



## BYERS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF WORK SESSION

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

**Notice of Quorum, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Quint Valley Building**

**601 Highway 36 North, Byers, Colorado**

**The Byers Park and Recreation District Board Members will hold a work session to address the following agenda item(s):**

### **REAP REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATION BYERS SUBAREA PLAN AND REVIEW OF MASTER PLAN**

Regional Economic Advancement Partnership

Kipp is in his 2nd year

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REAP receives an annual allotment from both Adams and Arapahoe Counties to use to support projects together. His intent is to network between various facets to bring together complete projects. He is very excited to work with Byers schools and team to support student growth and development. He has visited with Loretta Daniel regarding the subarea plan and the implementation for the 2023-2024 year. He was happy to get a senior from Byers HS who is an intern to share what students want. He shared projects companies are doing throughout the area such as, CORE Electricity is going to expand and open a wind farm and new capacity for power that would open up Byers for development. The water district is beginning a new water project. What do we want to do with all of the creeks? REAP is how we can align with Deer Trail and Byers.

Arapahoe County is excited to open an enterprise zone to give entrepreneurs a tax break to open a business. He is wondering what the subarea plan will allow and not allow. He wanted to review our plan and said we were the only people to find data that isn't even in the census data because Arapahoe county couldn't find the data. He mentioned the Rodeo and how he was surprised that we had an award for most improved Rodeo. The district began as an informal group of people. He thinks our plan sets out a good vision. We are both the owner and operator of Quint Valley. He wants us to talk about the vision. There was discussion about the medical field and how CU wants to work with the Byers area and Lincoln Health.

Willie asked about if Kipp assists with helping with grants and making us aware of grants. Kipp said he could be a connector with resources. He has worked with Jeff Baker and Lynn Baca. Kagan wondered if anyone made a phone call because he got a phone number from Jeff Baker to see about how to get grants to help the park and rec.

JaLee asked about what individual businesses and entrepreneurs he is working for. The HEMP and airport, school districts, banks, pure cycle, sky ranch, core electric are all entities they are working with. CORE is more entrepreneurial than governed by the state. Kagan stated the IREA is a co-op but CORE did not ask about changing the name.

Kagan highlighted that the CORE employees do a fantastic job working in tough working conditions and always come through for the people of Byers. Kipp is looking for good guidance on how and where he can support us.

## **BPRD CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS AND UPDATES OF DISTRICT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.**

JaLee brought up the grant training she is going to complete with Arapahoe County.

### ***Centennial Park***

JaLee brought up the 2nd phase grant and the sprinklers that need to be repaired. We gave an update to Willie on the progress of what needs to be fixed at the park in the spring. The estimate was \$6000.00 to fix all of it. Willie asked if the quote had an equipment quote and labor quote.

**We need to bring back the quote in writing to a meeting to prepare for this spring repairs.**

Kagan recommended bringing in our tractor and regrading the ground and fix the settled areas and bring the park back up to date before the summer. Willie had heard that it was around \$125,000 to build a bathroom down there. Kagan mentioned that we had a sewer tap down there that would cut costs. Kagan said the old bathrooms were cinder block. Kagan talked about stainless steel fixtures because then it stands up to vandalism and can't be broken. Kagan mentioned using cameras. Janet mentioned that cameras were placed in the park but they are not up and working.

**We need to find what the camera system is and what we need to do is find a software system that will run the cameras to watch for vandalism.** Kagan said there was a software box located at the park that was supposed to be there to run the cameras.

**We need a weed wrangler to spray the park this year. Also spray for bugs.**

### **SHORT TERM GOALS**

Sprinkler system,

Cameras,

Weeds

Weekly Maintenance

### **LONG TERM GOAL**

**2nd phase of grant, bathrooms, covered picnic area, basketball courts.**

## **The Church**

Needs stained glass fixed the window is bowing out of the wall. The estimate to fix it was around \$628,000.00 to fix. It is a 12x4 window. We should gather more information regarding the church and its history. AA meetings are held there monthly and we have had a few sparse meetings there.

