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**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2012  
5:30 – 7:30 PM  
RIDGWAY TOWN HALL**

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**TO:** PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** JEN COATES  
**SUBJECT:** ENDLESS  
**DATE:** JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

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**Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Committee Members:**

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

- I.** Request to recommend Jennifer Mandaville as Parks Committee Member - *Jen Coates*
- II.** Discussion of town-side disc golf course (*see previous email with Ouray County Watch Newspapers article*) - *Councilor Jason Gunning*
- III.** Proposal for re-vegetation and improvements to Rollans Park - *Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (Agnieszka Przeszlowska and Emily Galanto)*
- IV.** Update on bouldering area improvements and fundraising - *Josh Gowans*
- V.** Update on dog park development - *Jen Coates and Doug Canright*
- VI.** Development and distribution of community survey pursuant to 2011 Parks Plan and 2012 Town Strategy - *Jen Coates*
- VII.** Develop list of priority improvements for Town Council to consider with budget discussions, including request for wayfinding and educational kiosk from RACC and request for signage in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park - *Jen Coates*
- VIII.** Recruitment of other members for committee participation - *Jen Coates*
- IX.** Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2012
- X.** Adjourn

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**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**  
**5:30 – 7:00 PM**  
**RIDGWAY TOWN HALL**

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

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**Attendees:** Jessi Marlatt, Rick Weaver, Rich Durnan, Doug Canright, Josh Gowans, Stephanie Wallin, Eric Johnson, Jen Coates

The meeting convened at 5:35 PM

**I. Follow up to May 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

*-- see meeting minutes attached*

- a. Recommendation to Town Council at the June 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting for construction of Youth Bike Track in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park

*The group talked about a proposed location of a youth bike trail situated in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park, north of RiverSage Drive and just west of the existing trail access on the north side of RiverSage Drive. The parks committee will recommend approval of this request from the Ridgway Area Trails Group and the local chapter of COPMOBA to Town Council next week.*

**II. Follow up to May 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Meeting**

*-- see meeting minutes attached*

- a. Update from CDOT and HBSS on Railroad Street re-alignment

*Jen updated the group on the conversation from the Town Council regular May meeting and also the input from CDOT on the potential for CDOT restricting access to North and South Railroad Street subsequent to completion of the Highway 62 3-lane project.*

- b. Review Draft Concept Map for Hartwell Park and identify priority parks improvements for 2013, including location for bouldering area

*Jen presented a draft map with layout of the various proposed improvements including: re-alignment of Railroad Street, removal of tennis courts, pavilion/performing arts stage, lighting, landscaping, restroom facility expansion, sunshades at the community*

*center/town hall, tree sculpture, interactive playground area, bouldering area, farmer's market, banner poles, additional electrical outlets and water supplies.*

1. *Banner poles*

*Jen explained the recent decision to eliminate banner poles from the Highway 62 bridge replacement project due to conflicts with the bridge structure and the SMPA utility poles and lines, and proposed banner poles in Hartwell Park. The group discussed the need to site the poles for maximum visibility for east and west bound traffic. There was discussion of the size of the banners and placement of the 'Hartwell Park' signage in the park. The group walked out into the park and proposed siting the poles at the south end along Highway 62 in both the east and west locations at an angle in each direction. The group also discussed the possibility of siting another pole across the highway in the future to have the ability to hang banners across highway 62. The 4 poles are proposed to be locally crafted artwork.*

2. *Bouldering Area*

*The group focused on the location of the bouldering area and identified the area west of the re-aligned Railroad Street as the best opportunity. There was agreement that this location in Hartwell Park is best for access, usability and also visibility from the Highway accessing downtown as a draw for visitors. Josh indicated the size of the boulder to be approximately 30' x 11' with an 8' perimeter around the boulder. The group discussed the option of one large boulder or a group of smaller ones and the desire to budget or raise funds to remove the existing tennis courts in 2013.*

*In the event Railroad Street is not re-aligned in the near future, the group agreed the second preferred location to be in the Athletic Field property just west of the northern soccer fields, in the unplanned open area by the mailboxes along Sabeta Drive.*

*Josh reported that the local youth have raised \$2,000 to date for the bouldering area and they have a target fundraising amount of \$10,000. They would like to have the project constructed within a year.*

