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TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS

Parks, Open Space and Trails Committee (POST)

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

By Teleconference

Basalt Town Hall

101 Midland Avenue

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| 4:00 PM | 1. Call to Order |
| 4:03 | 2. Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 28, 2023 |
| 4:07 | 3. Arbaney Playground Discussion |
| 4:25 | 4. Work Plan Update |
| 4:40 | 5. Project Updates |
| 4:50 | 6. POST Member Comments and Questions |
| 5:00 | 7. Adjourn |

Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. Those who wish to speak should email james.lindt@basalt.net before the meeting starts with their name, phone number, and identify what item they would like to address. During the meeting those wishing to comment may also email james.lindt@basalt.net, but it is not guaranteed that the email will be seen in a timely fashion.



Parks, Open Space, and Trails Committee

ACTION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Groves, Julie Kolar, Paul Hilts, Ligia Bonilla, Sarah Shaw joined late.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Reid Haughey, Aimee Beazley.

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, James Lindt, and Matt Koenigs knecht.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

DATE 6/28/2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:04PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Public Comments
2. Recreation Department Updates.
3. Project Updates
4. Other Staff Updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Lind introduced an email that was received from Alix Samuelson Zangrilli that suggested that 1) Shade, 2) Age Appropriate improvements, and 3) Bark surface material be considered for the Arbaney Playground improvements. On the topic of the Arbaney playground, Julie Kolar also suggested that part of the playground be designated for creative play, which might include a surface that can be dug into like dirt with there being a combination of surfaces throughout the playground. It was noted that the area in the Arbaney Master Plan for the creative play was shown on the east side of the trail leading to the Arbaney parking lot. Paul Hilts also suggested that rubber pellets make for good mulch area in a playground as well.

PROJECT UPDATES (Considered before Recreation Department Updates).

James Lindt explained the updates to Basalt River Park, including that they are making good progress on the bandshell and bathrooms and that they should be ready for the River Park Grand Opening Event on July 12th. Additionally, it was noted that the trees that did not make it through the winter in the River Park have been replaced. An update was also provided on Willits Linear Park. It was noted by Town Staff that the Sopris Meadows One HOA was buying 32 trees to be planted on the perimeter of the Willits Linear Park in the area where the willows had been trimmed and that the Town is entering into a license agreement with the HOA for the Town to maintain them and be indemnified against any of them dying.

Regarding the Confluence Park/Two Rivers Road Safe Routes to School Plan, James Lindt updated POST that the adjustment to the plan requested by the Town's referral agencies had been made, including moving the mid-block crossing to around the access drive to the elementary school vehicular access per the Police Chief's comments, adding a fire hydrant on the corner of Two Rivers Road/Cottonwood Drive,

and increasing the turning radius into 7-11 from area by Confluence Park to better accommodate 7-11 deliveries. POST members provided discussion about trying to reintroduce the bike lane in this plan and Staff expressed that they would look at it with the designer.

Michelle Bonfils Thibeault introduced that the Town received 5 complete responses to the Request for Qualifications on the Arbaney Park playground and it was noted that Town Staff is going to interview the companies that provided proposals. It was also discussed that Town Staff will provide the proposals to the POST. Julie Kolar indicated that the style is important and needs to be consistent with vision board document that was prepared.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Matt Koenigsknecht explained that the youth baseball league is up and running and has went from 1 team last year to 3 teams this year. It was noted that they are using both the Middle School baseball field and Arbaney Park for t-ball. It was also introduced that Gary Pfafman’s camp is also running well and uses Arbaney Park as their home base. Matt Koenigsknecht also discussed how busy the pool is and what a wonderful asset it is to the community with many different groups using it from swim lessons, summer camps, lap swimmers to Asendigo autism camps. POST thanked Matt for the comments and updates.

POST COMMENTS:

Julie Kolar thanked the Staff for the hard work on making the River Park come to completion and agreed that it was great hear the Matt’s comments about how the Arbaney pool is having such a positive impact. The other POST members agreed with Julie’s comments.

M/S BY JULIE KOLAR AND PAUL HILTS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 5:20 PM. MOTION PASSES 4-0.

