

GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 -- 7:00 A.M.

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<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes
- 4. Public Input
- 5. Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission Other
- 6. Staff Reports
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
 - A. Election of Chairperson
 - **B.** Election of Vice-Chairperson
 - **C.** Review of Memorial Bench Applications Eric Bloomer (applications attached)
 - 1. Spitze Family
 - 2. Allen Family

9. Upcoming Agendas

- Naming of East Greeley site (vacant property)
- Potential renaming of East Memorial Park
- Cost Recovery Policies
- White-Plumb Farm divestiture and public vote process to remove the property as a "park"
- CPRD Assessment
- COVID-19 updates

10. Next Meeting Set

11. Adjournment

Board members unable to join this meeting, please notify Scott McPherson (Chair) at: simac4946@gmail.com

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 5, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, February 5, 2021 at 7:00am via virtual meeting. Board members joining were: Scott McPherson, Richard Reeser, Clint Torczon, Marshall Parks, Mikyla Silva, Mandi Albano, and Caitlin Alexander. Staff joining were: Andy McRoberts (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas and Trails Superintendent), Scott Schuttenberg (Recreation Superintendent), and Nancy Milton (Office Manager).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – no change

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Clint Torczon to approve the minutes of January 8, 2021. The motion was seconded by Richard Reeser and passed 7-0.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Caitlin Alexander reported the Art Commission approved the purchase of one of the Sculpture on Loan pieces. The annual distribution of coloring books to all third graders will take place in March. Andy McRoberts advised the Board that the coloring book project was slated for elimination in the budget reset due to the pandemic, however a generous private donor provided the funding to continue the program.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Andy McRoberts

• Nothing to add

Eric Bloomer

- Staff are soliciting public input via an online survey concerning the playground replacement at Broadview Park, and will also be posting QR code signage along the park and doing a targeted mailing.
 Scott Schuttenberg
- Scott shared a flyer that has been distributed in both English and Spanish, to the East Greeley
 neighborhood outlining February fitness challenges to help keep the community engaged in healthy
 activities. Fabiola, the Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator, purchased and has distributed several
 fitness trackers and has a few left that residents may request in order to participate.

<u>Justin Scharton</u>

 The Strategic Plan was adopted at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. The design for the East Greeley natural area and Balsam Park is nearly complete. A grant for an additional \$300,000 has been submitted to COGO for much needed additional funding for the project. Bids for the Island Grove Trailhead were opened yesterday and it is anticipated that work may begin by March 1.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. <u>Cost Recovery Policy</u> – Board members were provided with updated information on the project which in is the final phases of policy development. This item will most likely be brought back to the Board in March for recommendation.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>Legally required public notice requirements</u>: The Board is required by State Statue to annually approve a designated posting site for agendas, as well to identify a back-up site for physical posting. It was suggested by Caitlin Alexander, that a notice also be posted at recreation facilities with instructions as to where the information may be found. A motion was made by Richard Reeser to designate the City of Greeley's website, <u>www.greeleygov.com</u>, as the official posting site for meeting notices of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and that the public lobby of City Hall, located at 1000 10th St, be

designated as the backup location for such postings. The motion was seconded by Mandi Albano and passed 7-0.

B. <u>Consideration of Naming Criteria and Policy for Natural Areas and Trails Properties</u>: Justin Scharton gave an overview of the proposed draft that was sent to Board Members for review. Following a discussion by Board members and clarification provided by staff, a motion was made by Mikyla Silva to recommend adoption of the policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Clint Torczon and passed 7-0.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS

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- Potential renaming of East Memorial Park
- Cost Recovery Policies
- White-Plumb Farm divestiture and public vote process to remove the property as a "park"
- CPRD Assessment
- COVID-19 updates
- **10. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 5 at 7am.
- **11. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 8:06am.

Respectfully submitted:

Scott McPherson, Chair

Nancy Milton, Office Manager

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD STAFF REPORTS – March 5, 2021

Andy McRoberts – Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation

- While the majority of operations within the City of Greeley remain in the "red" category of the State of Colorado Status Dial (*attached for reference*), we are now administering youth and adult sports through the "yellow" dimension of the State of Colorado's COVID-19 dial. Essentially, we now have the capacity to have sports activities with up to 25 athletes on a court/field. The previous restriction was no more than 10 athletes on a court/field. These numbers do not include coaches, officials or other staff required for player safety. All persons, including athletes, must still wear a face covering when participating in an indoor sport. Masks are not required for outdoor sports during activity but will be encouraged when athletes are not playing in addition to encouraging social distancing. Sports that are being currently offered include youth soccer, youth flag football, youth boxing, and adult softball. We are also accommodating field rentals to external partners/providers for youth soccer, youth baseball/softball, adult soccer, and adult softball tournaments.
- As a reminder, we are also administering admissions to recreation facilities in the "orange" portion of the dial to accommodate public demand and access to fitness and programs. The Active Adult Center and associated programs remain closed with an anticipated re-opening of May/June.
- hrQ, a management consulting firm, has been hired to conduct a Culture, Parks, and Recreation Departmental Assessment. Staff are accumulating requested data and information and the consultants will be conducting interviews of staff as well as certain Board/Commission members. For the Board's edification, I have attached organizational charts for the Department and each Division/operation.

Eric Bloomer – Parks Superintendent

Parks

• The Communications & Engagement Department has completed the final survey for Broadview Park and it will be active on the City of Greeley website through the Parks tab beginning March 1. The survey will be available for 4 weeks. Staff have been given approval to distribute door hangers in the neighborhood instead of using water bills. More and more citizens utilize email for billing and we feel we will have a better sample size with door hangers. The Parks Planner is also working on preparing an online survey to take place for the Greeley West Playground Replacement.

Forestry

 Staff will have completed a major project helping to coordinate for construction at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There were almost 30 trees relocated to parks throughout the city and approximately 20 trees removed to make room for the expansion. Once the construction is complete, Water Department will replace the 20 removed trees with an appropriate number of new varieties to meet their replacement target.

Linn Grove Cemetery

• Staff are planning for an annual Memorial Day Celebration. The event will be virtual again this year to meet COVID-19 restrictions. More info to come in future meetings.

Scott Schuttenberg - Recreation Superintendent

- Recreation facilities continue to operation at level orange for COVID-19 restrictions. However, beginning March 1, organized sports will begin operating in COVID-19 level yellow. This will allow Recreation to offer youth soccer and flag football as well as adult softball programs this spring.
- Registration will continue through March 12 for spring sports with practices beginning in late March and games beginning in early April.
- Beginning March 1, Recreation Center and Family FunPlex will expand evening and weekend hours.
- Skateboarding lessons will begin March 4.
- Ice Haus Learn to Skate programs, Cub Hockey and Learn to Play Hockey classes will begin March 7.
- Lifeguard Training will be offered at the Recreation Center over spring break March 19-21.
- Swim lessons will begin on March 2.

- New fitness equipment has been installed at the Family FunPlex and Recreation Center.
- Online fitness classes have been a tremendous success. These classes are in a convenient, 45-minute-or-less, format and allow people to participate from anywhere. The schedule includes many of our most popular classes include yoga, Zumba[®], SilverSneakers[®] Circuit and more. Classes are open to all fitness levels and abilities, including all ages.
 - To enroll in the free virtual fitness classes, please email fitness@greeleygov.com. A weekly email will go out including the Zoom link and information about the upcoming week's classes. A copy of the new schedule is available on the Greeley Recreation website.

Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

Trail Counts

- McCloskey TH 3339 total; Monthly Daily Average 108, down 6.6% compared to Dec 2020; YTD Daily Average 205, up 112% compared to same period 2020.
- Mountain Vista TH 2948 total; Monthly Daily Average 95, down 2.5% compared to Dec 2020.
- **Poudre Trail** 5 counters spanning the trail averaged 2,978; with a high of 3,737 at Poudre East to a low at Island Grove, 2,180. Daily average across the trail is up 15% over 2020. Several sections are impacted by construction; Eastman Park and Raindance (Windsor), and Poudre Ponds (Greeley).

