

Nederland Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Board
May 28th
Nederland Community Center
7:00 PM

Members Present: Lee, Masters, Wight, Harrison, Taormina, Wilkening, Harrison

Guests Present: Rick Dirr, Ian Gillespie, Joe Gierlach, Lex Ivey, Paul Turnburke, Jim Stevens, Al Johnson, Marca Hagenstad

1. **Approval of Minutes from April 16th:** Minutes unanimously approved.

2. **Public Comment: Rafting and Kayaking on Boulder Creek, Al Johnson**

Al reported that he had canoed parts of Middle Boulder Creek into town and that at low flows, the run was rocky and most likely not a good commercial run. He expressed interest in a kayak play park through town and mentioned others that were interested as well. Specifically he mentioned Gary Lacy, who has designed and built parks. Rick Dirr and Randy Lee were also interested. Members encouraged Al to seek out volunteers to help move the idea forward.

3. **IPFA:**

CWPP estimates were between \$18-25K. The Colorado F.S. has matching funds grants available: What are the dates for grant applications? So far we can count on \$8K from NFPD (Rick Dirr). In September, the BOT will work on a new budget and may work in the other amount if possible with the potential of accessing this contribution in January of 2010. Jim Stevens is to research a DOLA grant for matching funds.

Community Mitigation Work: IPFA and the Town can go in on a County grant to reimburse for mitigation work. The Town could provide the trucks/trailers and possible employee time, and the PROSAB/IPFA would coordinate volunteers and PR. IPFA will write grant to County for reimbursement money.

Spraying: Should the town make a statement or opinion regarding the use of spraying/educating the public/ make a recommendation? The pesticide Carbaryl has a 30 day lifetime and kills other insects and fish. Consensus was that PROSAB wanted to recommend that the BOT pass resolution discouraging its use. Masters will develop a recommendation and education materials.

Reforestation: The tree market is oversaturated and trees are available at bargain prices. Colorado State forest has a cheap tree program as well. Tree city USA- is a program where excess trees are sold and education on reforestation is involved: Could Nederland become one of these Tree Cities?

4. Nederland Elementary School remodel: Joe Gierlach

Repairs and new play equipment at the elementary school. Tree removal for traffic flow, mitigation work may be involved as well. Rick Dirr mentioned an internship with the Forest Service where the school might be able to coordinate with nearby USFS land to extend the mitigation work in the area; Rick and Joe will touch base about this.

The new trail could be improved as a part of this project by adding crusher fines and other additions to enhance. Scott Belonger could be a consultant on this.

The fifth interpretive sign at and about the elementary school should be started and Joe will be in touch with Sue Churches about matching the existing design.

Joe sought ideas for extra funds spent near the school. Benches? Improve existing amphitheater at Kendalls corner? other ideas?

The project will pay for trail logos and signs on the school property.

5. Signs:

Suggestions on draft signs: put GOCO label on the main sign. Give email feedback to Sue Churches within one week.

Logos: There is a one time setup fee. Decision to go with single color based upon simplicity. Scott Hammers and Jim Creek need to connect regarding the Chipeta Park to Barker Dam trails. Logos will be ordered now.

6. CC Connector: Paul Turnburke

Budget: The trail is cut in and roadbase can be applied. Problem: Fiberoptic cables are in the way at a reported four foot depth with location and interference with project unknown. These need to be moved to continue on the lower and longer section of the trail. Who will pay to relocate? The options are to find out where it is and proceed if possible. If cannot proceed due to interference and time lag on using grant money and struggles with relocation and payment for this, the upper section will be continued on to complete before the grant report is due in September.

7. Gateway Park planning: Trustee Masters

Surveys have been coming in. These will be assessed on or after June 15th deadline. Propane tanks: can the town buy the property outright? Can the Town get an appraisal of the property? Can a GOCO grant help to acquire the open space? PROSAB should review the Mary Wingate property purchase by the town to become more educated on how this has worked in the past. Jim Stevens to help with propane property issues.

8. BOB:

A safety plan is insurance plan is needed- investigate costs; can they be covered with user fees? A part time position is needed to monitor usage, safety, access, etc. Rick Dirr, Ken

Robinson , Jim Creek need to be involved. Can we acquire money from the state for fishing access? We need to communicate with CIRSA about potential insurance costs.