TOWN OF BASALT

PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS

By _____

Jason Groves, Chair

Attest _____

Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, Planning Director



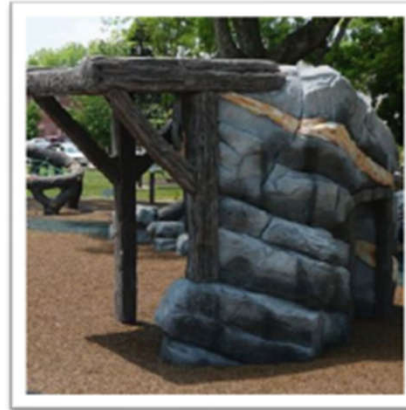
Arbaney Park Playground

Summary of Received RFQ Responses



RECREATION PLUS

- Team is primarily based out of the front range.
- Goal for this project is to create a space that every kid can enjoy
- Partnering with ID Sculpture and Dynamo Playgrounds
- ID Sculpture did the misting feature and climbing wall in Basalt River Park
- Will not be able to meet the November 2023 completion requirement. Current manufacturing lead times for ID Sculpture and Dynamo are around 20-25 weeks



ID Sculpture

Dynamo Playgrounds

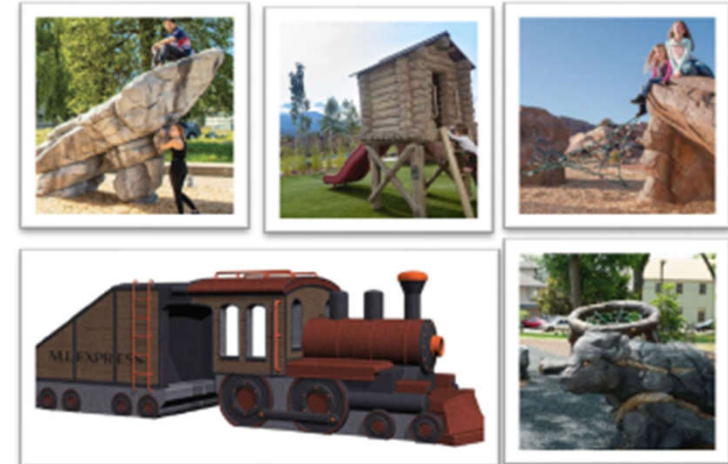
Nature Inspired

Mining and Railroad

ARBANEY PARK

PROJECT INSPIRATION

- ID Sculpture is a leading manufacturer of nature-themed and custom play sculptures for playgrounds, with experience designing and building mine and agricultural-themed play features.
- ID Sculpture specializes in making rocks with a custom geologic match and is currently building a columnar basalt climbing wall feature at Basalt's River Park amphitheater. Awarding ID Sculpture would provide the opportunity to have a cohesive look and feel in both parks if desired.
- ID Sculpture provides some of the most durable products on the market which have been formulated to withstand the harsh conditions of the Mountain West and has been manufacturing in Gunnison for over 15 years.
- Paired with ID Sculpture, Dynamo's Nature Play is a safe series of strong, natural, long-lasting playground structures made of GFRC that use the beauty of nature to inspire children to climb and explore.



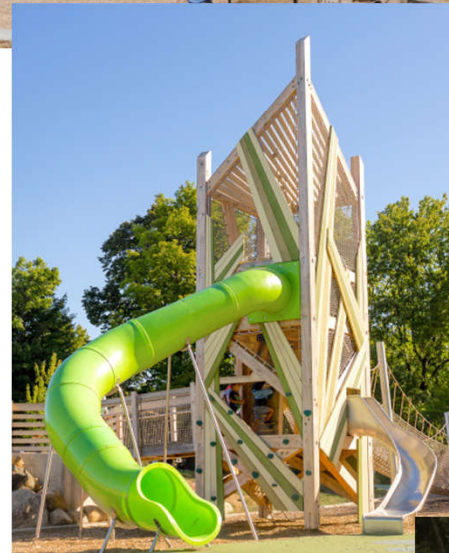


- Summit Recreation is located in Palisade, Colorado
- Seek to provide play equipment that delivers a wide variety of dynamic and age-appropriate activities for the intended users, as well as selecting play structures that integrate seamlessly into the selected play area.
- Provides “KOMPAN” playground solutions - Kompan employs professionals from the education industry in what is known as the Kompan Play Institute.
- KOMPAN is using recycled materials in more than 70% of our products and 95% can be recycled at the end of their lifecycle
- The budget for the design, fabrication and delivery of the playground equipment will not exceed \$400,000
- Associated with the Basalt Middle School playground and Ross Montessori playground in Carbondale.
- Acknowledge the importance of including history, the community, and the incorporation of the surrounding areas to make the project unique and a truly, destination playground





- Main office in Littleton, Colorado
- We would install this fall depending on the weather and lead time of the equipment. The drop-dead completion date would be Memorial Day 2024.
- Have flexibility in which manufacturers and equipment will work with the budget.
- One option is Earthscape designs sustainable playgrounds using natural materials that offer a stronger environmental connection.
- Playworld has additional “natural” play equipment in partnership with Playtime, a local, sculpted play element company. We are able to create natural looking equipment that is unique, durable, and long lasting.