Projects & Policy

- Island Grove Trailhead | Contract is being finalized and expected to be executed and a notice to proceed issued to contractor in early March.
- McCloskey Trailhead | Final furnishings provided by a State Trails grant have been ordered and will be installed once delivered, likely in mid-spring.
- Poudre Ponds Water & Sewer project | Construction continues of improvements to ponds for non-potable water storage. NAT and Colorado Parks and Wildlife are partnering on fish habitat improvements within Pond A. No date on Poudre Trail opening yet, full project is still on track to be completed by May.
- East Greeley Natural Area | Final design review and routing through development review is underway, with project out to bid within the next few weeks. NAT submitted a Great Outdoors Colorado Resilient Communities grant for \$300k to help close funding gap for project.

Volunteer Projects (VOC Partnership)

- 2021 NAT project calendar is being finalized with four projects across the community.
- Beth Ray, VOC Weld County Community Partnership Coordinator, had her son Asher on Groundhog Day and will be on maternity leave for the next few months. In her stead, other VOC staff will be working with NAT on volunteer project planning.

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Agenda Summary

March 5, 2021

Eric Bloomer, Culture, Parks and Recreation Department / Parks Superintendent, 350-9394

<u>Title:</u>

Memorial Bench Application – Spitze Family

Background:

This summary is to inform the Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of an application by a citizen to have a memorial bench installed in Glenmere Park. Mrs. Chelsea Spitze has submitted the attached application for a new memorial bench to be installed near the pond. Mrs. Spitze has agreed to the terms of the Parks Division's Memorial Bench program wherein she will be responsible for costs incurred, including the costs of the new bench, by the Parks Division, which is \$3,000.

After walking the location, I recommend the board approve one of the two locations identified by the blue squares on the provided aerial map. Either of the locations are favorable for the view of the park and pond, and there are no other benches within several hundred feet. The spot near the playground will provide pond viewing for parents while still close to the playground. The alternative area near the gazebo will also provide an excellent view of the pond and island.

Decision Options:

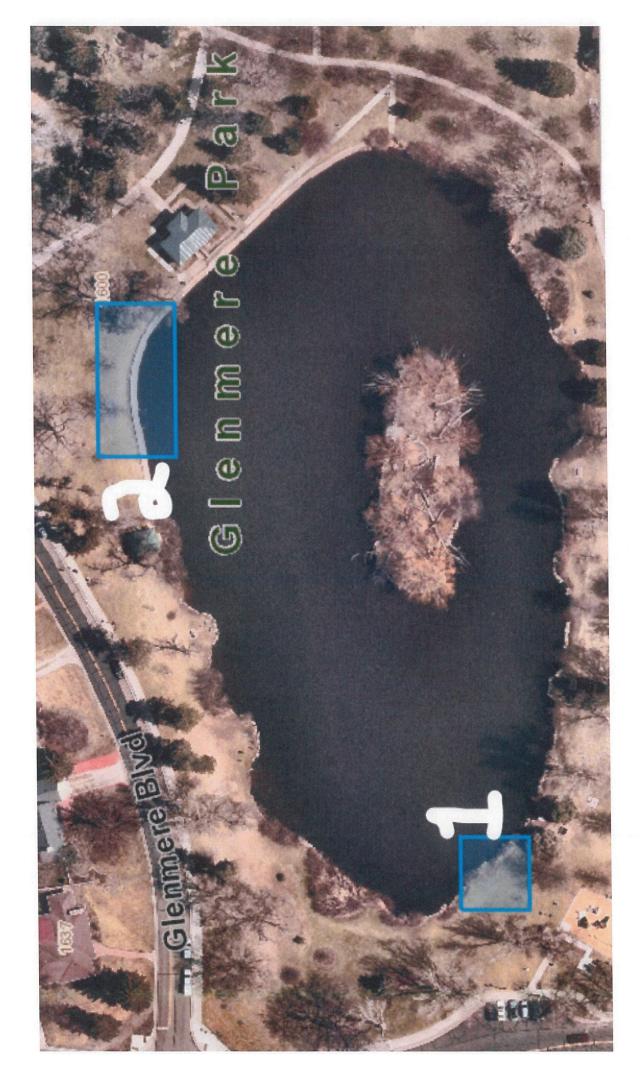
Staff requests a recommendation from the Board to approve one recommended location or deny the new bench installation completely and recommended formal Motion language is as follows:

