



Built On What Matters

TOWN OF FREDERICK
PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS
COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 Agenda

Regular Meeting

7:00 P.M.

401 Locust Street
Frederick, CO 80530

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Call to Order – Roll Call –

Additions to the Agenda

Action Agenda

- a. Set Parks, Open Space, and Trails Commission meeting for May 20, 2020 to address regular items of the Commission
- b. Parks, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan – Commissioner Input – Planning Director Simmons and MIG

Other Business

Adjourn



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Addition of May 20, 2020 Special Meeting

Agenda Date: May 6, 2020

Attachments: a. Not Applicable

Submitted by: Jennifer Simmons
Planning Director

Summary Statement:

The March and April Commission meetings were cancelled. A special meeting is proposed for May 20, 2020.

Detail of Issue/Request:

No meetings were held in March or April. In order to be best prepared for the upcoming budget season, a special meeting is proposed to be held May 20, 2020. This will allow us to review the assessments that were collected as well as brainstorm potential budget requests.

Alternatives/Options:

Not applicable.

Financial Considerations:

Not applicable.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff will accommodate the Commission's decision.



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Commissioner Input on the POST Master Plan

Agenda Date: May 6, 2020

Attachments:

- a. Discussion topics – agenda
- b. Preliminary observations

Submitted by: Jennifer Simmons
Planning Director

Summary Statement:

The Parks, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan Update process has begun and this is the first meeting of the consultants and the Commission.

Detail of Issue/Request:

The contract for the Parks, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan includes multiple meetings of the POST Commission to provide feedback to the consultants. This is the first meeting with the Commission and the consultants are looking to gather feedback on the topics identified on Attachment A.

Alternatives/Options:

Not applicable.

Financial Considerations:

This project was funded in the 2020 budget.

Staff Recommendation:

Not applicable.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

POST Committee Meeting #1

Wednesday, May 6, 2020, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm



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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Project Goals
- II. Project Overview
 - a. Planning Process
 - b. Desired Outcomes
- III. Presentation: Preliminary Observations
- IV. Discussion: Parks, Open Space and Trails
 - a. What is working well?
 - b. What needs more attention?
 - c. What opportunities do you see for the future?
 - d. What challenges should this plan address?
 - e. What groups do we need to involve?
- V. Close/Next Steps



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Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Preliminary Observations

Preliminary Park Observations

MIG toured Town parks, open space and trails on April 23, 2020, to assess their current condition and opportunities for enhancement. This document summarizes preliminary observations from the tour.

System Wide

- The Town of Frederick manages a **community-oriented park and open space system** that is bolstered with neighborhood parks, two larger destination parks, swaths of open spaces and a well-connected trail system. Generally speaking, sites are well-maintained and cared for by the community.
- The Town has implemented many of the recommendations from the **2010 POST Plan** such as converting engineered wood fiber (EWF) playground surfacing to poured-in-place surfacing, adding park monument signage, adding basic amenities such as benches and dog waste stations.
- There are opportunities to **improve habitat**, ecological function, and nature-based recreation activities such as fishing, nature education, etc. Few drought-tolerant plantings were noted; and drought (or rising water costs) could significantly impact the function and attractiveness of highwater-use landscapes.

Open Space

- The Town owns a significant amount of open space. The most recent acquisition, the Mendoza property is a prime example of how the Town **preserves land for agricultural** uses.
- Frederick owned open spaces provide the community with a **natural rural setting** and act as natural buffers from future development. Current and future opportunities exist to provide (recreation, education, etc.) and/or protect (natural resources, cultural resources, etc.) certain aspects of the land.

Trails

- Where development has occurred, there is a network of **pedestrian/bike trails** and limited barriers to park access. Future residential developments should continue to prioritize trail access, development, and connectivity between existing trail segments.
- Some neighborhoods appear more **isolated from trails and parks** than other. Gaps should be identified through a pedestrian/bike access analysis.

Parks

- Some sites are **underutilized** or have unusable park areas; there are opportunities to naturalize or repurpose some park areas for different uses.
- **Amenities and facilities**--both large and small—have mixed ages for equipment. In general, the Town has been successful in upgrading the equipment in many park sites. Continuing upgrades through an on-going capital improvements program to address deferred maintenance issues in older parts of the Town should continue.
- Most parks support **traditional outdoor recreation uses** including play, picnicking, and active recreation. There is an opportunity to provide a greater variety of facilities across the parks system and consider new trends and future uses when replacing/repairing existing amenities and facilities.
- Most parks feature a **turf area**, but few of these are usable for informal field sports due to their size and unevenness. The Town may want to select key neighborhood parks to improve the turf area to accommodate more turf-based activities.
- **Shade trees** are needed at most parks to increase user comfort. Evergreen trees were noted at numerous parks and appear healthy and offer year-round shade and a memorable character. Newer trees were noted at a few sites in what appears to be an on-going tree planting program.
- There's an opportunity to create **design standards** that dictate what range of facilities and support amenities should be included in each park. These standards will then be applied to new park development.
- There is an opportunity for Frederick's parks to better reflect the **demographic needs** of the surrounding neighborhood. Many older sites provide the same mix of park amenities and facilities, rather than having unique features suited to the diversity of age and income of nearby residents. (e.g., perimeter paths, nature play and pickle ball, etc.)
- While parks are relatively well-maintained, challenges to **updating older park facilities** and amenities were noted. The Master Plan should consider a plan for updating facilities and amenities throughout the Town.
- The Town has made improvements to some parks to **host events**. Crist Park looks well equipped to handle events at various scales by incorporating electrical outlets and a stage/gazebo.

Altogether, Frederick's extensive park and recreation system provides residents with essential needs to improve their quality of life. The preliminary observations information found in this memo will inform the next phase in the planning process, which includes gathering community. Ultimately, all input and assessments will comprise the Frederick Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan.