

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From: Parks, Recreation and Museums Advisory Board  
Date: February 19, 2019  
Re: 2019 Parks, Recreation and Museums Advisory Board Work Plan

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Golden's national recognized parks and recreation system continues to contribute to healthy, active resident lifestyles. The board is honored to advise the City Council and assist the staff in their mission to promote and provide safe and comprehensive community facilities, programs and services to enrich the quality of life for all residents and visitors. Our work plan for the year is as follows.

#### Funding and prioritization

The Parks, Recreation and Museums Advisory Board (PRAMB) seeks to champion Golden's continued efforts in promoting community health while maintaining existing assets with limited funding resources. As such, we will seek opportunities to work on projects with outside funding and partnerships with local organizations to stretch limited financial resources to achieve community goals. Additionally, we will assist staff in assessing additional resources through possible increased fees and charges. The board is looking forward to help staff assess services, engage the public and find a balance of community needs and financing.

Through our participation in the Golden Investment Task Force, we are aware that the city has a multitude of competing capital improvement projects (CIP) without matched funding. Hence, we continue to prioritize our CIP requests using the 2016 community survey findings and outcomes from the Golden Investment Task Force. Both indicate that parks and recreation resources and connectivity to surrounding open space assets and regional trails are cherished by residents and are priorities for improvement. Open space acquisition itself was the top priority for Golden residents surveyed through the Task Force. As one of our duties is to advise on open space, the board will continue discussion on the topic and provide the public with ways to engage in the conversation.

#### Board collaboration

The board is excited to continue integrating our work with other city boards and commissions. We are devising a plan to send PRAMB members to other board meetings, rotating throughout the year. Additionally, our board would like to work with the Public Art Commission on a possible interactive art installation in the parks. We would also like to work with DDA and GURA on the possibility of funding improvements to Parfet Park, including a long prioritized north trail connectivity from Parfet to Vanover to assist in traffic flow of the Clear Creek Corridor.

#### Museums

The board is proud to note that the Golden History Museum has seen record levels of turnout already this year. The board will continue to support the museums

through advisement as needed, including with the changes to the Astor House. The Investment Task Force also noted substantial support for cultural programming in the community and we will use this information to prioritize resources going forward.

### Community Process

Our board adopted a special interest request process in 2017 that provides a standard for making decisions and transparency to requestors about whether their project will be moved forward and why. In 2018, we used that process during the discussions for a proposed single track sidewalk pilot project. This topic garnered a lot of attention from the board and community. We were the first board to use Guiding Golden, we heard public comment during several board meetings and we hosted a public comment session. Through it all, we found there were opportunities to improve the process. Therefore, the board will accept suggestions for improvement and update the process this year.

### City Council Process

In the future, we would like to pursue more of a dialogue with Council as proposals are moving forward to establish an understanding on how we can best meet their advising needs.

### Summary projects

The advisory board anticipates focusing on the following areas throughout the coming year in support of our goals:

- Review and revise the special interest request process
- Obtain community feedback on projects, proposals and policy as well as listening to the communities' ideas for future projects utilizing our updated special interest request process
- Continue towards fulfilling existing CIP plans and creating new CIP plans
- Identify improvements to Parfet park to help avoid damage to park resources while accommodating special events without significantly diminishing park green space experience
- Advise on prioritization of work items found in the Master Plan to provide recreation opportunities and enhance community health
- Work towards connecting resources throughout the city to enhance active transportation, and promote safe commuting opportunities
- Collaborate with external groups (Jeffco, CSM, surrounding communities, community groups, etc.) to provide a cohesive experience to users as they transition between adjacent assets
- Reach an agreement with JeffCo for maintenance and/or re-routing Lubahn trail
- Continue engagement with council, other boards and commissions and city departments working towards collaboration and information sharing
- Actively participate in and advise on open space, park space projects to enhance connectivity and recreational opportunities, along with any additional projects assigned by City Council

- Maintain and refresh museums' resources, advising where needed
- Advise on maintenance of existing infrastructure and resources
- Continue participation in existing and additional task forces, including special events, Washington Ave improvement, board collaboration group and others as needed

#### New board member suggestions

In support of the aforementioned goals and activities, desired skills of board member candidates in the upcoming selection process include:

- Interest/experience in museum programming
- Desire to listen to and engage with the community in an open minded and positive way
- Knowledge of/user of Golden's Parks System, recreational amenities and surrounding open space
- Experience interfacing and collaborating with organizations, such as open space boards, college boards, planning boards, etc.
- Demonstration of passion for community involvement, leadership or volunteering
- Able to consider projects in multitude of scales
- Willingness to provide the time commitment to Board activities including Parks, Recreation and Museums Advisory Board Meetings, Study Sessions as well as participation on special task forces and community events
- Geographic distribution of board members as a secondary consideration
  - Current board membership comes from the following Ward breakout:
    - Ward 1- (1) JJ (reapplying)
    - Ward 2- (1) Scott
    - Ward 3- (1) Cynthia (reapplying), Pamela
    - Ward 4- (3) Amirah (reapplying), Catherine (moving), Torsten (term limited)