



## **AGENDA**

### **TOWN OF DOLORES COLORADO**

#### **PARK/PLAYGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 14, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

**In Person at 420 Central Ave, or**

**Virtually, please see the Town Website at:**

**<https://townofdolores.colorado.gov>**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**4. ACTION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**5. ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** From the November 9th

**5. CITIZENS COMMENTS: (5 minutes only):** Citizens may comment at this time ONLY.

**6. CONTINUING BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:**

**6.1 Discussion:** Mission/Vision Statement

**6.2 Discussion:** GOCO Grant Update

**6.3 Discussion:** Parks Committee Public Outreach

**6.4 Discussion:** Adult Exercise Equipment

**7. New Business:**

**7.1** 2002 Parks Handprint, Picket, Bricks fundraiser

**8. Adjournment**



**MINUTES**  
**DOLORES PARKS /PLAYGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**November 9th, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING WAS BE HELD AT DOLORES TOWN HALL 420 CENTRAL AVENUE

<https://townofdolores.colorado.gov>

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Robinson opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:** Committee Members present: Commissioner Audrey Mosher, Commissioner Mari Chubbuck, Commissioner Jacob Carloni, Chairman Hugh Robinson, and Ex-Officio Grigg, Commissioner Nikki Gillespie- absent

**Staff:** Manager Paul Rudd Ruud, and Treasurer Heather Robertson

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** No conflicts were identified.

**4. ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Ex-Officio Grigg moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Second by Commissioner Chubbuck.

**5. ACTION APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Ex-Officio Grigg moved to approve minutes from September 14th & October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, Commissioner Carloni seconded.

**6. CITIZENS COMMENTS: (5 minutes only)** Citizens may comment at this time only. No comments made by the public in person.

**7. NEW BUSINESS/DUSCUSSION:**

Welcome New Parks Committee Commissioner Audrey Mosher

**8. CONTINUING BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:**

Community Garden Update- Amber Lansing- Director Dolores Family Project (sponsored by the Good Samaritan): Main program through the Dolores Family Project is the “backpack program”. Through this program backpacks full of food including local meats, cheese, eggs, fruits, and vegetables are sent home every week to families in need. This time of year, it is difficult to find produce and vegetables for the food pantry which is the driving factor for the Community Garden. All the harvest from the garden goes to the food pantry at the Dolores Southern Baptist Church. This space was offered to the program 8 years ago but has just started being utilized. The program also offers gleaning services to local community members for fruit to go into backpacks. There is also a focus on traditional foods being grown in the community garden for tribal families in the area. This year was the first grow season for the garden. Last year cover crops and flowers were planted, but this was the first-year food was grown for the pantry. There were four classes held at the community garden during which most of the planting of

the garden was done. Two of those classes were through the Dolores Elementary Summer School program, one through the Montezuma Land Conservancy Agriculture Immersion Program, and the other through the Common Ground Community Garden Program. Recently more classes are being held by the Ag class at the Dolores school in the garden. The total amount of produce grown in the garden this year is as follows:

- Carrots- 22lbs
- Potatoes- 36lbs
- Chilis- 6lbs
- Tomatoes- 31lbs
- Squash- 32lbs
- Onions 19lbs
- Beets- 18lbs
- Peas- 10lbs
- Lettuce- 4lbs
- Kale- 6lbs
- Garlic- 9lbs
- Chard- 6lbs
- **Total- 199lbs**

