



TELLURIDE TOWN PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The Town of Telluride has one of the most unique and extraordinary public town-owned park systems in the State of Colorado and arguably in the United States. The Town has achieved global fame and a reputation as a special alpine destination renowned for its picturesque mountain landscapes, abundance of outdoor recreation, historic town, and high quality music and cultural festivals and special events. As a venue and backdrop to all these assets are the Town's parks properties, where much of the action takes place, either by design or casually within the fabric of everyday life and during special events. This master plan update seeks to continue to protect and elevate the role of the Town's parks properties in the quality of life of the Telluride community for its residents, visitors and guests, and for today's and future generations.

Purpose of the 2020 Town Parks Master Plan Update

The purpose of the 2020 Town Parks Master Plan Update (TPMPU) is to serve as a guide for the Town of Telluride in making improvements to its park properties for the next 15 years. These properties include the River Park Corridor and River Trail, the four (4) Colorado Avenue pocket parks, and Town Park and all of its athletic, event, recreational, administrative and maintenance facilities and use areas. The plan lays out an implementation framework with three (3) phases of implementation, broken down into 5-year time periods from 2021 to 2035. The updated master plan recommends a menu of short and long-term improvements to Town owned park properties, prioritized based on community need and demand.

Structure of the Report

This report is intended as a summary of the planning and community engagement process along with a conceptual plan and recommendation for each of the Town parks properties, and implementation strategy. The plan has been structured into the following sections, as detailed further in the Table of Contents:

1. Introduction and Executive Summary
2. Background and Master Plan Framework
3. Project Goals and Guiding Principles
4. Planning Process and Community Engagement



5. Current Uses, Demands, and Anticipated Future Trends
6. River Park Corridor and Trail
7. Colorado Avenue Pocket Parks
8. Town Park: Core Area, Sports Central, Campground, Overall Circulation
9. Implementation Plan, Phasing, and Cost Estimates
10. Management and Other Considerations
11. Appendices
12. Acknowledgments

Executive Summary

The 2020 Town Parks Master Plan Update was completed from February through October of 2020. The process was conducted by the Town of Telluride Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission with the assistance of landscape architecture and land planning consultant Zehren and Associates, Inc. A comprehensive community engagement process with two (2) public open houses, a park-user questionnaire, stakeholder focus group meetings and broad-based community input via email and phone communication was conducted to help inform the direction and priorities of the plan. The planning process also included periodic worksessions, meetings, and field visits with the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission, Open Space Commission, and Town Council, as well as regional partners.

The 2020 TPMPU builds upon the improvements accomplished from the 2005 Town Park Master Plan and recommends a series of new improvements for the parks that respond to present day trends and demands. These include recreation, events, and community uses that compete for time and use of park facilities. The 2020 TPMPU seeks to make improvements that promote multi-use of park space and balance community use for recreation and leisure, and for special events including festival and athletic tournaments. The TPMPU includes specific sections that address the Colorado Avenue pocket parks and the River Park Corridor. These are unique town-owned park areas and the 2020 TPMPU includes specific recommendations that address existing and future uses, multi-use, safety, seasonal uses, and conflicts that may exist.

The TPMPU lays out an implementation framework with three (3) phases of implementation, broken down into 5-year time periods from 2021 to 2035.

Most of the improvements recommended in the first phase of implementation from 2021 to 2025 are geared toward community, recreation, park and leisure uses. The short-term emphasis on these uses is in direct response to the high demand and need expressed by the community during the stakeholder and public engagement process. In particular, the strong need for a dedicated space for youth expressed by the community during the planning process is addressed in the renovation of the Warming Hut as a temporary solution.

Throughout the plan, there is an emphasis on circulation, wayfinding, and safety improvements to park properties that facilitate and promote pedestrian and bicycle modes of circulation. There are also strategies to accommodate limited private vehicle access, drop off and pick up locations, and additional parking in Town Park, with recommendations to reduce traffic, congestion, and conflicts with park uses.

Special events and festival-related improvements are also included in the TPMPU. These are distributed across the three phases of implementation. The TPMPU addresses critical access, staging, and back of house operational and logistical considerations associated with special events. Given the role of festivals and special events as major economic drivers for the local and regional economy, improvements that address operational needs, efficiencies, and safety are recommended in this master plan, in balance with recommended park improvements that promote greater recreational and community use.

The TPMPU addresses the Town Park Campground, a vital area of the park that plays a very special role during major music festivals and as an overnight camping destination within the town limits and near the downtown commercial district. Based on increased demand for recreation and a desire for additional indoor recreation, the TPMPU builds in flexibility for recreational uses to expand into select areas of the Town Park Campground. The plan recommends additional studies and investigation be conducted in association with potential expansion of recreational facilities into the Campground and recommends preserving the Campground and expanding the primitive camping area if there is a loss of existing Campground area and sites.





CHAPTER 2. BACKGROUND AND MASTER PLAN FRAMEWORK

2005 Master Plan Overview

The 2005 Town Park Master Plan has proven to be a highly effective tool in guiding the Town’s implementation of improvements to park facilities over the past 15 years. The improvements have been significant and include a variety of major capital projects, primarily in Town Park. Over the past 15 years, the plan resulted in the enclosure and expansion of the Pavilion, construction of the pool and restroom / shower facility, the stage, the first phase of the catering facility, the main skate park facility, grandstands, and safety fencing for the athletic fields. There have been other minor infrastructure and maintenance improvements to Town Park as a result of the plan, made gradually over the years. Generally, the 2005 plan recommended maintaining a naturalistic and rustic character for the Town Park, which has been preserved and incorporated as a basis for the improvements that have occurred the past 15 years.

There have been some items from the 2005 plan that have yet to be implemented and are carried over into the 2020 plan. These include the renovation of the warming hut, the renovation of the Campground bathroom and shower building, additional Pavilion improvements, and the completion of circulation and catering improvements behind the main stage. These improvements are included in the 2020 TPMPU within the implementation plan phases and in relationship with newly recommended improvements resulting from the 2020 master plan update process.

P&R Department’s Mission Statement

The Town of Telluride’s Park and Recreation Department mission statement is: ***“To provide safe, attractive, efficiently run, and well-maintained facilities for residents and visitors to participate in a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities, social gatherings, and cultural activities.”***

The 2020 TPMPU seeks to support the department’s mission statement by recommending a balance of recreational, community and events-related improvements to the Town’s parks properties for the next 15 years.

2020 Master Plan Update Framework & Purpose

The 2020 Master Plan Update organizes the Town's parks properties into six (6) major areas and associated recommendations. These are represented in the project framework map (reference figure 1) and are as follows:

1. River Park Corridor and Trail
2. Colorado Avenue Pocket Parks
3. Town Park Core Area
4. Town Park Sports Central
5. Town Park Overall Circulation, Parking, and Wayfinding
6. Town Park Campground

The conceptual plans, recommendations and implementation of this master plan follow this overall framework and structure. The six (6) park property areas are used to organize information and are referred to throughout the body of the report.

Process for TPMPU Adoption and Revision

Upon adoption of the TPMPU, it will be the guiding policy document to help the Town make decisions and prioritize future improvements to the Town's parks properties. Given the 15 year outlook of the TPMPU, it is likely the plan will need to be updated to reflect changing circumstances and future opportunities and constraints not currently anticipated.

The process for amending and revising the TPMPU will involve review and recommendations determined by the Parks and Recreation staff and Commission for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council's consideration. The Town Council has the ability to review and approve changes to the Plan following this process and to adapt and amend the plan to respond to present day needs as may be necessary. This is typical of master plans with a long-term implementation strategy. At the end of the 15-year period, or sooner if necessary, the Master Plan will need to be updated, as is the case of the 2020 TPMPU building upon the 2005 Master Plan.

Other Relevant Plans and Related Planning Efforts

The 2020 TPMPU builds upon other guiding documents that have been adopted and which are being used by the Town in making policy decisions that relate to parks and associated uses. In particular, the plan builds upon the 2005 Town Park Master Plan, and in this case supersedes that plan when adopted. Other relevant references that provide important information and guidance regarding related town planning efforts are as follows:

Town of Telluride 2006 Master Plan

Telluride Land Use Code

Design Guidelines 2016

Streetscape Standards 2016

New Management Plans, Guidelines, and Relevant Studies

As new plans and regulations that affect the Town's parks properties are developed and adopted by the Town, the Town Parks Master Plan Update will need to refer and relate to these. It is anticipated that in-depth studies, plans, and investigations addressing a Community Recreation Center and management of the River Park Corridor and Trail will be conducted in the future. The Open Space Commission is actively planning new trails in the vicinity of Town Park and these will need to be cross-referenced and integrated with the 2020 TPMPU. A Southwest Neighborhood Conceptual Master Plan is nearing completion, which addresses future land uses and circulation improvements for Town-owned land in the Southwest Area. Any new wetland regulations and guidelines, riparian restoration, and new management plans will need to be referenced as they are adopted as they may affect the development of recommended improvements in the TPMPU. It is important that future improvement to Town's parks properties be done in adherence to the Town's guidelines, rules, and regulations at the time they are implemented over the next 15 years.