- Located in Littleton, CO
- Playground equipment from Burke, Cre8Play and ID Sculptures
- They acknowledge the timing that programming takes and noted the Town's flexibility to work into 2024.
- Completed Miners and Hendricks Park playgrounds in Carbondale



CHURCHICH RECREATION^{LLC}

- Based out of Niwot, CO
- They provided the slide in Basalt River Park
- Have already developed three separate options for play equipment for Arbaney Park
- Production lead times for playground equipment are apx. 26 weeks after receipt of order





Arbaney Park Playground Replacement Project

Vision Collage

Existing Park







POST 2023 WORKPLAN UPDATE

MICHELLE THIBEAULT, PLANNING DIRECTOR

JAMES LINDT, ASSISTANT PLANNING DIRECTOR

JULY 26, 2023

POST	
Financial Sustainability Plan	Collecting summer data, late fall completion
Willits Lane Plan RFP	Advertising in Fall, Plan creation during winter months
Willits Lane Plan	Temporary installations summer of 2024
Midvalley Center Trail Connection	Count being conducted to determine level of improvements
<u>Swinging Bridge Trail Connection</u>	COMPLETE!
7/11 to School Campus Connection RFP	Contract renewed, plan update underway. Determine construction estimate for 2024 budget.
7/11 to School Campus Connection Implement	Construction in late 2024 or 2025 – consider Midland Streetscape construction schedule
<i>Wayfinding Signage</i>	<i>Advertising as part of Willits Lane Plan.</i>
Arbaney Park Playground	RFQ Selection process underway, contract in August. Playground install Nov '23 or Spring '24
Cliff's Hillside Playground	Use information from Arbaney Park budget to determine scope for Cliff's improvements.
Duroux Park	Minor Improvements slated by RFOV in late summer/fall. Additionally planning for improvements for this park will be conducted as part of the Willits Lane Plan.
<u>Fiou Skatepark</u>	COMPLETE!
Lake Christine	Goal item -- property controlled by Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Whitewater Park (Pitkin)	Pitkin County – in progress

POST Next Steps: August is the time POST should start contemplating it's 2024 work plan for budget approval by the Town Council. In determining goals and work item priorities for 2024, POST members should consider the remaining 2023 work plan items. Future discussion items include:

1. Combining the Willits Lane Plan & Town Wayfinding Signage Plan
 - a. This may create an efficiency as a goal of the Willits Lane Plan to better connect Willits and the Historic District. This connection will naturally include significant wayfinding signage between both areas.
2. Finalizing planning of the Confluence Park/Safe Routes to School Intersection
 - a. Prioritizing updating this plan will allow Staff to pursue bids for construction and implementation of the plan, including schedule.
 - b. POST should consider improvements in this area with consideration of the Midland Streetscape project schedule which will be heavily under construction spring thru fall of 2024.
3. Cliff's Hillside Playground Improvements
 - a. Design and pricing information learned through the Arbaney Park project may be a resource for evaluating improvements for the Cliff's Hillside Playground.
 - b. Limited accessibility to this playground may require a greater study of improvements to this playground.
 - c. POST may decide there are efficiencies to executing an add-services to the selected Team for Arbaney Park to make improvements to Cliff's Hillside Playground in 2024.
4. Financial Sustainability Plan
 - a. The team determined collecting maintenance data and Staff hours through the entire summer season would provide the most accurate and useful information for projecting long-term financial planning for the Town's Parks.
 - b. Staff anticipates the outcome will describe an under resourced Staff, however the report will be important in determining to what degree additional resources are needed.
 - c. Completing 2023 work plan items during 2024 will not necessarily add additional facilities for maintenance compared to adding new facilities.

Staff recommends POST discuss the 2023 workplan, identify priorities for 2024 not listed or different from the discussion items listed above. A formal discussion regarding the 2024 workplan and budget will occur during the August 9, 2023 POST meeting.

