



MEETING OF THE CITY OF SALIDA PROST ADVISORY BOARD

Riverside Scout Hut
Tuesday May 25, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Roll Call Board Members: Lisa DeYoung, Daryl Huchska, Amy Reed, Kristy Falcon, Jessica Downing, Rob White (online). Connor Maher (late).
Staff: Diesel, Nate, Ryan, Anissa, Cat
Guests: Shawn Gillis, Donna Rhoads (online)
- 2) Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Agenda - adjustment to agenda to include motion for recommendations for disc golf and ebikes. All Approved.
 - b) Approval of Meeting Minutes – [Prior meeting](#). All approved.
- 3) Updates/business
 - a) General
 - i) New staff introductions - Anissa Caiazza new rec manager.
 - ii) Ryan was promoted to recreation supervisor - managing seasonal staff, writing job duties.
 - iii) Staff is set for the summer with seasonal workers and new SPOT supervisor, Sean Clark.
 - b) Rec Programs/Aquatic Center/Events
 - i) Events update - Last official stance from council, events can happen outside with preregistration and fences. But things change constantly. Some event organizers are pushing back on fencing and some new rules.
Touch a Truck went well last weekend
FiBARK - looking for volunteers from nonprofits during FiBark for 5 hours shifts of picking up trash in exchange for a donation to the nonprofit.
Lisa asks if event organizers won't work with the city and set up as requested, why let those events have an event here? Diesel: City staff just finally was able to meet, and now events can be contained, for less impact on parks and control of crowds. Have to navigate carefully when working with organizers for planning. If existing organizers are being difficult and not willing to work with new city standards, repercussion is to not rent to them next year.
 - ii) New rec guide came out last Friday in the Mountain Mail
 - iii) Movies in Marvin Park
 - iv) Hiring staff - need front desk, umpires. Daryl adds that it's hard to umpire during women's softball, lots of challenging/complaining - but might be better coming from Rec staff rather than "volunteer husbands."
 - v) Need volunteers for land races for FiBARK. Going to start races at F Street parking lot.
 - vi) Kristy: If anyone is giving staff a hard time about city policies for events, know that event organizers here definitely have it easy here compared to other areas.
 - vii) Cat: Aquatics update: some swim lessons filled up in a few hours! Trying to create scholarship programs. Need front desk staff. Park Rentals - season is picking up greatly.



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- viii) Amy: suggests reaching out to high schoolers for some of these positions that still need filling for the summer. Diesel: what is the balance of staff babysitting and kids being able to be good workers. Staff now starts at \$15/hr - pay bumps up with experience. Not sure how to tap into it. Amy: Monarch has “farm team” for high schoolers and it has proved successful. Just need to find the right high school kids. Diesel: have to determine job needs - might be worth looking into doing summer job fairs in the future. Have connected with Monarch for winter positions transitioning into summer jobs.
- c) Parks/Trails/Open Space
- i) E-Bikes (presentation by Shawn Gillis/Absolute & discussion)
- (1) What is an ebike? Electric-assist bike. Started gaining traction in California when people needed to use the bikes to get around to deal with parking/traffic, many communities just refer to e-bikes as “bikes.” Class 1 - most common, pedal assist, goes to about 18mph. Class 2 - has a throttle, often an accessory to an existing bike. Class 3 goes to 28 mph. EBikes are getting faster - there is a limiter on the bike to keep it capped at speed, but motors are stronger and could go faster. Very efficient financially - only a few cents to charge. Important to understand rules for the community.
- Land Manager Rules: surrounded by public lands, SMT has discussed access extensively. They have decided to leave it to BLM/FS for decisions on ebike accessibility, but refer to ebikes as motorized - so allowed anywhere a motorcycle is allowed.
- Daryl asks if Shawn thinks ebikes on smtn would be good or bad? Near population centers where there are a large amount of people - close trails should be reserved for human-powered. Have the further away trails be available for ebike/motorized. Lisa: can you hear an ebike? Have a whirring noise - and getting quieter and sleeker. Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference.
- What about bike paths? This is something the board to discuss.
- Daryl - trails are heavily trafficked already, adding ebikes would just add to it. Our discussion isn't about SMT trails - it's city land/in town trails.
- In-Town trails, about 25 miles of paved/crushed trails. Idea to mimik CA to consider Ebikes as bikes for transportation purposes as long as riders can control themselves. Are there any communities that do this? Most municipalities have addressed this, and also addressed bike share/e-scooters/ebikes. What areas have allowed ebikes on paths? Glenwood uses the state standard - class 1 and 2 can be used on cdot trails - Rio Grande Trail from Glenwood to Aspen.
- Monarch Spur is busy - hopefully people are polite and using the bikes appropriately. Good to get in front of the issue and understanding decisions and why.
- Daryl: Would all the bike shops be on the same page? Shawn: not sure about the other shops, but has been reviewed by SPOT and SMT. Diesel: Assume the other shops would appreciate guidelines.
- Our next steps - as this is a ordinance, options: 1) direct staff and each other to come up with regulations; 2) we can give recommendations for adoption; 3) or we can



