportunities in Hartwell Park, including performing arts/education facility, request for bouldering area and other priority improvements

Proposed Improvements:

1 - Bouldering Area

Josh indicated strong interest from the local student group on the bouldering area in the Park. They are at a point where they are beginning to explore detail of the project. The group discussed the idea of having the bouldering area where the tennis courts existing today in the Park. There was conversation about removing or leaving the courts and the plan for the Railroad realignment. Josh indicated the bouldering area that is being explored is 11' wide x 30' long with an 8' perimeter.

General Locations –

Hartwell Park: tennis courts area; existing lighting area just west of Town Hall;
Athletic Park – Near the mailboxes just east of Sabeta at the western aspect of the Park

Cottonwood Park – on the far east end to connect the parks and amenities;
discussed some neighborhood impacts

2 - Shade Structures

Similar to structures installed at the Ridgway Library area

General Location –

Outside of Town Hall and Community Center for outdoor patio area

3 - Lighting

Pedestrian lighting along the sidewalk

Outlet around park for holiday lights and various uses

4 - Tree Sculpture/ Carving

Complete carving of existing tree stump near the post office area

5 – Multi-Purpose Pavilion / Performing Arts Stage

Including additional conduit and power with utility box flush with the ground

6 – Interactive Playground Equipment

Musical instruments and other ideas for child and youth interaction

General Locations –

Work into area around existing playground area

Spread out a little bit around the park

7 – Improvements for Farmer's Market

Water source close to location; work with the Market as the season progresses to identify needs

8 – Ropes Course

Similar to the course in Pagosa Springs; Roughly sized at 30' x 30' with some height

General Locations – Athletic Park

9 – Expansion of Restroom Facilities

General Locations – By existing in Hartwell Park – expand to the north of the building

10 – Landscaping

Tree replacement plan to fill in for existing aging trees as discussed in Parks Plan

11 – Fire Station

Potential for use of Fire Station building for a climbing wall

Josh indicated Danika Gilbert is writing a GOCO grant for the Ridgway School District to improve the soccer field and the Town may wish to inquire from the School District what the plans are for the soccer field and the funding sources they will be seeking.

The group discussed infrastructure improvements in the Town Core

III. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Committee will adjourn to a brief meeting at 5:30 PM in Town Hall for the purpose of reviewing the draft parks and trails map and discuss a program idea for sidewalks.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Contact CDOT about realignment of Railroad Street for location of bouldering area.
2. Follow up with Danny and Public Works on thoughts and ideas
3. Develop concept map for Parks and Concert Committee to review – create alternate scenarios based on the realignment or not of Railroad Street
4. Determine Project Scope for 2013 for Parks Improvements: Either Hartwell Park or Athletic Park or Cottonwood Park

**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 24TH, 2012
4:00 PM
DENNIS WEAVER MEMORIAL PARK**

TO: PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
FROM: JEN COATES
SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES
DATE: MAY 24, 2012

Committee Members: Stephanie Wallin, Doug Canright, Sara Ballantyne, Eric Johnson, Rich Durnan, Rick Weaver, Jen Coates

Attendees: Rich Durnan, Rick Weaver, Doug Canright, Jen Coates, Sara Ballantyne, Jenn Charrette, Rusty Weaver

The meeting convened at 4:05 PM in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park.

The Purpose of the meeting was to review a proposed children's bike route in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park. Jenn Charrette walked the group around the park area just west of the eagle sculpture and south of RiverSage Drive. There was discussion about staying away from the eagle sculpture and meditation area, as well as avoiding the access road used to access the property to the south owned by the Bureau of Land Management. The group decided a recommendation to the Town Council during the regular meeting of the Council in June was appropriate. The request for construction is from the Ridgway Area Trails group and the local chapter of COPMOBA. Volunteers from this group will build the trail.

Jenn Charrette left the meeting at approximately 4:45 PM.

The group drove up to the top of the park at the north end, and walked another proposed loop on the RiverSage Homeowner's property that would link into the Town trails in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park.

Jen Coates and Doug Canright left the meeting and Rusty Weaver joined the group at approximately 5:15 PM. Rusty expressed concern about the proximity of the children's loop to the meditation area and the noise associated with the improved trail. The group listened and decided to recommend to Council that the children's loop be constructed across from the eagle sculpture and meditation area, north of RiverSage Drive, west of the current trail access constructed by the Southwest Youth Corps.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 PM.