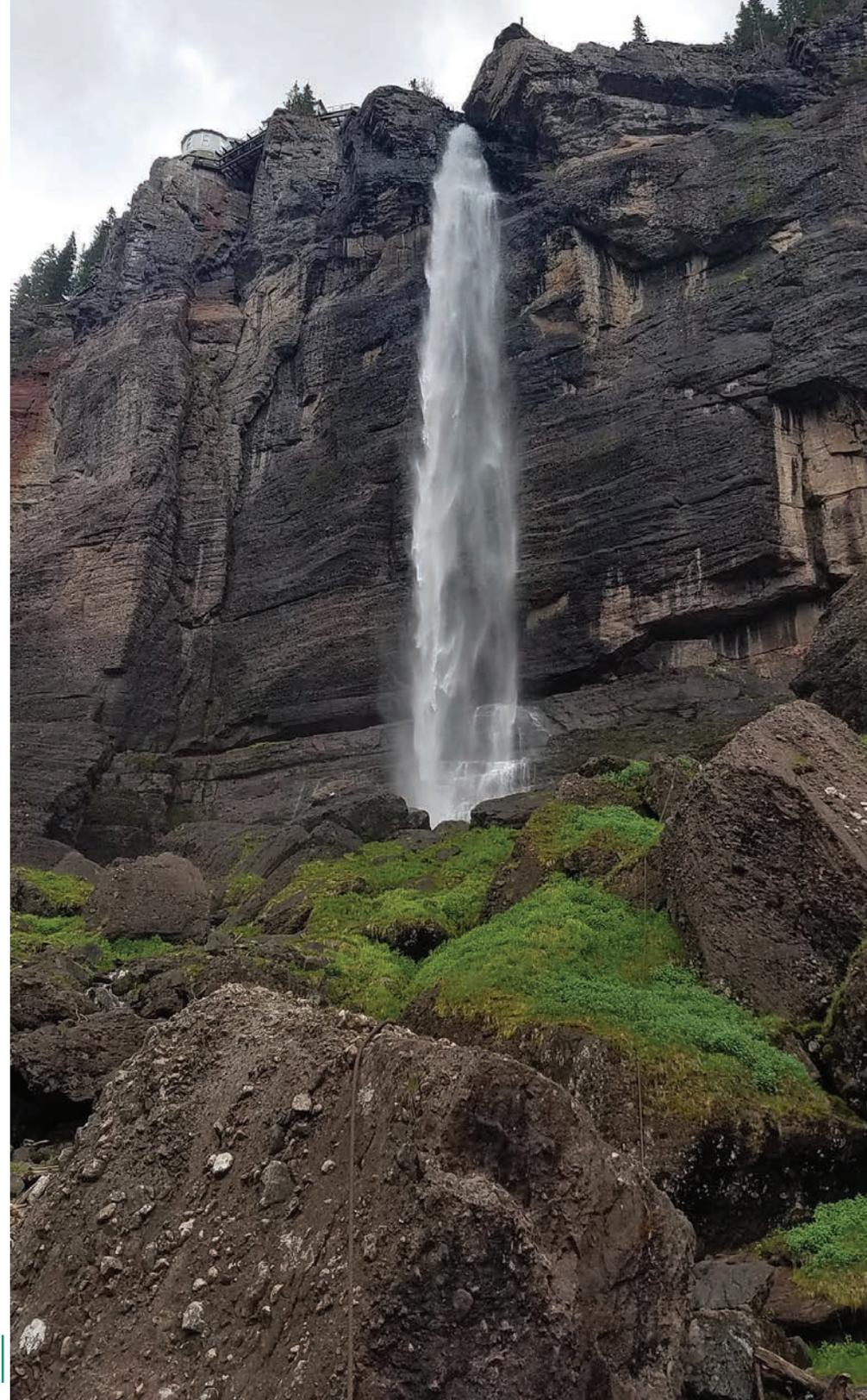


Park and Recreation Department Programs and Applications

The Town's Parks and Recreation Department maintains a website that serves as a central point of information for managing parks and recreational programs and for facilities for athletic and special events. Applications for reservations, use and scheduling parks and recreation facilities are contained within the website:

TOWN OF TELLURIDE PARKS AND RECREATION WEBSITE

<https://www.telluride-co.gov/178/Parks-Recreation>



CHAPTER 3. PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES



In the early stages of the planning process, staff and the consultant team worked with the Parks and Recreation Commission and Town Council to establish goals and principles to guide the overall direction of the effort. These goals were revisited periodically during the effort to ensure that they were being met and that the recommendations in the plan address them. As implementation of the master plan advances over the next 15 years, these goals and guiding principles should be revisited to ensure that improvements are consistent with and help accomplish the goals. The TPMPU project goals are as follows:

1. Conduct an inclusive and transparent master plan update planning process.
2. Create a master plan that is achievable and will guide implementation incrementally.
3. Maximize efficient use of park space by integrating multi-use of facilities.
4. Promote health, wellness, and quality of life for the Telluride community in master plan recommendations.
5. Ensure facilities and programs are accessible to all ages and apply universal design.
6. Prioritize youth usage of park facilities and programming in the planning process and recommendations.
7. Balance recreational uses, special event uses, and private uses with a focus on community use and respect for the historical and legacy uses of park properties.
8. Respect the context and character of park properties, the Town, community, and natural environment.
9. Strengthen and foster partnerships with local and regional groups and organizations.
10. Promote sustainability in planning, design, and management of park properties, facilities, and programs.
11. Explore use of park properties and facilities across seasons and elevate winter uses as may be appropriate and feasible.
12. Promote pedestrian safety, connectivity, and walkability, and address parking challenges.
13. Adapt to emerging trends in recreation, including new sports, uses, facilities, and programs.
14. Investigate opportunities for park expansion and facility dispersal if appropriate land is available.
15. Promote inclusivity within the parks system, both for Communities of Color and Americans with Disabilities.

CHAPTER 4. PLANNING PROCESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Overview of Planning Process and Schedule

The TPMPU effort was organized into five (5) overarching tasks conducted over an approximately nine (9) month period between February and October of 2020. The five tasks and the period during which they were conducted are as follows:

Task 1: Project kick-off, data gathering, site inventory (February 2020)

Task 2: Stakeholder input (round 1), data collection/analysis (February and March 2020)

Task 3: Stakeholder input (round 2), conceptual master plan alternatives (April through July 2020)

Task 4: Preferred master plan design, draft Master Plan document review (August and September 2020)

Task 5: Final Master Plan document approval (September and October 2020)

The overall planning process is represented in the planning process and schedule diagram located on page 10 (reference Process and Schedule). This diagram was used and progressively updated during project meetings and worksessions and depicts the sequence of the project and sub-tasks under each major task.

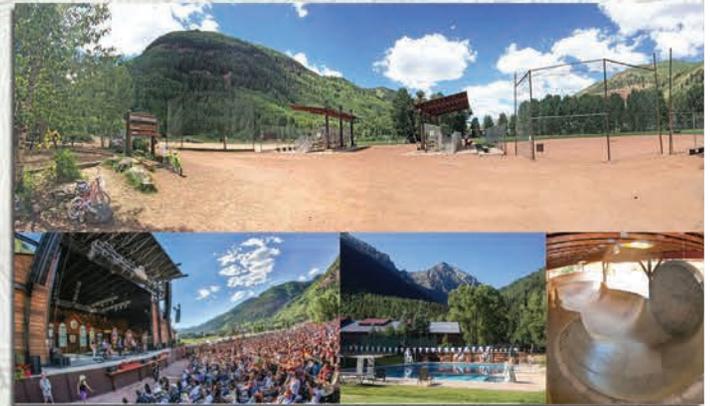
Community Engagement

The first three (3) tasks of the project included a sequence of stakeholder and community engagement meetings geared to obtain input early in the process to help shape the direction of the master plan and the range of improvements to consider and focus upon for the future. The planning process included meetings, worksessions and site visits with the following groups:

- Public and the Community-at-large
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Parks and Recreation staff
- Major Festival and Special Events producers and representatives
- Recreation Organizations and Clubs
- Community Organizations
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Open Space Commission
- Town Council
- Regional Partners



PROCESS & SCHEDULE



TASK ONE

Start-up & Parks Inventory, Data Gathering and Review

February 2020

Project Start-Up Meetings

Site Visit / Park Inventory

Data Gathering and Review

Project Goals

TASK TWO

Stakeholder input (round 1) data collection and analysis

February and March 2020

P&R Commission (regular meeting) February 19

Roundtable with major stakeholders Feb. 19 & 20

Public open house #1 March 12

P&R Commission (special meeting) March 13

Online Questionnaire - March 1 - 31

TASK THREE

Stakeholder Input (round 2), Conceptual Master Plan Alternatives

April, May, June, July 2020

P&R Commission Review
May 20
May 27
June 10

Comment Period: June 15 - July 17

P&R Commission (regular meeting) June 17
Regional Planning Discussion

Public Meeting #2
Via Zoom Webinar June 23

Planning & Zoning Commission
Worksession June 25

P&R Commission (special meeting) July 2

Consultant Site Visit
July 11 - 15

- Field Verifications & Findings
- Staff Site Walks
- Open Space Staff Site Walk
- Stakeholder Check-ins
- Latino Focus Group
- Pop-up Event

TASK FOUR

Preferred Master Plan Design Alternative, Draft Master Plan Document Review

July and August 2020

P&R Commission (regular meeting) July 15

Town Council Worksession August 4

Open Space Commission worksession August 17

P&R Commission (regular meeting) August 19

TASK FIVE

Final Master Plan Document Review and Adoption

September and October 2020

P&R Commission (regular meeting) September 16th

Planning & Zoning Commission September 24th

Town Council October 6 or 27 (TBD)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH METHODS:

1. MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS:

- Stakeholder meetings and one-on-one interviews with major stakeholders.

2. PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES: March 12 and June 23, 2020

- The Master Plan process included two open houses to share the progress and direction of work and poll community on preferences:
 - Public Open House 1 - 6pm March 12, 2020 (at Rebekah Hall)
 - Public Open House 2 - 6pm June 23, 2020 (via Zoom due to COVID19)

3. WEB BASED /QUESTIONNAIRE & WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES, EMAIL INPUT

- Web-based questionnaire open from March 1 to March 31 for the community to provide input.
- Written email comments to Staff and Consultant - Comment period June 15 - July 17, 2020.

A summary of dates of meetings and engagement with each of these groups is provided in this section of this report. Detailed information regarding the input provided by each group is included in the appendices of this document, where meeting notes for these meetings are included. The master plan has attempted to synthesize the input obtained to shape the overall direction of the plan, prioritizing the demands and needs expressed most frequently by all groups.

Impacts of the COVID19 Global Pandemic

It is worth noting that during the planning process, the COVID19 global pandemic broke out and limited the ability of the planning process to be conducted through in-person meetings. From mid-March 2020, all meetings related to the project took place remotely and in a virtual webinar format. As a result of the modified format for meetings, the project was delayed by approximately one (1) month, but otherwise the scope of the work was completed as originally planned. The level of community engagement declined during virtual meetings and increased via email and phone communication throughout the life of the effort.



Newspaper and Radio Promotion of the TPMPU

The TPMPU effort benefitted from frequent coverage by the local newspaper, The Daily Planet, and by the local radio station, KOTO. Both media outlets interviewed Parks and Recreation staff and the consultant and provided robust update stories on the progress of the effort and disseminated ways in which to engage in the process. The Town also advertised the public meetings in the local paper, via email blast, and on their website in an effort to raise awareness and increase participation in the planning process.

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) helped steer and guide the TPMPU and were the Town's board of appointed officials closest to the TPMPU effort. Staff and consultant met frequently with the PRC to review findings of the stakeholder and community engagement process and to obtain feedback on the generation of concepts and recommendations for each of the six (6) town parks property areas. Meetings with the PRC were held on the following dates, either during regularly scheduled meetings, or in special meetings and worksessions:

- February 19th regular meeting
- March 13th special meeting
- May 20th regular meeting
- May 27th special meeting
- June 10th special meeting
- June 17th regular meeting
- July 2nd special meeting
- July 15th regular meeting
- August 19th regular meeting
- September 16th regular meeting

As a result of such frequent interface, the Parks and Recreation Commission input guided the development of the TPMPU. The Commission advocated most strongly for the following, as reflected in the recommendations in the plan:

1. Improving recreational facilities to support greater levels of community use across seasons.
2. Improving the Core Area and Sport Central areas of the park to better support everyday community use and special events and major festival uses.
3. Improving the River Park Corridor to improve access to the river while promoting safety of users and protection of the river and riparian corridor.
4. Improving the pockets parks to increase the appeal and level of multi-use across seasons.
5. Preserving the Campground while building in flexibility for future expansion of park facilities and uses, and expansion of primitive camping uses in other areas of Town Park.
6. Investigating the needs and feasibility for a new small scale recreation center in Town Park or in a regional location to support the demand for indoor recreation expressed by stakeholders and the public.
7. Addressing the need for a dedicated youth space within Town Park by providing new community space as part of the future renovation of the Warming Hut.

On September 16, 2020, the Parks & Recreation Commission unanimously approved the Town Parks Master Plan Update document and recommended it for adoption by P&Z Commission.

