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Craig Parks & Recreation Department Seeks input on Park, Recreation, Open Space and Trails System Recommendations

CRAIG, COLORADO- 8/07/18 – Based on community input received to date, the City of Craig has developed master plan concepts and recommendations for the Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Master Plan. The community is invited to learn more about these initial plans and help answer some key questions – What is the vision for Yampa River recreation? How do we safely connect bikers and walkers to schools and parks? How can Loudy Simpson be improved and the park system boost economic development?

The planning team has worked over the past few months to review critical needs; evaluate and enhance existing and future facilities; and analyze construction, operation, and maintenance funding. Community input gathered from initial meetings and online questionnaire shows a strong nexus between what residents enjoy and what tourist seek.

“Looking at the next 10 years, hard decisions will have to be made to continue to provide and enhance our park system.” said Dave Pike, Parks and Recreation Director. “We have developed an initial list of opportunities based on comprehensive public input but we need the community to weigh in on initial ideas and priorities.”

The next public meeting scheduled for August 15 will start with a brief presentation with Q&A then transition to an open house format where the community can provide additional feedback. The meeting will include a review of summary of community input to date, vision and goals for the system, and initial master plan concepts for the overall system and Loudy Simpson Park. There will be an opportunity to provide comments via an online questionnaire after the meeting.

Meeting Details:

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

6:30-8:00 PM

Center of Craig, 601 Yampa Ave.

About the Plan:

The Master Plan will identify a long-range vision with specific goals and priorities for an integrated network of parks, community facilities, bikeways, open spaces, and recreational corridors for the future. It revises the plan that was completed in 2002. Craig’s parks and recreation system is critical to residents’ quality of life, economic development, and environmental and social health. The city will be working with agency partners and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board throughout the process. Feel free to voice your opinion to Advisory Board Members at any time during the planning project. Public input is a critical part of this planning process. Multiple opportunities, including online surveys, will be available throughout the process to weigh in on community-wide needs, goals and recommendations.



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