Suggested motion(s)

- I move to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench installation for the Spitze family at Glenmere Park as presented by option 1 or 2.
- I move to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench installation for the Spitze family at Glenmere Park with the following amendments: (be specific)
- I move to reject the Memorial Bench installation for the Spitze family at Glenmere Park as presented.

Attachments:

- Ariel photo of Glenmere with proposed locations highlighted
- Original application



Memorial Bench OR Commemorative Tree	Application
Yourname Chelsea Spitze	Brenda Spitze
Your address 119 Capstone Ct, Napa, CA 94559	1714 22nd Ave, Greeky
Phone #s: Home Chelsea (510)409-2366 Work Brenda	1 1-6
E-mail address Chelseacarissa@amail.com	
Name of park/natural area/site requested: <u>Glenmere</u> Park	< ("one of our ("happy places")
MEMORIAL BENCH: Style: Commercial Metal Strap Bench (Bronze Plage	ue optional)
Plaque inscription: As described under plaque verbiage guidelines: Forever Loved and Alwars Missech Line 1 In Loving Memory of a great dad and Line 2 Dr. Terril Christian Spitze Line 3 6-13-50 to 1-16-21	nd grandfather
Approximate desired location & other notes/special requests: Near + in law Brenda Spitze (661-754-1725) could m help pick or view the options available.	he lake. My sister eet with someone to
COMMEMORATIVE TREE: Species:	
(For advice regarding species, contact the Forestry Manager at <u>shiloh.hatcher@greele</u>	<u>eygov.com</u> or at 970-339-2436.)
Park and location:	
The certificate will be printed and the plaque will be inscribed using the following the following the following the second seco	lowing information:
(CIRCLE ONE) In memory of To honor In recognition of Other (spe	ecify)
Name of person being memorialized or honored	
Donated by: First Last F	Phone
Donor/Applicant Signature: Mail to: Eric Bloomer, Parks Superintendent, City of Greeley, Parks Division, 16 Or email to: <u>parks@greeleygov.com</u>	Date: <u>ス - みみ -</u> み\ 07 C Street, Greeley, CO 80631
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY APPROVED DATE:	DENIED DATE:

City of Greeley Department of Culture, Parks and Recreation

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Agenda Summary

March 5, 2021

Eric Bloomer, Culture, Parks and Recreation Department / Parks Superintendent, 350-9394

<u>Title:</u>

Memorial Bench Application – Allen Family

Background:

This summary is to inform the Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of an application by a citizen to have a memorial bench installed in Glenmere Park. Mrs. Maggie Allen has submitted the attached application for a new memorial bench to be installed near the pond. Mrs. Allen has agreed to the terms of the Parks Division's Memorial Bench program wherein she will be responsible for costs incurred, including the costs of the new bench, by the Parks Division, which is \$3,000.

After walking the location, I recommend the board approve the location identified by the red square on the provided aerial map. The location is favorable for the view of the park and pond, there are no other benches within several hundred feet and, the location is near the former residence of the family. Finally, the site will have a significant amount of shaded canopy giving users a respite from the sun.

Decision Options:

Staff requests a recommendation from the Board to approve or deny the new bench installation and recommended formal Motion language is as follows:

Suggested motion(s)

- I move to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench installation for the Allen family at Glenmere Park as presented.
- I move to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench installation for the Allen family at Glenmere Park with the following amendments: (be specific)
- I move to reject the Memorial Bench installation for the Allen family at Glenmere Park as presented.