Stakeholders

Town staff and the consultant conducted two days of focused roundtable stakeholder meetings on February 19 and 20 as part of Task 2 of the planning process. These meetings included the following groups:

Major festival stakeholder meeting

- Bluegrass
- Ride
- Blues & Brews
- Film

Winter recreation clubs & programs

- Hockey Club
- Figure Skating Club
- Curling Club
- Nordic Association
- Parks and Recreation Staff

Summer recreation clubs & programs

- Soccer Club
- Lacrosse Club
- Baseball Festival
- Swim Team
- Soccer Academy
- Adult Soccer Tournament
- Skate Camp
- Parks and Recreation Department

Communities that Care

- Tri County Health Representatives
- High School Representatives

Public and Community-at-large

Two (2) public open houses were included as venues for the public and the community at large to participate and engage in the effort. The first public open house was held in person at Rebekah Hall on March 12, 2020 and had strong attendance: forty-four (44) members of the public attended, including fourteen (14) members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Town Council, and staff. The second public house was conducted via virtual meeting on June 23, 2020 due to the COVID global pandemic and had limited public participation. However, throughout the planning process, the public was able to email comments and additional input was received in this manner.



Park User Questionnaire

In addition to the two (2) public open house meetings, a park user questionnaire was advertised and collected during Task 2 to help gather information on the community's use of Parks and Recreation facilities and solicit priorities for new and future improvements. The questionnaire was made available in English and Spanish from March 1 to March 31, 2020, digitally on-line via the 'Survey Planet' platform, and as a hard copy at the Parks and Recreation offices in Town Park. The questionnaire was publicized via radio and newspaper media, and email blasts to the Parks and Recreation Department database of participants and was made available at the March public meeting. The questionnaire was completed by a total of seventy-eight (78) participants, including seventy-one (71) on-line, and seven (7) via hard copy. Forty-two (42) responses were anonymous and thirty-six (36) provided email contact information.

A detailed summary of the input received in the questionnaire is included in the appendices. The questionnaire resulted in the following input:

1. Strong interest and demand for additional indoor recreation and a new community recreation center.
2. A new skate park facility to replace the Youth Link skate facility downtown, which is slated for redevelopment.
3. High demand and need for a dedicated space for youth, with year-round access, including during festivals.
4. Improving the Core Area for greater multi-use.
5. Renovating the Warming Hut and the Oval to support winter uses and multi-uses in summer.
6. Improving the Sports Central area to support recreational facilities.
7. Preservation of the Town Park Campground.
8. Enhancing the pocket parks to improve their appearance and increase their role and use within downtown.
9. Improving the River Park Corridor and Trail with better access and resolving conflicts between users, especially between pedestrian and cyclists and all users with dogs off leash.

Planning and Zoning Commission

A worksession was conducted with the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission on June 25, 2020 and included members of the Parks and Recreation Commission. During this worksession, conceptual plans and recommendations for each of the six (6) town parks property areas, as recommended by the consultant, staff and the PRC, were reviewed. At the worksession, the Planning and Zoning Commission expressed general support

for the recommendations of the plan while expressing concern with some of the recommendations for the River Park Corridor and Town Park. During this worksession, P&Z recommended greater emphasis on protection of the riparian corridor, preserving a natural and undeveloped river corridor, minimizing formalized improvements leading to more use of the river, and implementing storm water run-off management and control practices. It was suggested by the Planning and Zoning Commission that the Town consider a broader management study and master plan specific to the River Park Corridor to address improvements in the future and emerging conflicts between users including pedestrians, cyclists, and dogs off leashes. For Town Park, P&Z expressed concern with the proposed field lighting to facilitate increased programming (this item was removed from the plan).

On September 24, 2020, the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously approved the Town Parks Master Plan Update document as an amendment to the Telluride Master Plan 2006.

Open Space Commission

A site visit with staff and representative of the Open Space Commission took place on July 12, 2020 and a worksession with Open Space Commission, town staff, the consultant, and the PRC took place on August 17, 2020. The purpose of the site walk and worksession was to discuss the TPMPU and potential internal land trades between the Open Space and Parks and Recreation Commissions that would allow seasonal campground uses of Zone 1 Bear Creek Preserve, in addition to existing camping uses that occur three (3) times a year during major festivals (Bluegrass, The Ride, and the Blues and Brews festivals). At the August 17th worksession, the Open Space Commission decided to not pursue the land trade. The Commission expressed concern over the current degraded condition of Zone 1 Bear Creek Preserve and indicated their interest in long term restoration and addressing current management issues and concerns related to festival camping. As a result,

the Commission was not supportive of the potential trade at this time.

The project team also discussed wayfinding and trail improvements with Open Space representatives. As new trails are planned and built in the future, a wayfinding system with designated trails and pedestrian routes through Town Park and connecting the Town parks properties to the trail system will be important to establish a well-knit, cohesive, and integrated parks and trails system.

Town Council

The Town Council was actively engaged in the TPMPU with several representatives participating directly in the meetings and worksessions that took place during the planning process.

A worksession on August 4, 2020 was conducted to review the recommendations emerging from the process and during this meeting the Town Council expressed support for the direction of the plan.

On October 6, 2020, the Town Council unanimously adopted the Town Parks Master Plan Update.

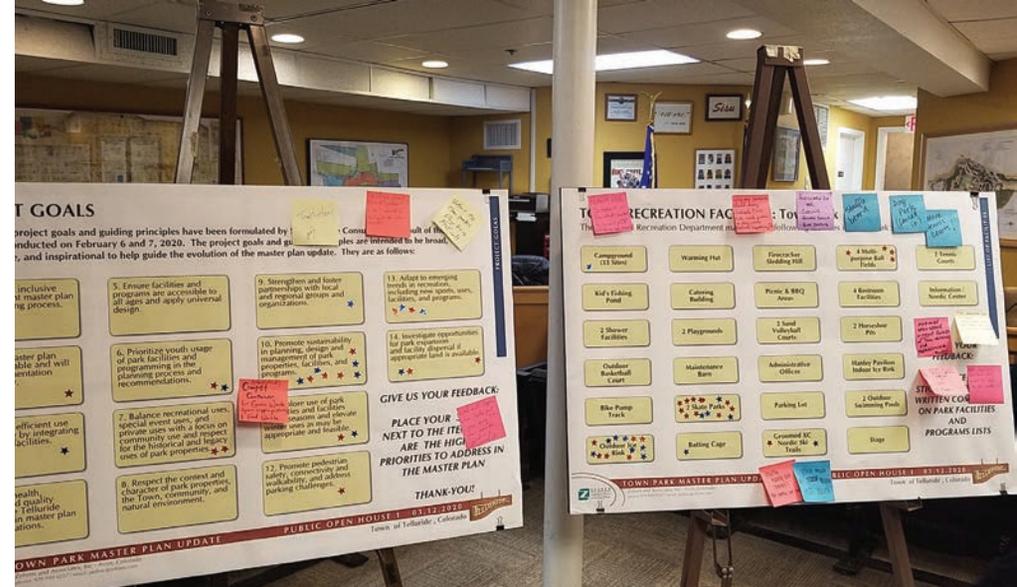


Regional Partners

Consistent with the project goal to “strengthen and foster partnerships with local and regional groups and organizations,” a meeting with PRC and regional partners was held on June 17, 2020. This meeting included the following groups:

- San Miguel County Parks and Open Space
- Lawson Hill Property Owners Company
- Telluride School District
- Town of Mountain Village

The meeting was held to communicate the progress of the TPMPU and to seek potential partnerships for park facilities and park expansion elsewhere, if appropriate and available. No concrete opportunities and possibilities were readily identified for the short-term with any of the regional partners. The exception is a new one (1) acre parcel acquired by the San Miguel County Parks and Open Space on the northeast corner of Mill Creek Road and the Highway 145 Spur that is intended as a community park. The County is currently conducting community surveys to determine preferred uses for the site.





CHAPTER 5. CURRENT USES, DEMANDS & ANTICIPATED FUTURE TRENDS

Introduction

Telluride is a very popular tourism destination and, given the topography of the box canyon and limited area of land in the valley, there is limited land designated for parks and recreation uses within the Town’s limits and surrounding region. Consequently, the Town parks properties receive a heavy amount of use across the seasons and there are a variety of current demands placed upon them. In fact, this constraint for additional park land for recreation is part of the reason for the project goals to “maximize efficient use of park space by integrating multi-use of facilities” and to “investigate opportunities for park expansion and facility dispersal if appropriate land is available.”

Over the past 10 years, as census data indicates, the population of the Town of Telluride, San Miguel County, and its communities has grown significantly. The growth has been multi-generational, with older individuals moving to the area for retirement, as well as young families with young and school-aged children. The increased population in these age groups has resulted in higher demand for the Town’s recreational programs and facilities. This is evidenced by the growth in participation in the Town’s recreation programs as well as local sports clubs and organizations. Demand for ice time is high for hockey, figure skating, public skating, and for the curling club, which compete for use of the Hanley Rink. Demand for field time in the summer is spread across soccer, lacrosse, and softball. Demand for indoor recreation is also high, especially in the winter months when it is not possible to conduct certain recreation activities outdoors. Of particular note is the need and demand for a dedicated space for the youth of the community, expressed repeatedly during the planning process.

Given the short play season and the frequency of special events in Town Park during the summer and fall, field and court sports are constrained in the amount of time available to conduct programs and practices. The use of the fields at Lawson Hill and Down Valley Park and the High School gymnasium help meet this demand. These facilities are used to supplement the fields at Town Park, especially for team practices and during sporting events and tournaments. As a result of these trends, the Town’s recreational facilities and programs typically operate at full capacity. There is demand for more facilities and recreation space to meet both present day and future needs.

Wherever possible and practical, the 2020 TPMPU seeks to increase the efficiency of park land by providing facilities that are designed to allow multi-uses and expand the level of use of existing park land. Several of the major recommendations of the plan are geared at renovating, replacing and creating new facilities that allow more and different uses across seasons.

