

Fruita Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: December 4, 2023 @ 5:33pm

Roll Call:

- Bill Cummins
- Shannon Wadas
- Shanachie Carroll
- Steven Sparks
- Lou Brackett
- Marc Mancuso

Approval Of September Minutes:

- Motion to Approve: Bill Cummins
- Second to Approve: Lou Brackett
- Vote Carries to Approve Previous Minutes: Unanimous

Public Comment:

- Cassie Smith Present, Ph. 970-200-7364
- Kodells Trail Head Update
- CDOT involved in redeveloping/future development of that area.
- Traffic Counts and Access to Kingsview Subdivision In Consideration
- Shannon Wadas Update: Has been in communication with CDOT and BLM. This property is a non-conforming area for a trailhead and is a difficult trailhead property by either organization due to access, area, and available access.
- Kingsview Subdivision Expansion Plan allows for access to the trail system and would be off Hwy 340. This would allow safer access and proper parking for the trail system.
- The developer has planned a 10-space parking lot to access a network of in-development trails that would allow access to the Kodells trail system.
- A new traffic study will take place for impact on Hwy 340 and Kingsview. This study could have many effects on the property directly adjacent to Hwy 340.
- The existing property is BLM property but as it is next to a state highway, CDOT would need to be involved.
- The best option for the City of Fruita to be able to control this access would be to look in to the possibility to work with the developer of the Kingsview Subdivision Expansion on location, access, size of roads and size of access.
- This topic will be tabled for further discussion to see what impact the City of Fruita can have on future development.

City Council Update:

- Discussion on Future Roll of City Council Member Liaisons and impact on boards directly.
- PRAB By-Law Changes Discussed: Members will brainstorm on a list of proposed changes to take to City Council and present at the next board meeting.

Parks and Recreation Department Update: Marc Mancuso

- Budget from Mesa County will be delayed, overall budget will be determined after the county provides the City of Fruita with budget numbers.
- Soccer goal posts have been ordered.
- Mike the Headless Chicken costume will be upgraded.
- Irrigation Filter Replacement Upgraded
- New Pool Heaters and Chemical Feeders are in process.
- Fitness equipment upgrades are in process.
- Fruita Rec Center water slide should be in process the second quarter of 2024.
- Office expansion to help accommodate the new water slide.
- Downtown, self-cleaning restroom is being discussed and planned.
- New vault toilet has been approved for Snooks Bottom
- Additional budget being allocated to the Fruita Bark Park for amenities such as benches, etc.
- Update on Reed Park, demo starts next Monday, December 11, 2024.
- Skate Park should start April 2024 and finish by July 2024.
- Proposals have been submitted for the use of the merry-go-round.

Next Meeting:

- January 8th, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:44pm