Ex-Officio Grigg was a big help watering and guiding Amber on what to plant and where in the garden. There was a contest held by the Chamber for designs by local artists for the creation of a new sign for the garden which was painted by a Dolores high school student. A shed for the garden was also just recently finished being built. The majority of the materials were donated from carpenters in Telluride. The goal for next year is to double the amount of produce grown this year. Chairman Robinson asked about the possibility of drip irrigation being used at the garden in the future. Amber says the issue is getting the water to pump up over the beds, but they are exploring different options. Commissioner Carloni asked if there was a frost free spicket at the garden other than the one next to the pavilion, and Chairman Robinson stated the town had installed one right next to the garden. Ex-Officio Grigg asked how we could better retain more volunteers next year. There was discussion about where to recruit volunteers and how to keep them engaged as well as keeping the different groups on a scheduled rotation. There was discussion on if it would be beneficial to include lots for locals in the garden, but there have been issues in surrounding communities with cross pollination, the lots not being maintained, etc. More people have reached out about volunteering since the sign has been up. Commissioner Carloni suggested putting a sign on the river trail that points out the garden. Amber is hoping to have more time to invest in the garden next year as well.

- GOCO Grant Update- Commissioner Carloni met with Emily Spahn who is writing the grant earlier that day. They had discussed getting a letter writing campaign going in support of the growth of Joe Rowell Park. The committee discussed who to source those letters from before the application deadline on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Emily is trying to get a draft letter created to distribute to those willing to participate. There was discussion on what needs to go into that draft. Commissioner Chubbuck suggested getting that draft posted on Facebook and the Town website in a Google form. Emily is also going to have a meeting with the new GOCO representative. A wildlife review needs to be signed off on before the possibility of the application being approved. Ex-Officio Grigg's son, who is the Senior

Biologist for this region will sign off on this review. Commissioner Chubbuck was a board member for baseball and would be willing to write a letter on behalf of the baseball organization. Manager Paul Rudd mentioned that at the next board meeting there would be a resolution presented in support of the GOCO grant and there would be discussion regarding the grant. He requested some of the park's members be present for that meeting. Manager Paul Rudd mentioned a big topic for discussion would most likely be the matching funds required for the park project. Commissioner Carloni mentioned he has been meeting with Erin from American Ramp Company to discuss numbers regarding the Skate/Bike Park. He also mentioned a donor has reached out to the committee and would like to contribute \$85,000 to the bike park. Another \$3,000 was received from the VERGA foundation. Osprey has made contributions as well and Commissioner Carloni mentioned making a proposal to them for additional funding. The different phases of the park project as well as a breakdown of funding and timeline for those projects were discussed. Ex-Officio Grigg requested Emily presenting an update on the GOCO application at the next board meeting. Manager Paul Rudd suggested that Emily and other Parks members being present at the board meeting could strengthen buy in for this project from not only the board but the community as well. Commissioner Carloni and Chairman Robinson agreed to attend the meeting. Commissioner Chubbuck asked about fundraising through the bike park group. Commissioner Carloni said they would be meeting the following Tuesday to discuss the second and hopefully final design draft of the skate/bike park and identifying funding sources. Treasurer Heather Robertson also mentioned that the second half of \$27,000 of funding from Onward to American Ramp Company for planning/design had been utilized earlier that week.

- Parks Committee Public Outreach- Chairman Robinson stated the committee would like to engage in more public outreach once the grant has been approved and would like to get a plan in place as far as content and distribution of information. There was discussion about putting an insert in the water bill that includes a list of frequently asked questions and answers as well as a recap of the work that has been done by the committee thus far.

- Adult Exercise Equipment- Commissioner Carloni heard back from the engineers of the equipment. He said after consulting with them we do not need a concrete pad to be able to install equipment, but we do need to install footers. There was discussion about the fact there are two different specs for equipment and the model we have does not need a concrete pad, but it was suggested the town verify this before moving forward. There was also discussion on the layout of current equipment regarding water lines and other possible barriers and the acquisition of future pieces of equipment. There was also discussion on what it would take to move forward with getting that equipment in the ground and Commissioner Carloni will schedule a meeting with Building Official David Doudy and Public Works Director Randy McGuire to move forward with that project. There was also discussion on getting mulch to put around the base of the equipment and the possibility of using remaining 2023 lottery funds towards this project.

**10. Adjournment:** 7:16 p.m.