Existing Park Facilities:

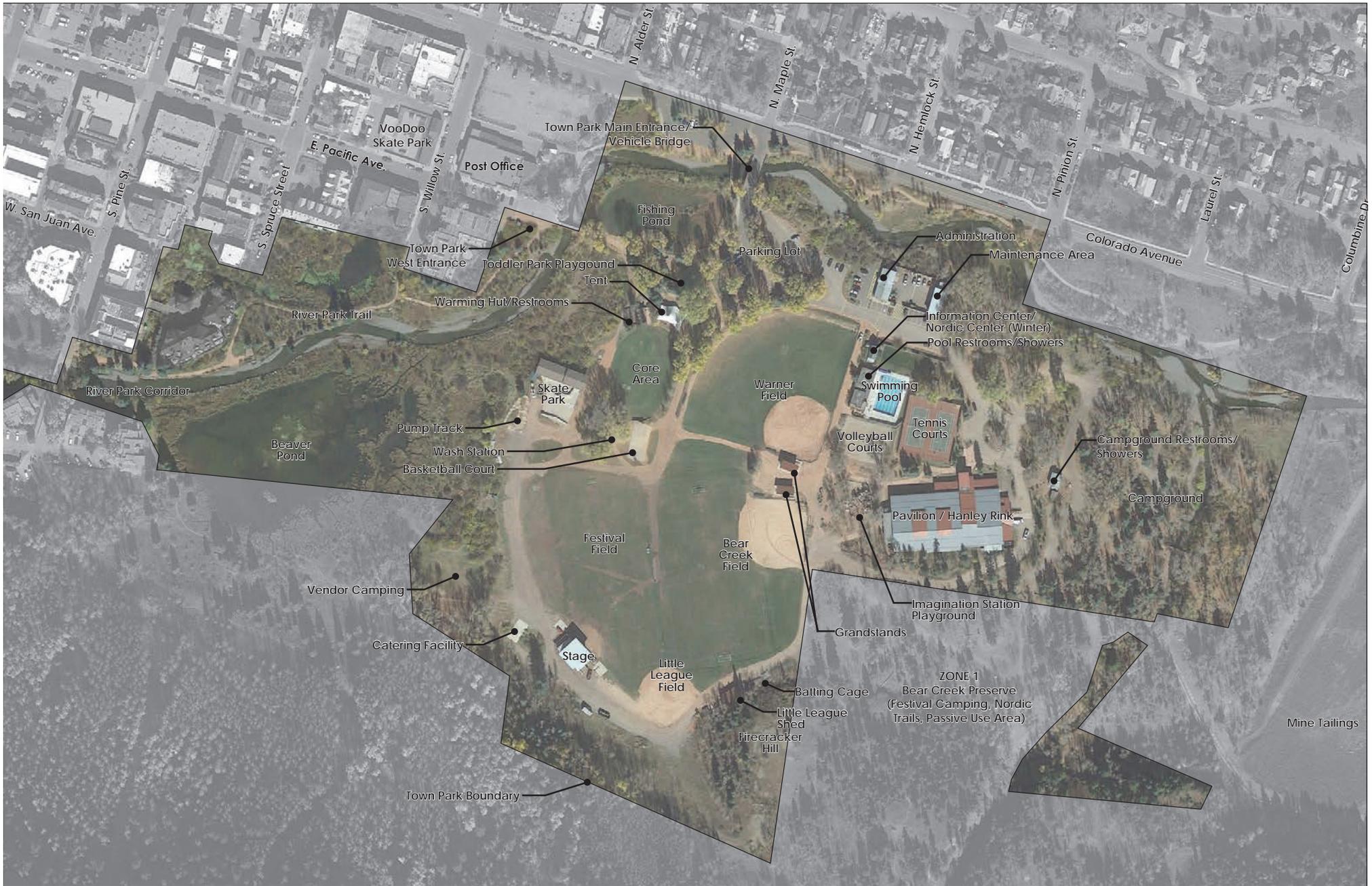
A map of the Town Park is included on page 17 and includes the current facilities:

- Campground (33 sites)
- Campground Restroom and Shower Building
- Outdoor swimming pools (Lap Pool and Family Pool)
- Pool Restroom and Shower Building / Chemical Room
- Three multi-purpose ball fields
- Information / Nordic Center
- Town Park Pavilion / Hanley Ice Rink
- Two tennis / Four pickle ball courts
- Two sand volleyball courts
- Two playgrounds – Toddler Playground and Imagination Station
- Picnic / BBQ areas
- Two horseshoe pits
- Kids Fishing Pond
- Town Park Skate Park
- Core Area Oval
- Warming Hut and Restrooms
- Tension-membrane tent structure
- Outdoor basketball court
- Firecracker Hill - sledding hill
- Groomed X-C ski trails (3 kilometers)
- Covered grandstands (2)
- Stage
- Catering Facility and Restrooms
- Administrative offices
- Maintenance yard
- Storage shed
- Parking lot

In addition, Town's parks properties include the:

- San Miguel River Park Corridor and Trail
- Elks Park
- North Spruce Street Park
- Oak Street Park
- South Spruce Street Park
- Youth Link Skate Park





Current Uses and Demands

During the winter months, park use is prevalent at the following facilities:

- a beginner to intermediate Nordic track and Nordic Center.
- the Pavilion / Hanley Ice Rink, where there is heavy demand for ice time from adult and youth hockey leagues as well as figure skating and curling clubs.
- Outdoor ice rink.
- Sledding hill.

To a much lesser extent there is demand on the River Trail, which serves as a pedestrian corridor across Town. The Colorado Avenue pocket parks receive little to no use during the winter and serve as snow storage areas. In the shoulder seasons in the fall and spring, the Pavilion supports team sports including soccer and lacrosse to help practices start during times when play outside is still limited due to snow, cold temperatures, or uncertain weather.

During summer months, the pattern of use and demand shift significantly. Town Park becomes the centerpiece of the community, accommodating a variety of recreational programs as well as special event uses. From late May through mid-September, Town Park sees three (3) major festivals, several smaller special events, large community celebrations including the 4th of July, and several major athletic programs and tournaments.

Likewise, the River Park Corridor and Trail as well as the Colorado Ave pocket parks also receive greater frequency of use. The River Park Corridor and Trail serves as an important mobility system east to west across Town linking the downtown to the Town Park. The Colorado Avenue pocket parks support special events and festivals beyond everyday use, including pedestrian activity in the downtown core.

Year-round demand and need for a dedicated space for youth was repeatedly expressed by the community during the planning process. With the slated development of the Youth Link skate park and the elimination of the 'Voodoo Lounge' there is no longer a designated place for youth to congregate near downtown. Representatives of Tri-County Health and high school students engaged in the process and articulated these needs on behalf of the youth.

Competing Recreation and Special Events Uses

As the Telluride community has grown and the popularity of special events has also grown over the past 15 years, increasingly there are competing uses for the available park space. Major festivals have long held a place and are part of the special events tradition in Telluride, serving as major economic drivers for the Town and region. Major festivals include three (3) multi-day extended weekends throughout the summer including the Telluride Bluegrass Festival on the third weekend in June, the Ride Festival on the second weekend in July after Independence Day, and the Blues and Brews Festival on the third weekend in September. These festivals include use of the majority of Town Park, the Campground, and Zone 1 of the Bear Creek Open Space for camping for a limited number of festival ticket holders.

Sports and athletic tournaments are also popular and softball and soccer leagues hold daily games and annual summer tournaments in Town Park. The latter are being increasingly constrained due to special events. Furthermore, recreational facilities in the park are impacted by major festivals, in some cases restricting or preventing access of park facilities by everyday park users. Facilities with restricted public use during festivals currently include: the main skate park, Warming Hut, and basketball court. While the pool, volleyball courts, tennis courts, and Imagination Station playground are left open to the public, access is limited, controlled, and difficult, becoming impractical for many locals, especially those with small children.

Anticipated Future Trends

The planning process for the TPMPU resulted in community feedback expressing greater need and demand for recreational facilities and uses in Town Park. The community clearly expressed a desire for renovating and expanding recreational facilities that will increase the level of use of park facilities across the seasons. There is interest in additional sheets of ice to support hockey, curling, and figure skating, a new skate park to replace the Youth Link, and improvements to the Core Area that will support greater multi-uses. There are emerging sports such as pickle ball, stand-up paddling, and river tubing that are causing greater interest and use of Town parks properties. Use of electric assisted bicycles (e-bikes) is on the rise and there is an increase of e-bike traffic on the River Trail and throughout the Town.

As a result of these anticipated future trends, the direction of the TPMPU is to provide greater and more multi-use recreation facilities in Town Park over the next 15 years. In consideration of the important role of major festival and special events, additional circulation, staging, infrastructure, and improvements are also included in the plan and coordinated carefully with new or renovated recreation facilities. As new recreational facilities are renovated and developed, the ability to access and use the facilities during special events becomes a key planning and design determinant.

Future Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for a Community Recreation Center

Throughout the planning process for the TPMPU, the community, sports clubs, and organizations expressed the need for indoor recreation and community space. In most cases the input received requested a community recreation center to incorporate a variety of indoor recreation facilities to complement the Town parks and regional facilities. Suggestions included an indoor lap swimming pool, sports courts, an additional sheet of ice, a gymnasium, and associated facilities. The PRC discussed options that included a small-scale recreation center 'right' sized for the community and to be located in Town Park, or a larger full-size recreation center in a central location that would be closer and more accessible to residents of the region, possibly at Lawson Hill or elsewhere down valley. As a result of the high interest and demand for indoor recreation and a community recreation center, a recommendation of the TPMPU is for the Town to conduct a future needs assessment and feasibility study for a community recreation center. This effort should be carefully coordinated with regional partners and take a comprehensive look at the existing and long-term needs of the community, and evaluate funding, operations, and staffing of the facility.

Impacts of COVID19 Global Pandemic

Given the advent of the COVID19 during 2020 when the master plan update was underway, it is important to recognize that recommended park improvements may need to be planned and designed to address public health considerations that include physical distancing and greater separation of users. The global pandemic greatly affected the Town of Telluride typical summer of recreation programs, major festivals, and special events. While many programs were canceled or modified, the Town received heavy visitation and tourism. Town Park, Colorado Avenue pocket parks and the River Park Corridor and Trail received very heavy pressure on a sustained basis over the summer of 2020. The Colorado Avenue pocket parks became even more important in their role as supportive outdoor spaces within the urban fabric of the downtown. The River Park Corridor and Trail served as a convenient place close to downtown for physically distanced outdoor exercise. As improvements are contemplated and the fate of the COVID19 pandemic may become more clear, addressing public health concerns will be important considerations in the planning and design of new and renovated park facilities.



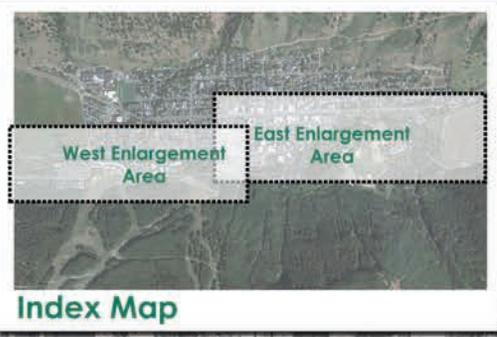
CHAPTER 6. RIVER PARK CORRIDOR AND TRAIL



The River Park Corridor and Trail is depicted in three maps shown on page 21 and 22 (reference Index Map, East Enlargement Area, West Enlargement Area and River Trail along Valley Floor to Boomerang Road.)

Existing Conditions

The River Park Corridor and Trail is a narrow and long park property 2.8 miles in length that follows the San Miguel River as it winds from the confluence with Bear Creek, along the northern edge of Town Park, and through the downtown core to the southwest neighborhoods before reaching the Valley Floor open space. A soft crusher fines pedestrian trail runs the length of the corridor and runs along both the northern and southern banks of the river depending on private properties and physical constraints. Access to the river along the trail is open and unrestricted. The trail crosses several surface streets and there is good signage and support furnishings at each location, indicating the location of the trail and notifying pedestrians to be cautious of vehicles. In some locations, the existing trail is constrained and narrows to only a few feet wide and in other locations there are exposed and eroding stream banks that need stabilization. The trail is heavily used by a diversity of pedestrians, cyclists, and dogs off-leash. Several of the public input emails received during the latter stages of the planning process in June and July expressed concern over safety related to conflicts between users and the sheer number of users on the trail, especially on weekends.