3. *Interactive Playground*

*The group agreed to place the interactive playground components dispersed around the existing playground in the center of the park. They should be sited randomly but somewhat near the existing playground.*

4. *Open Spaces*

*It was agreed that the open spaces should be indicated on the park map and plan to insure some areas are left open for various uses and passive enjoyment.*

5. *Climbing Wall Panels*

*The group discussed placement of the climbing wall panels offered for donation by local resident jim Nowak. The Fire Department building was discussed for placement of the panels although no final recommendation was agreed upon.*

6. *Landscaping and Irrigation*

*There was agreement to re-vegetate, landscape and install irrigation around the new bouldering area and in the area of the re-aligned Railroad Street.*

7. *Additional Improvements*

*The group agreed on the proposed draft map including: re-alignment of Railroad Street, removal of tennis courts, pavilion/performing arts stage, lighting, landscaping, restroom facility expansion, sunshades at the community center/town hall, tree sculpture, interactive playground area, bouldering area, farmer's market, banner poles, additional electrical outlets and water supplies. Placement of the climbing wall panels is to be determined.*

c. *Request from Ridgway Schools for Town to be GOCO mini-grant Applicant during Fall 2012 grant cycle for soccer field improvements*

*The Committee supports the Ridgway Schools desire to apply for the fall 2012 grant cycle to GOCO for improvements to the soccer field up at the secondary school and agrees that a spring 2013 application for the proposed Town improvements, focused on a bouldering area in Hartwell Park, is appropriate. The scope of the spring 2013 application will be determined through the 2013 budgeting process this summer and fall.*

**III. Proposal on Ridgway "Diamonds" Project – Rick Weaver**

*Rick shared his idea with the group on the "Diamonds in The Rough" project and distributed a summary of the proposed program.*

*The group recommend a single location on public property for the proejct and then suggested that Rick establish a committee to identify recognized individuals. The Parks Committee is supportive of the program and the proposed location at the southernmost entry to the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park along the Uncompahgre RiverWay Trail.*

*It was recommended that Rick propose the program to the Town Council for endorsement and use of public property.*

**IV. Proposal – Pump Track Phase 2 – Sara Ballantyne**

*Jen presented Sara's proposed pump track map and plan to the group for additional improvements to the pump track at the south end of the Athletic Park. The map reveals a new loop west of the existing loop, a perimeter trail around the south area of the park, a skills area south of the new loop, a teeter totter within the existing loop, a trail through the existing drainage south of the loop and running east/west, amenities area with trees, shade, benches, boulders, etc.*

*The committee discussed the proposed plan and agreed they would like to preview the proposed improvements at the Athletic Field to get a better idea of the overall plan. The group requested additional information, including specifications on the proposed skills*

*area. They also requested a more clearly defined plan with timeline on the proposed improvements, expressing a concern about dedicating the entire space to a pump track. It was agreed that a temporary trail around the perimeter of the pump track area may be considered but a permanent trail is not desired. There was concern about riding in the ditch on the proposed plan and the potential for erosion and/or damage to the drainage.*

*Rich indicated that skills building trails are planned for both the State Parks and the BLM lands near Ridgway.*

*The Committee would like to better understand the current use of the pump track area by local residents and youth.*

*It was agreed that the community should work to improve the existing pump track before building out the area more. It was also agreed that a demonstrated need for the improvements is appropriate and the need for a perimeter trail is probably not present with all of the h trail development happening in and around the Town.*

**V. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

*Action Items:*

- 1. Complete cost estimates for the proposed Hartwell Park improvements and present to the Town Council for discussion during the capital improvements and budget process for 2013*
- 2. Propose to the Town Council during the June regular meeting to complete the banner pole design, construction and placement in Hartwell Park this year utilizing funds planned for the Highway 62 bridge project*
- 3. Propose to the Town Council the “Diamonds in the Rough” project for the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park*
- 4. Contact the Town’s insurance provider regarding the design and construction of improvements to the parks (eg: skills area improvements to the pump track)*
- 5. Jen follow up with Sara Ballantyne on requirement for the proposed pump track improvements*
- 6. Complete final map for the Hartwell Park Plan*