

**TOWN OF SILT
SPECIAL PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019, 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Chair Classen called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Chris Classen
 Commissioner Marcia Eastlund
 Alternate Commissioner Lindsey Sidener

Absent: Vice Chair Mark Reinhart
 Commissioner Joelle Dorsey
 Commissioner Eddie Aragon

Also present at the meeting was Community Development Director Janet Aluise.

Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:31 p.m., the Commission cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no stated conflicts of interest.

Tab 2 - Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items for this special meeting.

Tab 3 – Introduction to Purpose and Intent of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan

At 6:33 p.m., Director Aluise addressed the Commission, stating that the purpose of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan effort is to inventory assets, determine efficacy and gaps in service regarding maintenance, programming, or capital investment, and to create a vision for

the future. She stated that the Town has never undergone such a comprehensive effort in the past regarding Parks, Recreation, and Culture, but that this effort could help the Town obtain grants, would inform as to budgeting and capital improvements, should help the Town to find collaborators/partners/funders, and would guide the Town with infrastructure planning and land use development proposals. Finally, this Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan would serve as an economic development tool, identifying potential companies who might want to relocate to this area.

At 6:40 p.m., Director Aluise described for the Commission the documents tangentially related to parks, recreation, and culture, currently in place. She stated that the 2017 Comprehensive Plan has good language related to preserving the Town's culture and heritage; conserving natural areas and enhancing wildlife areas and preserves as a way to encourage tourism; and using the Town's beautiful areas, Silt Historical Park, and events as a way to attract economic development. Further, she stated that the Town's Community Revitalization Partnership document (2010) speaks to economic development, streetscapes, and the Silt Historical Park, as well.

At 6:55 p.m., the Commission had the following questions/discussion:

- Will the Town be advertising all the meetings? (Director Aluise stated that the meeting tonight had been noticed on Facebook and on the Town's website, but that staff would brainstorm ways to get the public involved.);
- Does the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan work with the Town's Comprehensive Plan? (Director Aluise stated that both would work hand-in-hand during staff's review of a development proposal and/or any future installment of

Tab 4 – Review of State of Colorado Small Community Park & Recreation Planning Standards

At 7:06 p.m., Director Aluise explained the history of the document *State of Colorado Small Community Park & Recreation Planning Standards*, stating that the authors (RPI Consulting LLC) submitted the document to various small communities in Colorado, and the document is in fact still on the State of Colorado website as a resource for small communities. She stated that the authors intended the document to be used to gauge acreages of specific facilities, as well as types of equipment and installations of specific facilities. Director Aluise stated that the Town had used the document often, but that it should be updated to reflect new facilities such as pickle ball and splash pads, for example, but should also include newer technologies (fall surfaces, etc.). She stated that certain parts of this document that were still valid would be incorporated into the new Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan.

At 7:28 p.m., the Commission had the following questions/discussion:

- Updating the Comprehensive Plan in 2017 aids in creating this PRC effort; &
- The Town just completed the Water/Wastewater/Irrigation Master Plan on June 10, and again, will advise this document in terms of water, water rights, and storm water.

Tab 5 – Review of Park Map, Trail Map, Stoney Ridge Master Plan Map & Memo, & Silt River Preserve Map

At 7:40 p.m., Director Aluise reviewed the Town’s existing Town park map, which was not created with GPS, but instead used shape files within the GIS mapping system. This technique, she stated, does not lend itself to a professional looking or accurate looking map, and therefore, should be improved and updated. As well, the Town should include all properties that have park, recreational, open space, green belt, and cultural significance.

At 7:42 p.m., Director Aluise spoke generally about the Stoney Ridge Master Plan effort of 2012, stating that a significant section of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan will include current and future recreational uses/buildings/infrastructure, the Town’s interest in the Roy Moore Gymnasium (used now as school district storage), and beautification efforts. She stated that the Board in 2012 requested that the Town map the various potential and current uses and provide a memorandum on the historical, current, and future potential uses.

At 7:45 p.m., Director Aluise stated that the Town’s purchase of the Silt River Preserve is perhaps the hallmark of the area in terms of wildlife preserve potential and natural settings. She stated that she intends to propose that a large section within the master plan be dedicated to this 132-acre wildlife conservation easement area, including weed mitigation, trails, natural area enhancements, community garden, irrigation, fishing, picnicking, and bird watching. She stated that Aspen Valley Land Trust has been instrumental in providing mapping, guidance, and grant-writing for various projects in the past, and hopes to include that entity’s views on the property and future management techniques.

Old Business

New Business

There was no new business.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Future Business

There was no future business.

Commissioner and Staff Comments

Adjournment

At 8:23 p.m., Commissioner Eatlund made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sidener seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.



Chairman Chris Classen



Community Development Director Janet Aluise