River Trail along Valley Floor to Boomerang Road



River Park Corridor and Trail Improvement Areas

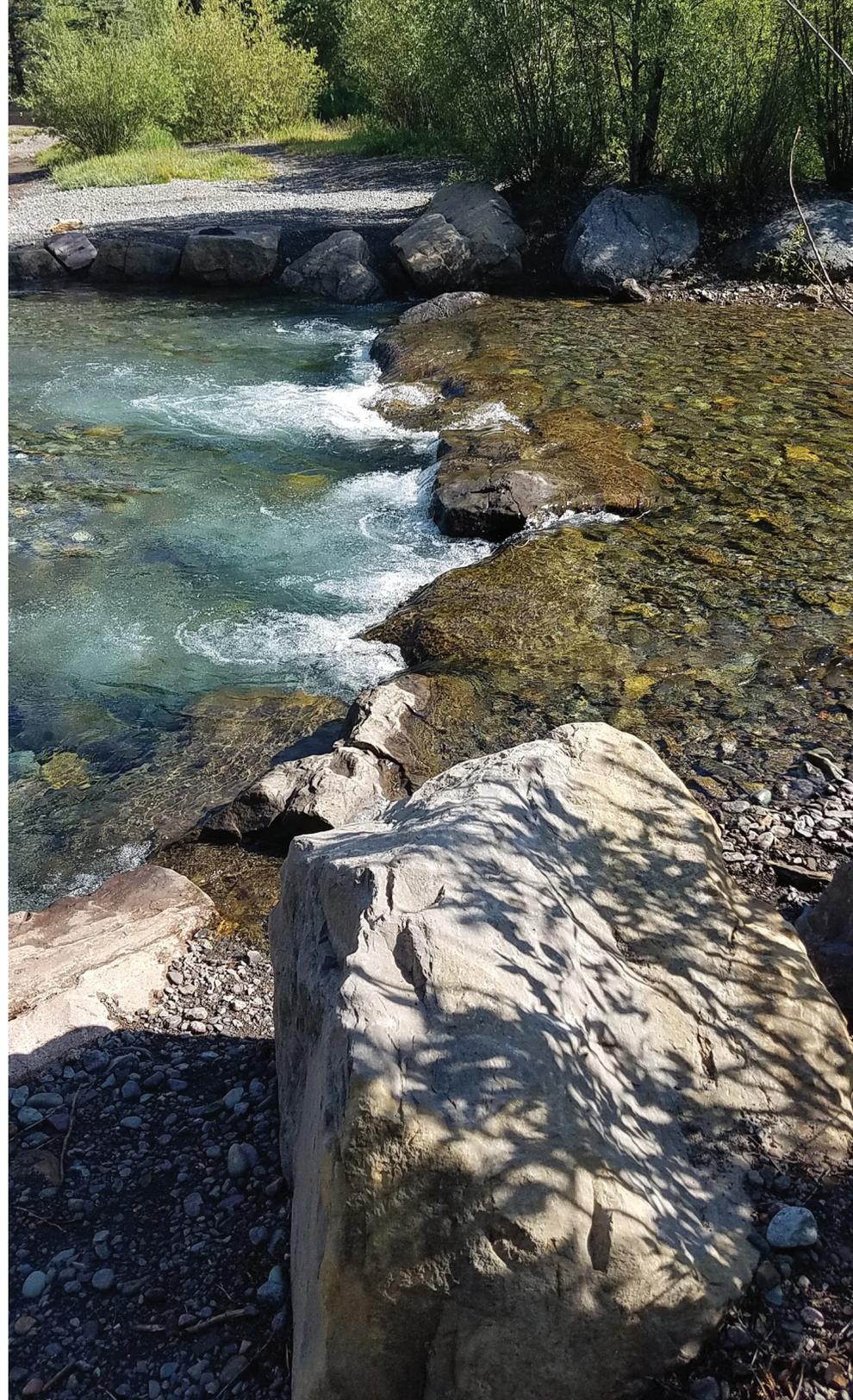
As a result of the public input received regarding the River Park Corridor and Trail, the TPMPU recommends improvements to seven (7) distinct areas along the corridor. The goal of these improvements is to formalize designated points to access the river to reduce or eliminate a 'free-for-all' access that damages the riverbank and impacts the riparian corridor. These areas are shown on the maps on pages 25 and 26.

Four (4) sites, areas one (1) through four (4), are identified for river access improvements in the stretch of the San Miguel River running north and west along the Town Park, in the east enlargement area. These include:

1. San Miguel River, Bear Creek Confluence River Access
2. North Park Arrival River Access & Play Zone
3. West Park Arrival River Access & Play Zone
4. South Willow Street 'River Beach'

Three (3) additional sites, areas five (5) through seven (7), are identified for river access improvements in the stretch of the San Miguel River running west of Town Park and through the downtown core until it reaches the Valley Floor open space. These include the following sites shown in the west enlargement area:

5. Gondola Plaza River Access & Picnic Area
6. Carhenge River Access & Play Zone
7. West River Park Access





Considerations for Improvements

The following are considerations for future improvements to the River Park Corridor and Trail:

1. Areas and locations indicated for designated river access are conceptual in nature and require further study and evaluation of appropriateness based on site specific characteristics constraints.
2. The intent is to designate specific locations where access to the river is allowed and encouraged in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.
3. Each area and location identified is to be surveyed, the flood plain and wetlands identified, and program of improvements considered carefully based on site constraints and limitations.
4. Program improvements include a limited menu of site furnishings with focus on interpretive signage with environmental education messaging addressing river safety, riparian protection, and river use etiquette.
5. No grills and picnic areas are to be included along the River Park Corridor and Trail due to wildfire and potential over-use concerns.
6. Keeping a natural character with low impact improvements and controlled access will be emphasized in order to protect fragile and sensitive locations.
7. An Adopt-a-River program or similar community-based program should be investigated with the business community and stakeholders.
8. Access for river play activities including tubing and stand-up paddle boarding during appropriate and safe river flow conditions will be provided with a focus on promoting safe practices in river recreation.
9. Protection of riparian vegetation, wetlands, and restoring eroded banks will be part of the program and coordinated with the activities and effort of other departments as appropriate.
10. Stormwater management and run-off into the river will be addressed as part of improvements, again in coordination with efforts of other departments as appropriate.

RIVER ACCESS, PLAY ZONES AND HANG-OUT AREAS - (eastern reaches through town park)

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River Park East Enlargement Area



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RIVER ACCESS, PLAY ZONES AND HANG-OUT AREAS (western reaches through downtown)

- 5. Gondola Plaza River Access & Picnic Area
- 6. Carhenge River Access & Play Zone
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River Park West Enlargement Area



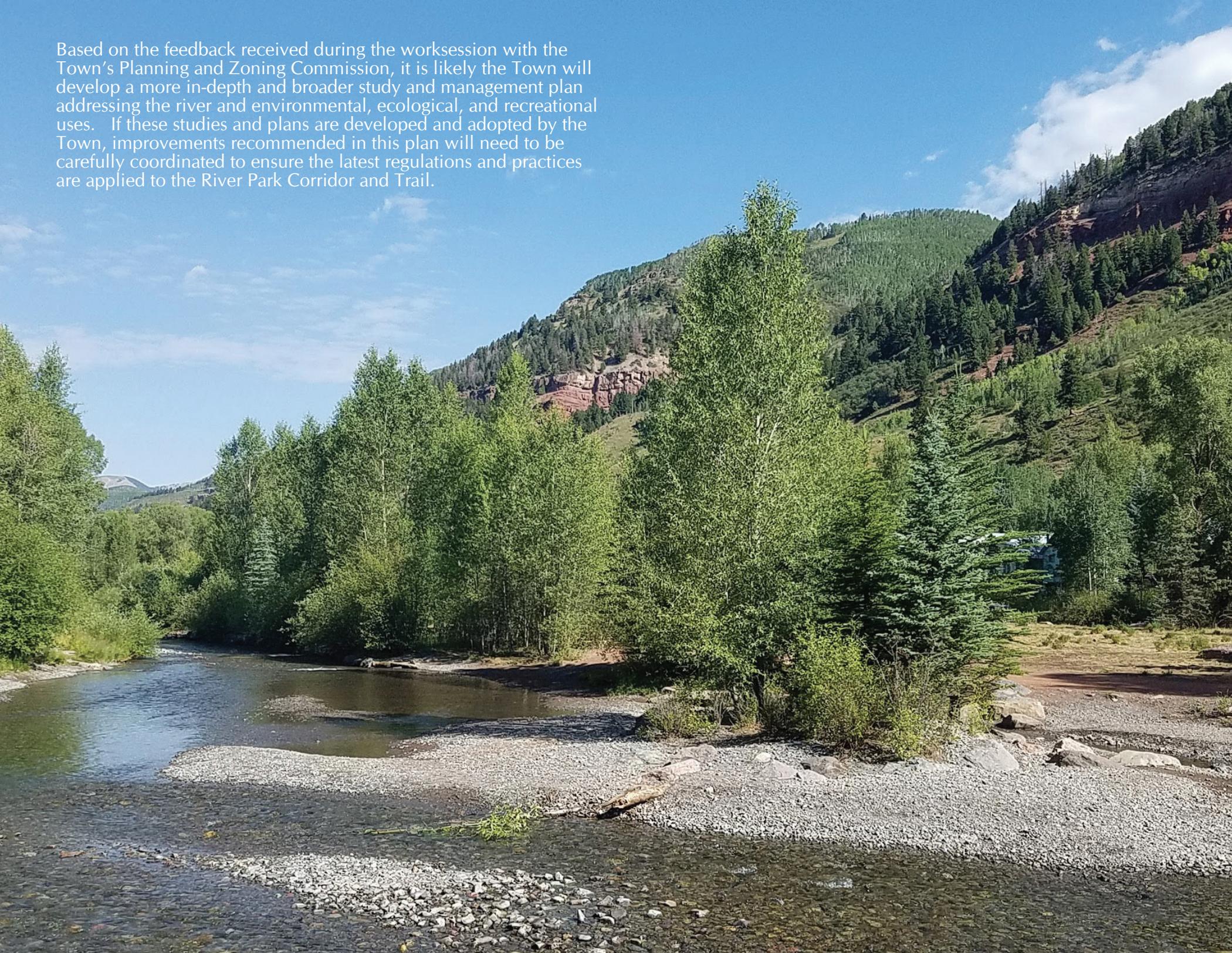
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Based on the feedback received during the worksession with the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission, it is likely the Town will develop a more in-depth and broader study and management plan addressing the river and environmental, ecological, and recreational uses. If these studies and plans are developed and adopted by the Town, improvements recommended in this plan will need to be carefully coordinated to ensure the latest regulations and practices are applied to the River Park Corridor and Trail.



CHAPTER 7. COLORADO AVENUE POCKET PARKS

The TPMPU includes, as part of the Town parks properties, the four (4) Colorado Avenue pocket parks. These include Elks Park, Oak Street Park, North Spruce Street Park and South Spruce Street Park. As depicted on the context map on page 31, these four (4) parks are located along Colorado Avenue, in a dense urban area within three (3) blocks of each other.

Existing Conditions

The Colorado Avenue pocket parks serve as important open spaces within the commercial development located on both sides of Colorado Avenue. The pocket parks have a history of supporting special events downtown and as spaces for vendors, farm stands, and community gatherings. Each park has its own individual personality and pattern of use based on the location within downtown, views, existing vegetation, surfacing, adjacencies, and relationships with surrounding businesses. A photographic inventory of the pocket parks was conducted during the winter and summer months and is included in an appendix to this report.

