

MINUTES
for
PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 27, 2019 ~ 6:00pm
Dolores Town Hall

1. Call to Order
 - a. Committee Chair Kalin Grigg called meeting to order at 6:02pm.
2. Roll Call
 - a. PRESENT: Kalin Grigg, Lisa Holz, Marianne Mate
 - b. ABSENT: Tracy Murphy, Nikki Gillespie
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. No vote, only 3 committee members present.
4. Approval of the January 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - a. No vote, only 3 committee members present.
5. Citizens to address the Committee (*3 minutes per person*)
 - a. Mollie Wolf expressed believes there is a critical need for a dog park. There is no place in town where dogs can be off leash and dogs are social animals, they benefit from being around other dogs. It would also become a community meeting place. Would need adequate parking and could serve populations who can not 'walk' their dogs - elderly, disabled. She will gather more information and bring it back to our committee.
 - b. Marianne Mate offered that it would have to be fenced - and the old Forest Service lot is already fenced. Also, we are surrounded by public lands on which dogs are allowed.
 - c. Kalin Grigg mentioned the differentiation between dogs being 'at-large' vs 'on-leash.' At this point, no one is being penalized for having dogs off-leash but under voice control in the town parks as far as he knows. We will also confirm with the town code about current regulations.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Update on fundraising efforts
 - i. Town Manager put together a fact sheet for Dolores Playground Group (DPG) to use for fundraising efforts/guidelines.
 - ii. Angie Stanley said that DPG will be meeting next month.
7. New Business
 - a. Committee members offer new information on park ideas
 - i. Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project: we would like to know more about the planned orchard in Joe Rowell Park - perhaps we could invite

them to a meeting to provide us information? Or get the MOU from the town so we can take a look at our next meeting?

- ii. General consensus is that we'd like to work with other town bodies (P&Z, Board of Trustees, staff) to develop similar/complementary strategies for moving forward with updates to the Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Code, Parks Plan and integration with the Trails + Mobility Plan. Where do the parks fit into the Comprehensive Plan? Can we get these documents into digital and editable format? We will start planning a time to meet as a committee with P&Z.
- iii. Kalin Grigg: Town Manager is meeting with the athletic director at Dolores High School about needs/field utilization; Kalin has been encouraged to attend Chamber of Commerce meetings, regarding promotion of field events and enhanced field usage; connect with Jerry Whited about starting a softball league?
- iv. Marianne Mate: 1. Researching cost of soccer goals and reinvigorating the soccer program in Dolores. The cost of soccer goals varies from \$119 per 6'x8' goals to up in the thousands. I have a call into Jeff Yarbrough who runs Tri-City Soccer to see what would work best for the youth teams and am guessing the lower end would be fine. I spoke with Rosa Diamond at Cortez Rec and she gave me Jeff's number and other info. I think this is a very feasible project for Dolores Parks. I'll update the committee at our next meeting with more information and reach out to a few parents who expressed interest in forming Dolores based teams. || 2. Sand Volleyball court-in doing the research this is more involved than I expected. Preparing a permanent site would require excavation, laying a gravel base and then sand base. I contacted Stone Gravel and a regulation size court in materials (sand/gravel) would be appx. \$4,000. Once in place maintenance would be required, occasional raking, replacement of nets and borders. There is a lot info out there on building a regulation court. Cortez charges \$75 per 4 person team and has weekly games in season with referees and a tournament. This kind of recreational asset may not make sense for Dolores cost wise.
- v. Lisa Holz: I did a general search for information regarding fitness equipment in public parks and came across the following trends: it's becoming more and more common to find fitness equipment around / adjacent to playgrounds so that caregivers can use it while children play; serves a population of people who like to exercise outside and utilize gym-like equipment, though maybe can't afford gym memberships; can definitely be accessible for people of all abilities; depending on the number of elements, could range from a few thousand dollars to tens of

thousands - could easily start with a few and add on over time; Play By Design (one of the companies which provided initial schematics) offers elders' wellness and fitness equipment

- vi. Tracy Murphy (via email prior to meeting): It seems that there is a fair amount of thought that needs to be put into designing a course. I have seen suggestions that every hole should have about an acre of land. So a 9 hole course would be ~10 acres. That is probably the size we are looking at. These two links have literally all the info required to set up a permanent course, and contacts for course designers:

<https://www.discgolf.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2017-DGA-Disc-Golf-Course-Development-Guide-sm.pdf>

<https://www.discgolf.com/designing-disc-golf-courses/>

This link is for a site that sells permanent disc golf holes. Prices vary, but for permanent holes the cost seems to be \$250 to \$400 each, though I have seen higher priced as well.

<https://discgolfbaskets.com/collections/permanent-disc-golf-baskets>

Perhaps Randy would know more detail about current holes?

- 8. Workshop (set date if we need/want one)
 - a. Not at this time.
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Committee Chair Kalin Grigg adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm.