AGENDA

In-Person Meeting | Board, Staff, and Public

1. Public Comment
2. Arts Community Updates
   a. Arts Master Plan Updates
   b. Estes Arts District
   c. Art Center of Estes Park
   d. Fine Arts Guild of the Rockies
3. Trustee Liaison Updates
4. Approval of Minutes dated June 16, 2022 (packet)
5. Thumb Open Space Dedication
6. Veterans Monument Donation: Space Force Rock
7. Mrs. Walsh’s Garden
8. Parks Update
9. Other Business
   Adjourn
Minutes of a Regular meeting of the PARKS ADVISORY BOARD of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 16th day of June, 2022.

Board: Chair Elliot; Vice-Chair Poggenpohl; Members Berry, Papineau, and Wilcocks

Attending: Chair Elliot; Members Berry, Papineau, and Wilcocks; Trustee Younglund; Supervisor Berg; and Recording Secretary McDonald. Also attending were Presenters John P. Bostron, Joe Calvin, and Carey Stevanus (Estes Park Veterans Monument Committee)

Absent: Vice-Chair Poggenpohl

Chair Elliot called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

TRUSTEE LIAISON UPDATES
Trustee Younglund advised that the Town Board approved the renaming of Children’s Park to Women’s Heritage Plaza; the kids’ recreation area will remain there. Funding for Estes Arts District will continue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MAY 19, 2022
It was moved and seconded (Berry/Papineau) to approve the May 19, 2022, meeting minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

THUMB OPEN SPACE DEDICATION
Supervisor Berg advised that PAB members should have received an invitation for the Grand Opening of Thumb Open Space on June 30 at 3:00 p.m. Since there were two types of event invitations, it was requested that the invitations be resent for clarity.

ARTS MASTER PLAN UPDATES
Supervisor Berg and Trustee Younglund explained the Town Board’s historical position that the Arts Master Plan (AMP) be fully researched, developed, and maintained by the local arts community. Discussion points included whether a long-term vision for the arts in Estes Park could succeed, particularly in the business community, without some sort of official endorsement from the Town; the AMP’s dependence upon the Town’s support in order to qualify for certain grant funds; the Town’s lack of adequate expertise, funds, and staff to manage any component of the AMP; whether the purpose of the PAB encompasses its involvement in public art beyond the existing Art in Public Places (AIPP)
program, which places art on Town-owned property only; the comparison of the PAB’s AMP efforts to the Complete Streets proposal, which was championed by the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB); and the possibility of the Estes Arts District utilizing the research and resources provided by Vice-Chair Poggenpohl and Member Wilcocks in the recent months. Chair Elliot advised that the arts community could present their ideas at a future PAB meeting for feedback, or that they could speak during the Public Comment period during a future Town Board Meeting.

VETERANS MONUMENT DONATION: SPACE FORCE ROCK
Chair Elliot welcomed Veterans Committee members Bostron, Calvin, and Stevanus to present the proposal of adding a Space Force Rock memorial to Veterans Monument Park, a project originally conceived by the late Laverne Mertz, a US Navy veteran. Discussion points included the desired placement of the rock; plaque design details; shopping and installation plans; maintenance needs; and whether the project could be fully completed by Veterans Day, November 11. A permit is not needed. It was agreed that the Veterans Committee would prepare final project plans for the PAB to approve prior to seeking the Town Board’s consent.

MRS. WALSH’S GARDEN: EPHS AIPP APPLICATION
These five sculptures were created by Estes Park High School (EPHS) art students, donated to Jane Bush, and would be loaned to Mrs. Walsh’s Garden for the summer. It was agreed that this artwork brings a “kid touch” to the Garden. It was moved and seconded (Wilcocks/Berry) to accept this AIPP donation, and the motion passed unanimously.

PARKS UPDATE
Supervisor Berg advised that annuals are almost done being planted, with the last order arriving today. There has been some damage from elk and foot traffic. Irrigation is slightly behind. Big Thompson Recreation Area is pending the completion of shelters, refinement of the boulder, and landscaping. Member Papineau reminded the PAB of the June 18 Monitored Weed Drop-Off event.

OTHER BUSINESS
Chair Elliot asked Trustee Younglund about the status of member applications for the PAB. Trustees have been assigned to interview any qualified applicants.

There being no further business, Chair Elliot adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Lani McDonald, Recording Secretary