Elks Park:

Elks Park is the largest of the Colorado Avenue pocket parks and the most important based on the uses it supports, as well as the everyday role it plays in the downtown commercial core. The park has elevated seating terraces along its western side that wrap around to the north and are a popular seating location for park users. The surface of the park is sod, and it provides an important green landscape area within downtown. At the interface of the park with Colorado Avenue are a series of large boulders with historic interpretive plaques that educate and tell the history of the Town, important landmarks, people, and events. These boulders frame a small picnic area that is perched

above and looks down upon the rest of the park to the south. The boulders and this space serve as a barrier between the park and the sidewalk, and to some degree obstruct the access of pedestrian traffic into the park from Colorado Avenue.

A metal kiosk anchors the northeast corner of the park, and serves as a landmark for notices, signs, posters, and advertisements promoting local events and happenings. Elks Park supports several of the special events that take place in the summer months. Smaller concerts, workshops, and performances are held in Elks Park as part of special events, and during the Telluride Film Festival the park becomes an outdoor venue where movies are shown on a large temporary screen erected at the southern end of the park.

The park suffers from poor drainage and overuse in the summer. Consequently, it is difficult to maintain an even and fully sodded lawn, and it requires additional maintenance with periodic replacement of the sod necessary every couple of years. There are several large mature trees around the periphery of Elks Park. A series of large cottonwoods anchor the northwest corner of the site. While they provide shade, they also block the views and access into the park from Colorado Avenue, and limit the ability of other plants or improvements to grow in the vicinity.

Oak Street Park:

Oak Street Park is located across from Elks Park, on the opposite side of Colorado Avenue. The park is smaller than Elks Park and much narrower and confined in useable space. Oak Street Park also supports events and serves as an outdoor space used as an “outdoor lobby” for events taking place within the Sheridan Opera House. Flanking the eastern side of the park is the Sheridan Opera House’s ‘Show’



sidewalk bar where live entertainment takes place and, during summer months, spills into the pocket park. The western side the park is flanked by the San Miguel County Courthouse, which provides shade throughout and largely encloses the space. There is no paved area within the Oak Street Park and the park is surfaced with sod. Several mature trees located within the park provide ample shade in the space. The views from the park are predominantly to the ski mountain to the south, with Elks Park in the foreground.

South Spruce Street Park:

South Spruce Street Park is a small pocket park on the southern side of Colorado Avenue. It is flanked by the Ace Hardware / Masonic Order building to the east and a restaurant with outdoor dining to the west. Like Elks Park, South Spruce Street Park includes a small plaza defined by large boulders with historic interpretive plaques. The park is informal and provides a place to sit and seek refuge and shade from the traffic and movement on Colorado Avenue. The park also supports film festival use due to being adjacent the Mason's temporary theatre space. There are small areas of sod with shade trees. The park is very shady and could benefit from selective tree removal and pruning in order to provide better views and more sunlight within the space.

North Spruce Street Park:

The North Spruce Street Park is located directly across Colorado Avenue from South Spruce Street Park and is flanked by popular restaurants with outdoor seating oriented toward the park. The park is periodically used by vendors selling produce and plays a limited role within the downtown environment. Input during the planning process suggested a small interactive play feature be considered at this park as a place to entertain and captivate younger children downtown. Views from the park are to the south

of the ski mountain and of South Spruce Street Park. There is limited paving and transition area between the Colorado Avenue sidewalks and the entrance into the pocket park.

Recommendations for Improvements to the Pocket Parks

Conceptual plans for the pocket parks were developed in response to the feedback received during the planning process. Exact improvements to each of the parks were not defined with a high level of specificity as part of the master plan process. Additional study is needed to evaluate changes to each pocket park on a case-by-case basis. Interface and coordination with adjacent businesses and property owners is needed to define the character, location, and extent of improvements. As a result, a broad range of recommendations is included in the plan to guide the future study of improvements to the parks to be made incrementally over the three (3) phases of implementation to be accomplished in the next 15 years. In addition, some additional recommendations for each park are provided for future consideration and investigation.

Key Recommendations for ALL Pocket Parks include:

- Continue to refine the appearance and conditions of the pocket parks.
- Create transition areas into each park beyond the Colorado Avenue sidewalk to support uses such as street vendors and pop-up dining areas.
- Add hardscape areas to each park in strategically located areas, for greater multi-use and to help with maintenance across seasons.
- Promote more use of the pocket parks during winter months and ski season with rotating temporary displays and uses.

- Increase visibility into pocket parks with selective removal of trees and re-planting.
- Add pockets of low accent landscaping for visual interest.
- Replace and add new furnishings, with focus on picnic tables and benches for casual dining.
- Preserve turf as the major surface material at Elks Park as an ample green space within the downtown.
- Consider temporary shade devices (shade sails, awnings, tents, and trellises) to provide shade during summer and shoulder months.



Specific Recommendations for each of the Colorado Avenue

Pocket Parks include:

Elks Park:

1. Reconfigure Historic Plaques & Boulders: Open the park up to Colorado Avenue to improve access. Preserve historic plaques, and reorganize boulder placement to create better pedestrian flow.
2. New entry plaza along Colorado Avenue: New surfacing, concrete or pavers, picnic tables, and seating. Preserve existing tree at corner and steel kiosk. Ramp from east side walk into park, with terraced boulders as edge.
3. Extend terraced seating around NW corner: Create more terraced seating oriented to mountain and stage / screen location. Integrate boulder terraces extending from new access ramp.
4. Fragmented stone paving in areas of park: Add stone pavers inside path area and to north side of lawn, to help overuse of sod and to allow moveable furnishings. Grass in between the pavement.
5. Tree preservation and removal: Removal of select trees at NW corner and preservation of the majority of trees.
6. Site furnishing upgrades: Bike racks, trash and recycling receptacles. Consider water bottle filling station at NE corner near steel kiosk.



Oak Street Park:

1. Small Plaza with Seating: To support events at Sheridan Opera House.
2. Location for two (2) vendor carts: Recessed into plaza away from sidewalk.
3. Shade sail for summer months: Fabric shade sail to provide shade.
4. Stone Beam 'Seats': Linear stone beam seats, break up space and provide seating, visual interest, elements for kids to play on.
5. Site Furnishing upgrades: Picnic tables for casual dining, bike racks, trash and recycling receptacles.

* Existing event uses may preclude some of these improvements.

South Spruce Street Park:

1. Historic Plaza with boulder and plaques: Cluster boulders with historic plaques in one location with central organizing historic element.
2. Additional seat walls / seating: Consider additional seat walls to match existing.
3. Preserve trees at rear to screen alley and parked cars.
4. Unifying elements across Colorado Avenue: Consider vertical elements on both sides of Colorado Avenue to unify North and South Spruce Street parks. Consider stringing elements across Colorado Avenue during special events.

North Spruce Street Park:

1. Farmer's Market / Vendor Kiosks: Permanent kiosks that can be leased by vendors, serve as shade and seating during everyday use.
2. Interactive Play Area: Small play area with interactive naturalistic and artistic elements, small loop track with image / word puzzles sand blasted into stone paving. Winter interest / use also.
3. Accent Landscaping: flowering perennials at edges for color, texture, interest.
4. Seating around Play Area: Strategically placed seating for viewing of play and oriented to views to the south.
5. Tree Preservation at rear of lot / screen parking: Preserve trees at rear of lot, screen parking area from play area. Consider shade tree or fabric shade sail.
6. Unifying elements across Colorado Avenue: Consider vertical elements on both sides of Colorado Avenue to unify North and South Spruce Street parks. String elements across Colorado Avenue during special events.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COLORADO AVENUE POCKET PARKS:

- Continue to refine the appearance and conditions of the pocket parks.
- Create transition areas into each park beyond the Colorado Avenue sidewalk to support uses such as street vendors and pop-up dining areas.
- Add hardscape areas to each park in strategically located areas, for greater multi-use and to help with maintenance across seasons.
- Promote more use of the pocket parks during winter months and ski season with rotating temporary displays and uses.
- Increase visibility into pocket parks with selective removal of trees and re-planting.
- Add pockets of low accent landscaping for visual interest.
- Replace and add new furnishings, with focus on picnic tables and benches for casual dining.
- Preserve turf as the major surface material at Elks Park as an ample green space within the downtown.
- Consider temporary shade devices (shade sails, awnings, tents, and trellises) to provide shade during summer and shoulder months.





OAK STREET PARK - Potential Improvements

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 2. **Location for two (2) vendor carts:** Recessed into plaza away from sidewalk.
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 4. **Stone Beam 'Seats':** Linear stone beam seats, break up space and provide seating, visual interest, elements for kids to play on.
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ELKS PARK - Potential Improvements

1. **Reconfigure Historic Plaques & Boulders:** Open the park up to Colorado Avenue to improve access. Preserve historic plaques, and reorganize boulder placement to create better pedestrian flow.
2. **New entry plaza along Colorado Avenue:** New surfacing, concrete or pavers, picnic tables, and seating. Preserve existing tree at corner and steel kiosk. Ramp from east side walk into park, with terraced boulders as edge.
3. **Extend terraced seating around NW corner:** Create more terraced seating oriented to mountain and stage / screen location. Integrate boulder terraces extending from new access ramp.
4. **Fragmented stone paving in areas of park:** Add stone pavers inside path area and to north side of lawn, to help overuse of sod and to allow moveable furnishings. Grass in between the pavement.
5. **Tree preservation and removal:** Removal of select trees at NW corner and preservation of the majority of trees.
6. **Site furnishing upgrades:** Bike racks, trash and recycling receptacles. Consider water bottle filling station at NE corner near steel kiosk.



NORTH SPRUCE STREET PARK - Potential Improvements

- 1. Farmer's Market / Vendor Kiosks:** Permanent kiosks that can be leased by vendors, serve as shade and seating during everyday use.
- 2. Interactive Play Area:** Small play area with interactive naturalistic and artistic elements, small loop track with image / word puzzles sand blasted into stone paving. Winter interest / use also.
- 3. Accent Landscaping:** flowering perennials at edges for color, texture, interest.
- 4. Seating around Play Area:** Strategically placed seating for viewing of play and oriented to views to the south.
- 5. Tree Preservation at rear of lot / screen parking:** Preserve trees at rear of lot, screen parking area from play area. Consider shade tree or fabric shade sail.
- 6. Unifying elements across Colorado Avenue:** Consider vertical elements on both sides of Colorado Avenue to unify North and South Spruce Street parks. String elements across Colorado Avenue during special events.

SOUTH SPRUCE STREET PARK - Potential Improvements

- 1. Historic Plaza with boulder and plaques:** Cluster boulders with historic plaques in one location with central organizing historic element.
- 2. Additional seat walls / seating:** Consider additional seat walls to match existing.
- 3. Preserve trees at rear to screen alley and parked cars.**
- 4. Unifying elements across Colorado Avenue:** Consider vertical elements on both sides of Colorado Avenue to unify North and South Spruce Street parks. Consider stringing elements across Colorado Avenue during special events.



The Telluride Town Park has been the primary focus of the TPMPU. The majority of stakeholder and community input received during the planning process has centered on Town Park and its different areas, facilities, and uses. Town Park truly serves as both the Town’s front and back yard, and it serves as the central hub of recreation and outdoor activity for the community. Most community recreation, festivals, and special events take place in Town Park and primarily over the summer season. Likewise, in the winter, the Pavilion / Hanley Rink, outdoor ice rink, Nordic Center and trails, and Firecracker Hill become key destinations for locals and visitors alike. With the increased demand for additional recreational facilities and the popularity of special events, it is critical for improvements to Town Park to consider multi-use and balance between these competing uses. With this balance in mind, the TPMPU strategically recommends a range of improvements that will allow renovation of existing Town Park facilities to promote greater multi-use, while preserving and facilitating the operation and staging of festivals and events.