### **SHORT TERM GOALS**

Clean up church for wedding venue.

### **LONG TERM GOAL**

Fix the window and fix up for wedding venue.

## **T-Ball Fields**

The community is interested in using the t-all fields. Due to past maintenance of the fields the community has not used it because of the rocks and stuff that was brought into the fields. We had a discussion about how to keep it cleaned and usable.

Kagan mentioned that a skid steer would help clear the stickers out and bring in new clean dirt that we would use on a ball field. What the base of the ground is. Justina has a person who could come kill the stickers but he didn't want to do anything with the last board. Justina talked to Nick and Chris about using the Weed Wrangles to keep the weeds down.

### **SHORT TERM GOALS**

Rock base for parking and seating around all the fields.

Grade dirt to get rid of weeds

Weed Wrangles

Pull out the mountain of sand

Bring in new dirt.

Update Bleachers and sitting areas

### **LONG TERM GOALS**

Call Rockies for Grant support

Sod - Grass

Water systems

Artificial Turf Field to save water

Lights Electrical

We visited about the league and Justina starting to take the fencing down to begin maintenance on the fields.

Kagen also said we need to update the electrical outlets on the poles. We will flag the poles that are not working and need updated. JaLee is working with CORE Electric

## **Rodeo Grounds**

We visited about Wendy's list of updates that need to be completed before June this year. Willie talked about the old water truck out somewhere that we could use to spray water.

Willie and Kagen will look into the water issues.

### **SHORT TERM GOALS**

Wendy's list -

Insulate crows nest

Weld holding pin behind crows nest

New sound.

Additional light on crows nest

Edging / Divider around arena ground to allow for spraying of weeds around arena

Recycled asphalt or something under the bleachers to spray for weeds run up to arena edging.

Water trucks to deliver water

### **LONG TERM GOALS**

Cement for the bleachers

Covered Arena

## **Quonset**

### **SHORT TERM GOALS**

Kitchen

Renovate the Kitchen - Gut and start again.

Add three foot doors and barn doors.

Make everything propane fired/Natural Gas

Fix outside doors in Quonset event area

Wall in the west double door.

Add East Double Door

Add privacy fence to front of the house/driveway

Oil Clean up

Create outdoor wedding area on east side of quonset

Playground area

Paint

Add Fence

Add Concrete for floor in the Garage

Build Arch to designate outdoor wedding ceremony area.

Maintenance area fencing - Shed and Equipment Storage

Garage floor update

Need to update picnic tables - Nail together

Add picnic tables to the camp area and buy new tables for the rodeo area.

## **LONG TERM GOALS**

Bathrooms

Air/Heating/HVAC

Update and make the doorways wheelchair accessible but don't renovate until the oil tank is pulled out.

Office expansion wall

Stage space becomes storage - cleaning equipment space with mop/floor sink/drain

Willie would like to replace the stove with electric or gas ignition. The stove needs to be easy maintenance and easy to clean. Kagan found a hood upstairs that goes with the stove.

Start Kitchen gut starting in February through April to be ready for events in May.

### **JaLee Call Colorado Natural Gas**

JaLee mentioned having picnic tables in both the camping areas and covered picnic area. Janet recommended purchasing a few picnic tables at a time to place in camp areas so we don't have to purchase a bulk amount and keep moving tables around for events.

JaLee visited about a storage room to build where the stage is located. We need to pull out the stage and utilize the space to store the chair rack, tables and cleaning equipment (scrubbers) and purchase a fold up portable stage or dance floor for wedding events to be placed where the event holders would like.

Willie shared information about scrubber equipment to clean the floors.

JaLee asked everyone to start thinking about dates for the 4th of July celebration. The 4th is a Thursday so would we want to do a 2 day celebration with fireworks on the 5th or 6th?

### **We need to Approach the fire department and Legion hall for donations for fire works.**

The community has asked about an Alcohol license for a request that we have a beer garden at rodeo and 4th of July events.

Willie suggested having the Mexican food restaurant bring liquor licenses and food trucks to the area for the event to sell liquor.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.