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develop rules with a work session. Then recommendation goes to Council, and if Council wants more info, then Lisa would present.

SPOT recommends ebikes allowed on in-town trails.

- (2) Kristy: would like to address this. For the trails that SPOT are in charge of, follow their leading, and for SMT trails, adopt SMT policy on city property.
 - (3) Daryl: likes the fact that people with mobility issues are able to still ride. Shawn: yes, this is a great way to allow many people to ride. An ideal future would offer some ebike mtn bike trails.
 - (4) Connor: SMT isn't the land manager, they can bring ideas to the table, but they don't set the policy. Shawn: the conflict would come into place on close to town trails. Lisa: Should there be a speed limit.
 - (5) Diesel: would bring us some suggestions of what others are doing. Ultimately this all comes down to enforcement - whatever is out there, needs to be enforceable, and we don't have the police force for that. Needs good guidance and communication - allows for guidance/laws if someone gets hurt.
- ii) Motion for recommendation to the Salida City Council and/or administrator
- (1) EBikes. Lisa: Moves to direct staff to do more research on ebike usage in other communities and some suggestions for the board to consider creating a resolution to present to council. Daryl seconds. Discussion: Jessica recommends to make sure to include SPOT as they have done ample work and study on the in-town trails.
DeYoung: Yes Huschka: Yes. Maher: Yes. Reed: Yes Falcon: Yes Downing: Yes
 - (2) Disc Golf. Jessica makes a motion to recommend on behalf of the board for the Parks Department to support the Heart of the Rockies DGC at Vandaveer and support financially if need be. Kristy seconds.
Discussion: Board and DGC is clear it is a temp course until the Vandaveer Master Plan is complete. Daryl says is clear on their end it is temporary. DeYoung: Yes Huschka: Yes Maher: YEs Reed: Yes Falcon: Yes Downing: Yes
- d) Projects (current & future)
- i) Skate park - Update/Grand opening
Amy: Committee met about 6 weeks ago, but was too soon in April to make any plans. Now, planning something in August for a grand opening so also the park itself can be put back together after the skatepark is done.
Diesel: construction meeting this morning - late June for completion still planned. Sand volleyball court was dug up to use for backfill. Now space for 2 courts and a bid out for new sand.
 - ii) Working on tree planting - Parks Dept has to plant 36. There are also trees that need to be maintained/replaced
 - iii) FStreet closure: Park Facilities involved with planters and trash.
 - iv) Parks Ambassadors - maybe incorporate some of our retired community to help maintain parks for trash, info?



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- v) New SMT trail - walked it and looking to be done in June. Rain showed where trail should be armored up and improvements. Some abandoned camps up there that will need to be cleaned out. Nate: really have to consider the biohazard aspect of the camps, both abandoned and active.
- e) Budgetary
 - i) Additional seasonal and lifeguard staff
 - ii) Deadline for 1st round of 2022 budget is the end of this week - just the narrative is due. Many of this is in the Master Plan. Next meeting will need to review a budget proposal. Lisa requests to see the budget narrative. And include a budget draft for next meeting.
- f) Member updates - No member updates.
- g) Monthly Staff Report
 - i) Free day at Pool - June 9th.
 - ii) Give feedback on the Chaffee County Rec Plan
 - iii) Question from Jessica about Salida Climate plan - should PROST be listed as a partner, also SPOT for some of the transportation items? It's a Council project, so reach out to Harald for that.

Lisa moves to adjourn at 7:50pm. Connor seconded.

Future topic

- Memorial standards
- RFQ for services
- Chaffee County Amateur Hockey Assoc
- Guidestone and community gardens
- Soaking pools