The majority of facilities in Town Park have detailed management plans outlining use restrictions, approval process, and fees.

Design Character for New Park Facilities, Buildings, and Site Improvements

As the Town of Telluride prioritizes improvements to the Town’s parks properties recommended in the TPMPU, the design character of facilities and associated site improvements will be important considerations. The 2005 plan recommended a rough and natural character for improvements and new development within the Town’s parks properties. This direction has been adhered to in the improvements made the past 15 years. This same rough and natural character is to be maintained in the development of new facilities over the next 15 years. New buildings and site improvements are to minimize visual impact to Town’s parks properties and adjacent land uses. Building massing should be carefully studied to avoid blocking views and building forms need to be contextual with and respect their site and immediate surroundings. Materials and finishes selected are to be compatible and blend in with existing structures. The Town’s 2016 Building Design Guidelines are to be used in evaluating proposals for new improvements, especially when new buildings and structures are involved. Sustainable building practices and techniques should be employed. Recycled materials, passive design, renewable energy technologies, and systems are to be incorporated to minimize energy consumption and help promote a strong environmental ethic. Site design and drainage is to incorporate green infrastructure to manage stormwater run-off and protect water quality, especially in improvements in proximity to the river corridor. Landscaping is to include xeriscape practices, water conservation principles, and efficient irrigation laid out in zones and controlled automatically with moisture sensors and timers. The overall goal is to protect the character of the Town’s parks properties in a sensitive manner that promotes environmental responsibility and minimizes impacts to the local ecosystem.



Conceptual Plans and Recommended Improvements for Specific Areas of Town Park

For the purposes of organizing the recommendations in this master plan, Town Park has been structured into four (4) park property areas (reference the Town Parks Areas Map on page 35) including:

- Arrival and Core Area
- Sports Central
- Overall Circulation, Parking, and Wayfinding
- Campground

Conceptual Plans for each of these areas were developed during the planning process and vetted with Town staff, the PRC, and with the public. Improvements for each of these Town Park areas are recommended as a result of the input received. The improvements recommended for each area are listed in the narrative below as well as in the legend of the concept plans where they are keyed to the plan using alphabetic characters.

Arrival and Core Area

Much of the input received about the Core Area centered on the preferred location for the relocated Youth Link skate park and Warming Hut, to include multi-use space on the second floor of the Warming Hut that can potentially serve as a youth hang-out space. There was also focus on improving and clarifying the arrival sequence into the park from the west and the north, creating a stronger sense of arrival. The renovation of the Oval to include hard surfacing for recreational courts and multi-uses was requested by various user groups. The recommended improvements to the Core Area of Town Park include:

- A. Town Park Arrival Plaza: New multi-use space at eastern end of Pacific Avenue. Supports farmer's markets, small events, and becomes a transition zone between Town and the Park. Helps establish a gateway into Town Park. Bike parking and way-finding as primary uses. Accommodates box office uses during festivals.
- B. Gateway / Entry Element(s): Artistic architectural gateway elements to announce and help clarify arrival into the park at entries.
- C. Pond reduction, new picnic area, perimeter foot path: Reduce size of pond by 25%. Create new picnic area space at entrance to park with views across pond.

Include shade structure to support picnic area. New perimeter foot path around pond, with site furnishings, pond edge landscaping and casting areas, river access point delineation, safety, and educational signage.

D. Additional parking at entrance: Additional 5 to 6 spaces near the park vehicle entrance in association with new picnic area on east side of pond.

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F. 'The Grove' Passive Area: Relocate the Tot Lot, preserve majority of trees and establish sense of arrival around new entry sequence. Consider naming and branding this area as 'The Grove.' Passive relaxation zone in the shade of trees, area for hammocks, seasonal art installations, park benches, and furnishings.

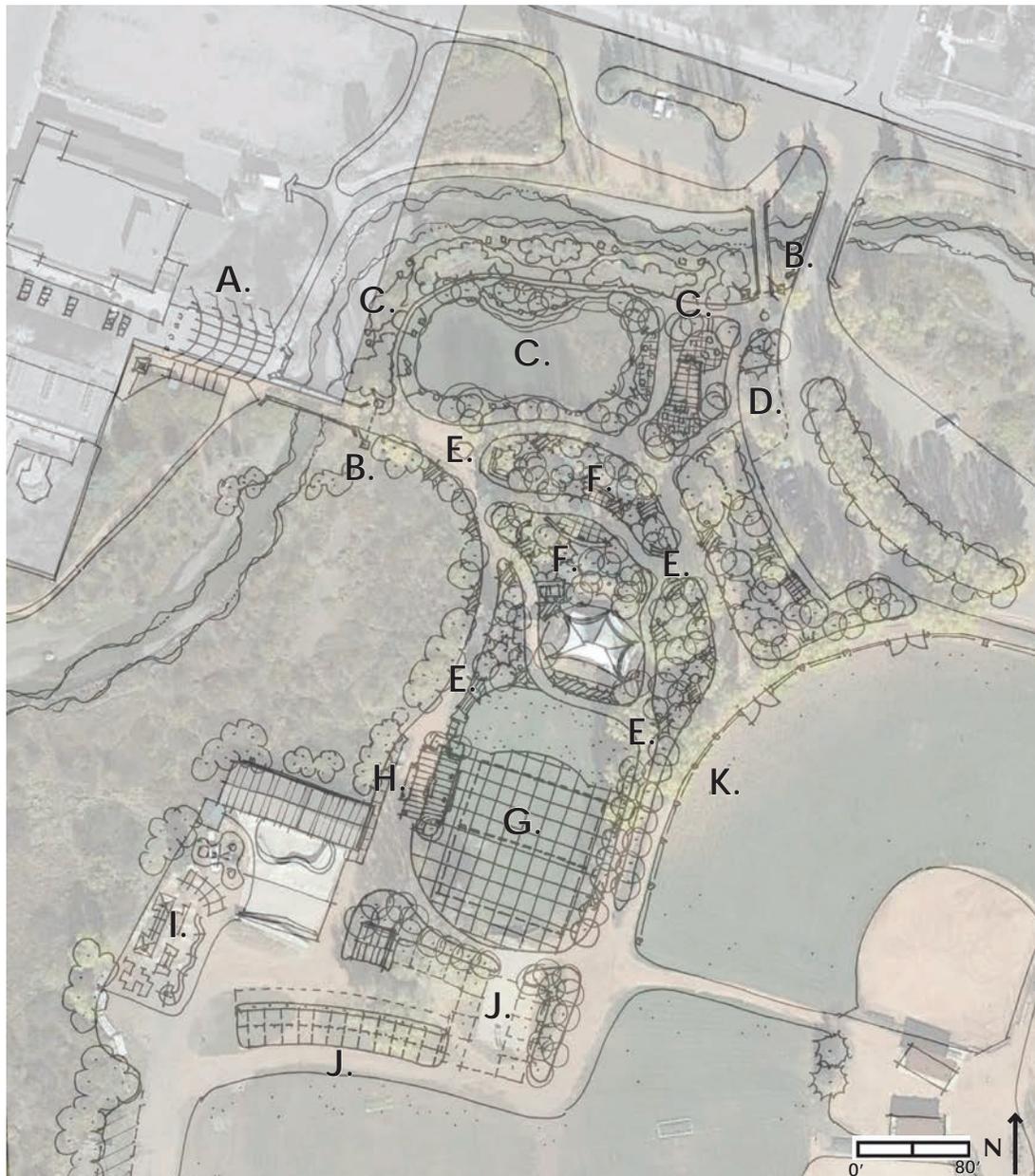
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H. New Warming Hut / Multi-use & Temporary Youth Space: New warming hut with restrooms, multi-use and temporary youth space on west edge of Oval. Two-level building with 2nd floor deck facing the Oval. Youth space to remain accessible and open during major festivals. Festival use as communication center to continue, resolve access with design of the building.

I. Skate Park Expansion & Renovation: New Youth Link street style features, co-joined to main park. Dedicated path to facility during major festivals. Renovation of existing facility in coordination with expansion.

J. Vendor Concrete Pads, Multi-use Plaza, Temporary truck parking: New concrete pads for vendors, with natural gas service, space for festival back of house, multi-use plaza as a support space. A potential semi-truck parking with loading dock in this area to be studied further. Potential temporary semi-truck parking in the area south of future youth link toward vendor camping to be explored during the skate park expansion design.

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Sports Central

A concept plan for improvements of the Sports Central area of the park was prepared to address feedback heard from the various user groups and stakeholders that use the facilities in this area of the park. The concept plan contemplates a new expanded playground in this area consolidating play areas for various age groups, including toddlers to replace the area near the Core Area. The plan suggests the following improvements:

- A new 'Sports Plaza' to help unify and organize the various recreation facilities in this area, including a new picnic area and a weather shelter integrated with the existing grandstands.
- A cover over the tennis and pickle ball courts is also proposed to increase the playing time and provide shelter so play can proceed during inclement weather.
- A concessions building located near the pool facility, fields, volleyball courts, and the tennis courts. This requires shifting the volleyball courts by approximately 10 to 15' to the south in order to create sufficient space for a new concessions building and access walkway. In this location, the concessions structure is envisioned to have point of sales windows and counters facing multiple orientations to provide the ability to service the pool area, tennis courts, and ball fields from the same location.

The recommended improvements to the Sports Central area of Town Park include:

A. Sports Central Plaza and Picnic Area: New organizing plaza space to unify various recreational park facilities. Central point of orientation and meeting for sports related activities, events, and gatherings. Multi-use hardscape area with softscape picnic areas around perimeter with trees and new park furnishings. Space to accommodate emergency and service vehicles.

B. Multi-use Shelter, Covered Team Benches & Shade Sail: New multi-use shelter between Sports Central plaza and playground. Provides shade and helps separate users. Covered team benches to provide cover for athletes (1st and 3rd baselines of both fields). Temporary shade sail for athletes west of existing grandstands.

C. Playground Expansion & Renovation: Expanded playground to include two new play pits for different age groups (2 to 5 and 5 to 12). Emphasis on new naturalistic and interactive play elements with educational themes. Playground expanded to the south and designed together with multi-use shelter and sports plaza, ideally. Incorporate landscape and fencing to screen and separate from the Pavilion.

D. Re-configured Service Access: Reconfiguration of service access to west side of the Pavilion from the south and to create larger contiguous area for the expansion of the playground to the west. Reconfiguration needs to accommodate semi-truck access to west side of Pavilion for event staging, deliveries, loading, and unloading.

E. Tennis Court covering: Open air roof cover over tennis / pickle ball courts to increase the playing season and provide shelter so play can proceed during inclement weather.

F. New Cessions at Pool, Tennis, Volleyball: New concessions building located centrally near pool, tennis, and volleyball courts (shifted to the south by 10'). Point of sales windows on multiple sides to serve pool, tennis, playground, and sports fields. Incorporates new walkway from Warner Field along south edge of pool, and raised seating deck with bar tables, stools and 'railing.'