Attachments:

- Ariel photo of Glenmere with proposed location highlighted
- Original application

Greeley C. PRED MEMORIAL BENCH AND COMMEMORATIVE TREE APPLICATION

BENCH CRITERIA

Commercial Metal Strap bench, with optional plaque

\$3000

1. Donor will be obligated to pay the fee to begin the process. The fee covers:

A. Cost of bench (including shipping and handling) and a 3" x 9" plaque, if desired, with:

1	st Line	"In Loving Memory" or similar verbiage
2	nd Line	Name of Individual being memorialized
	3 rd Line	Years of life of Individual being memorialized

B. Permanent concrete base on which to place the bench 7' x 12' x 4" thick

- C. Cost of any landscape materials (sod, irrigation, etc.) needed to restore area
- 2. All memorial benches paid for by the donor will become property of the City of Greeley with the understanding that there are no guarantees as to replacement or repairs due to wear and tear, vandalism, etc. Parks Superintendent will base bench repair/replacement decisions on budget priorities. Donor is responsible for replacing plaque if future damage or vandalism occurs.

3. Ordering process:

A. Fill out and submit application to Park Superintendent.

- B. Park Superintendent will notify donor of approval/denial. Bench placements will adhere to ADA guidelines.
- C. Donor will be invoiced for the total amount for the bench and installation.
- **D.** Upon receipt of payment, Parks staff will order the bench (allow six to eight week delivery time). Donor will be notified upon arrival of bench to discuss weather-dependent installation timeline.

COMMEMORATIVE TREE CRITERIA

Young deciduous or evergreen tree \$350

- 1. Donor is obligated to pay the fee to begin the process.
- 2. All trees will become property of the City of Greeley with the understanding that the City will provide planting materials, labor and future maintenance. Commemorative tree will receive yearly inspections and individual care and maintenance by City staff. If the tree dies, the City will provide a one-time replacement with an equivalent 2" caliper tree.
- 3. An existing living tree within a City park or natural area may also be selected as a Commemorative Tree (same fee).
- 4. Ordering process:
 - A. Fill out and submit application form for approval.
 - B. Forestry staff will notify donor of approval/denial.
 - C. Each commemoration will be engraved on a brass "leaf," which will be added to the official Tree of Recognition located within the Greeley Family FunPlex, 1501 65th Avenue. One certificate with a map showing the actual location of the Commemorative Tree will be provided to the requestor upon completion of the planting or dedication.
 - D. Donors are welcome to organize a ceremonial tree planting.

Memorial Bench <u>OR</u> Commemorative Tree Application

Your name _____ Your address

clos Lane, Loveland 80538

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Phone #s: Home $970 - 301 - 3814$ Work
E-mail address <u>Maggreaten 1949@Yakoo.com</u> Name of park/natural area/site requested: <u>Genmerc</u> Park
MEMORIAL BENCH: Style: Commercial Metal Strap Bench (Bronze Plaque optional)
Plaque inscription: As described under plaque verbiage guidelines:
Line 1 <u>Garth and John Allen</u> Line 2 <u>Father and Son</u> Line 3 <u>Forever Together</u>
Approximate desired location & other notes/special requests: Our family Lived at 1633 Glenmere Blud. for 34 years and would Love to have the ben put across the street in Glenmere Park. Magnie Allen
COMMEMORATIVE TREE: Species: 970-301-3814
(For advice regarding species, contact the Forestry Manager at <u>shiloh.hatcher@greeleygov.com</u> or at 970-339-2436.) Park and location:
The certificate will be printed and the plaque will be inscribed using the following information:
(CIRCLE ONE) In memory of To honor In recognition of Other (specify)
Donated by:
First Last Phone
Donor/Applicant Signature: Date: <u>37/-3776</u> Mail to: Eric Bloomer, Parks Superintendent, City of Greeley, Parks Division, 1607 C Street, Greeley, CO 80631 Or email to: <u>parks@greeleygov.com</u>

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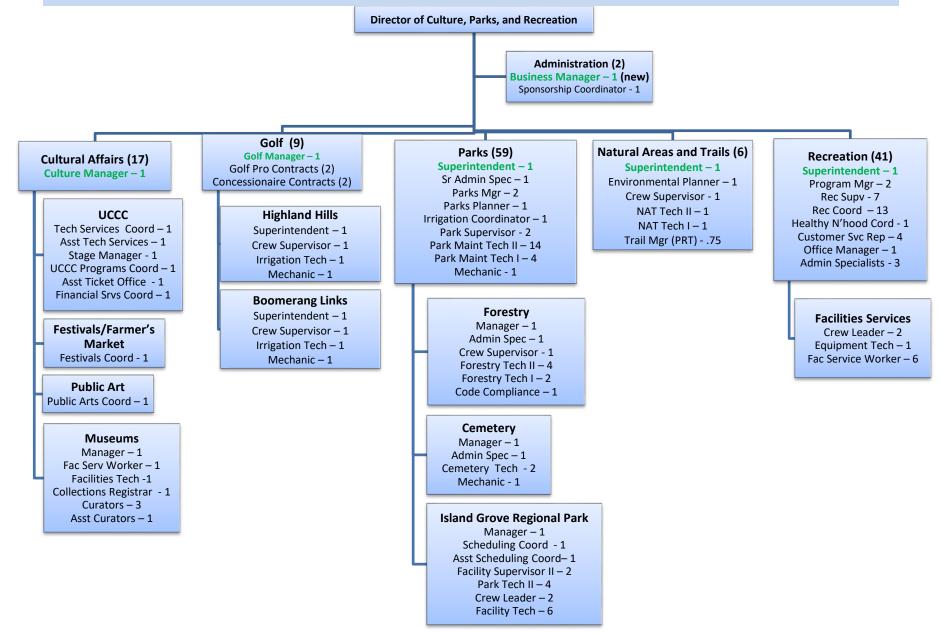
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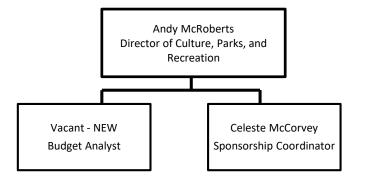
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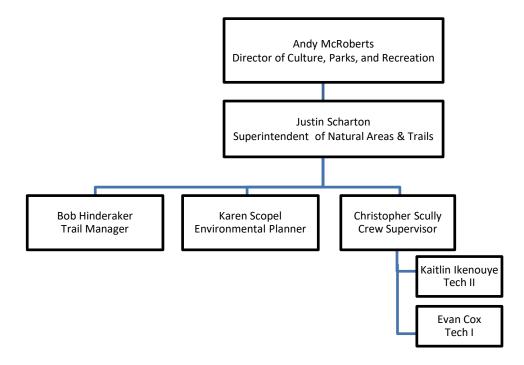
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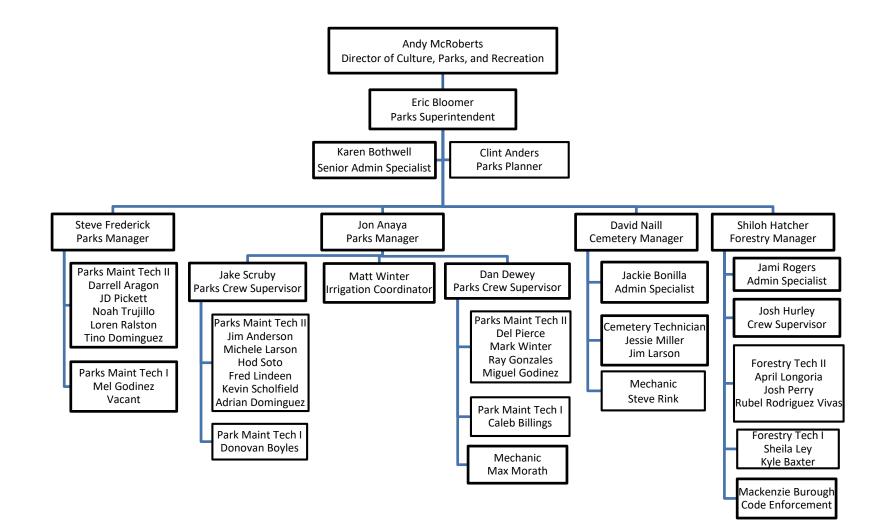
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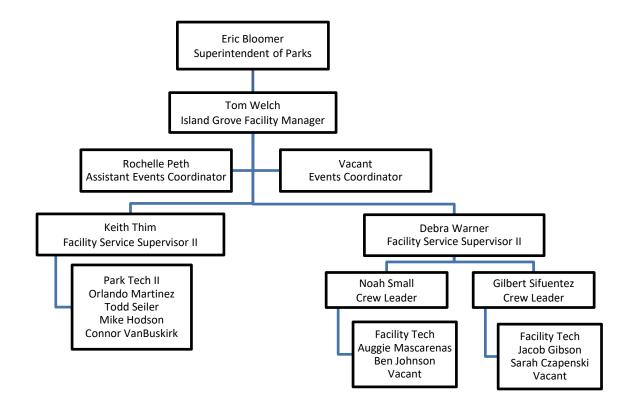
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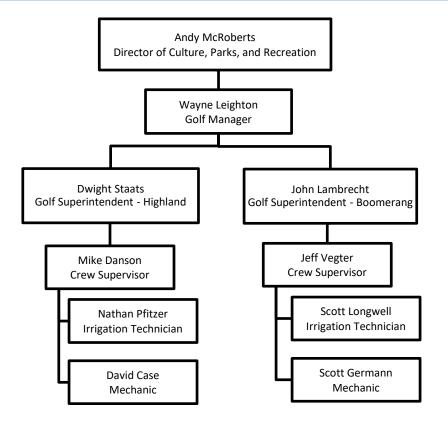
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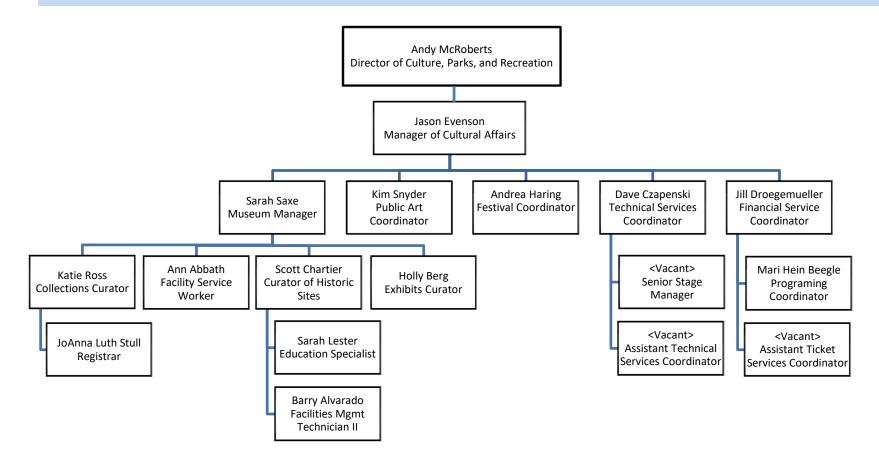
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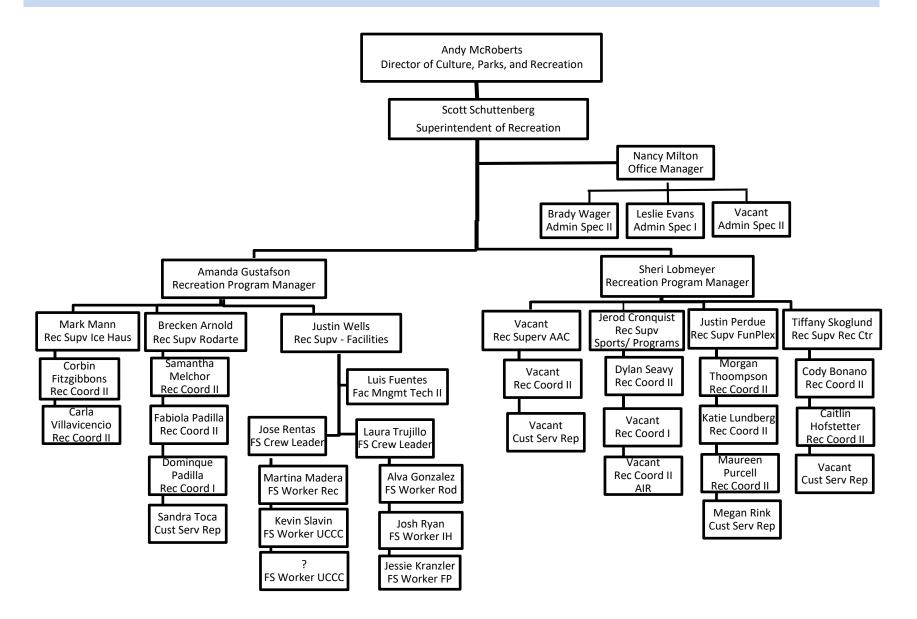
Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department GOLF



Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department CULTURE, MUSEUMS, AND PUBLIC ART



Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department RECREATION



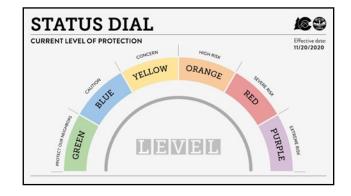
COVID-19 FACT SHEET Colorado's Dial Framework



Department of Public Health & Environment

During this pandemic, Colorado is working to make life as sustainable as possible, while ensuring we do not surpass our public health and health care capacities. Different levels of "openness," standardized at the county level, will help maintain this delicate balance.

This framework recognizes unique local circumstances using an intuitive dial to visualize a community's success in containing the spread of COVID-19. By increasing simplicity and predictability, local communities have another tool to make life amidst the pandemic more sustainable until COVID-19 vaccines become widely available.



This dial includes six levels, from least to most restrictive.

Details for each level outline specific metrics and how many people can participate in various activities at one time.

The six levels

- 1. Level Green Protect Our Neighbors: Local public health agencies are able to contain surges in cases and outbreaks through testing, case investigation, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, site-specific closures, and enforcement of public health orders.
- 2. Level Blue Caution: This is less restrictive than Level Yellow, for counties with low virus transmission but that have not yet achieved Protect Our Neighbors.
- 3. Level Yellow Concern: The baseline. While we are all still safer at home, we are also able to practice greater social distancing in our great outdoors than in confined indoor spaces.
- 4. Level Orange High Risk: This is more restrictive than Level Yellow, for counties experiencing increases in the metrics. Action is needed, but stricter levels may not be warranted.
- 5. Level Red Severe Risk: Metrics are high, many indoor activities are prohibited or strictly limited, and outdoor activities are encouraged as an alternative.
- 6. Level Purple Extreme Risk: Metrics are high, most indoor activities are prohibited, and individuals should limit contact with people outside their household as much as possible.

Metrics that define the levels

- 1. New cases: How much the virus is circulating in a county.
- 2. Percent positivity: Whether there is sufficient COVID-19 testing to capture the level of virus transmission.
- 3. Impact on hospitalizations: Whether hospitalizations are increasing, stable, or declining.

Counties will move between levels based on the metrics and will work with the state to ensure unique local factors are considered. In order to move to a **less restrictive level** (e.g., Level Yellow to Level Blue), counties must meet and sustain **all three metrics for one week**. Counties must engage in a consultation process with CDPHE, which may entail moving to a more restrictive level, when they are out of compliance with **any** of the metrics for more than one week.

Read the complete Dial Framework policy document.