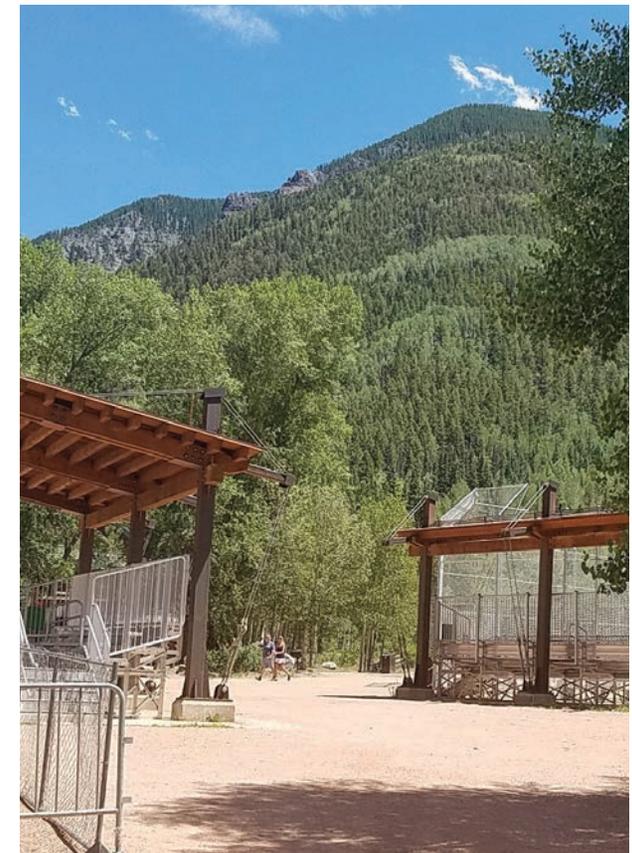
G. Circulation & Parking Improvements: Paving of the main drop-off area to the Pavilion, with 6 to 8 short-term head-in parking spaces, to be located on either side of the fire lane. New sidewalk from main parking area to Pavilion with low down-lit pedestrian lighting (bollards) to improve safety and visibility. Perpendicular parking north of and in front of pool.

Potential additional parking areas around perimeter of Pavilion. Maintain vehicular access for service and emergency vehicles on paths.

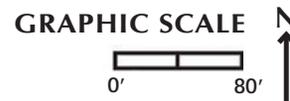
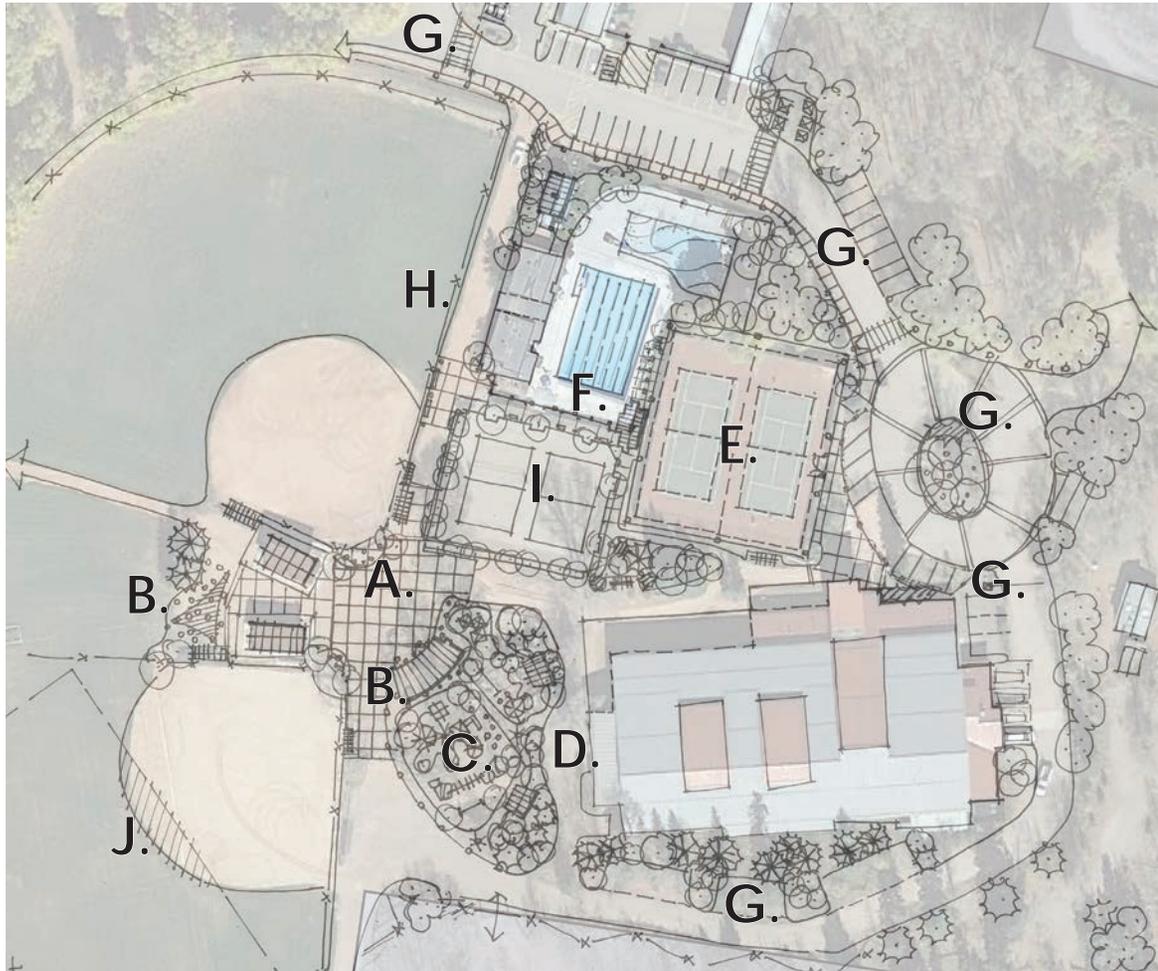
H. New safety fencing between Warner Field and Pool: New safety fencing along 1st base line of Warner Field to reduce conflicts between use of Warner Field and major park pedestrian route N-S to pool and playground.

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J. Bear Creek Soccer Field: Reconfigured soccer field to avoid dirt infield at edge of grass playing surface.



SPORTS CENTRAL PROGRAM



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Overall Circulation, Parking, and Wayfinding

The TPMPU has identified sixteen (16) areas of Town Park that need further analysis to improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation, parking and / or staging for recreation, festivals, and special events. In some cases, these areas require only a 'light touch' to improve the dimensions of roads or paths in order to facilitate circulation. In other cases, the improvements to the areas require more significant impact to existing conditions to solve current issues effectively, such as paving of the drop off area to the Pavilion and extending a new sidewalk or path from the main parking area to the Pavilion. Some of the improvements relate closely to the concept plans for discrete areas of the park, such as the Town Park Arrival Plaza, and park entry sequence referenced in the Core Area.

Additional parking is by far the most difficult need to address in the current condition of the park. There are no ideal or optimum locations available for additional parking that are not already being used or that would not impact existing uses. Maximizing parking near and around Town Park is of critical importance. Seasonal parking along the north side of the Town Park on Colorado Avenue should be considered in greater detail, and possibly managed during everyday use of the park. New parking areas may be possible by carving space out of existing uses such as the fishing pond and areas around the Pavilion and near the Campground. Park access by foot, bike, and transit needs to be encouraged. Providing supporting elements such as additional bike racks, storage, shade, and comfort stations that cater to and accommodate other modes of transit will help minimize car trips. The recommended improvements to overall circulation, parking, and wayfinding in Town Park include:

1. Bridge improvements: Signage and edge improvements to aid vehicle access into Town Park.
2. Pedestrian Crosswalk / Walkways: Improved crosswalk and walkway from parking to Pavilion, walkway loop around sports elements.
3. Service Road widening at turn / parking: Adjustment to edge of road, surface to facilitate turning movements of large service vehicles / trucks, and add parking.
4. Drop-off / Arrival Improvements: Pave drop-off, striping and signage improvements, head-in parking on either side of the fire lane at the Pavilion entrance.
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8. Fence / Safety Barrier along Service Road: Continuous barrier / fence along service road around perimeter of field from sports area to main stage.

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10. Service & Back of House Plaza: Vendor staging and parking.

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14. Increased emphasis on Walkability, Cycling and Transit: Emphasize and facilitate pedestrian, cycling, and transit modes of arrival and circulation to, from, and through Town Park. Provide clear signage and infrastructure at transit stops, including maps, route descriptions, bike racks, water bottle filling station(s).

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Campground

During the planning process, the PRC requested looking at areas of the main Campground for expansion of Town Park to help meet recreational needs in the future. In response, three (3) sites within the existing Town Park were designated as potential redevelopment areas for new development or expansion of recreational facilities. These include the Parks and Recreation Administration Office and Maintenance facility, the low-lying wooded area to the east of the facility, and areas of the Campground including sites 1 through 10. The potential expansion of Town Park into these areas or the Campground assumes redevelopment and relocation of the existing maintenance and administrative facilities, if necessary, as part of the expansion and redevelopment of Town Park into this area.

One of the major suggestions made by the PRC was that a small-scale community recreation center be considered in Town Park, and possibly in the areas identified for recreational expansion within the Campground. This possibility should be investigated more closely in a future recreation center feasibility and needs assessment study that is recommended by the TPMPU in Chapter 5.

The recommended improvements to the Town Park Campground include:

A. Camping Restrooms / Shower Facility: Renovate building and surrounding site. Include overhangs for weather protection, supporting storage for Campground.

B. Proposed new Dumpster Enclosure: New trash dumpster for park and Campground incorporated into reconfigured drop off and arrival for the Pavilion.

C. Park Parcel KP2: Existing Town Park Parcel (no improvements proposed).

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Potential uses of park expansion zones (F1, F2, F3) include:

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- Town Park Dog Park
- Town Park Garden Area / Community Gardens
- Multi-use Courts (pickle ball, basketball, and tennis)
- River Park Zone (pedestrian access only)
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CHAPTER 9. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, PHASING, AND COST ESTIMATES

In order to help the Town of Telluride guide improvements to its Town's parks properties into the next 15 years, the TPMPU includes an implementation plan with phasing matrix and associated cost estimate in 2020 dollars. The implementation plan distributes the master plan's recommended improvements over three (3) phases to be implemented over the next 15 years. Each phase of implementation is approximately five (5) years. Phase One is 2021 to 2025, Phase Two is 2026 to 2030, and Phase Three is 2031 to 2035. The goal of the implementation plan is to organize improvements as logically as possible based on the locations and areas of the Town's parks properties that are affected. In some cases, improvements adjacent to or near one other are aggregated. The goal is also to spread out the improvements over the 15-year period to allow incremental budgeting on an annual basis, and to spread out the costs over time. A cost estimate with order of magnitude costs for each major recommended improvement is included in the plan based on 2020 construction costs and comparable improvements in similar Western Slope mountain town communities.

The phasing and cost matrix included in the TPMPU shows all improvements recommended in the plan, the phase which they have been assigned for implementation, and an estimate in 2020 dollars order of magnitude cost of each improvements. The matrix is included in the report on page 46. The improvements recommended for each phase of implementation (not listed in order of priority within each phase) are as follows:

Phase 1 (2021 through 2025)

- North Spruce Street Park Design and Construction
- South Spruce Street Park Design and Construction
- River Park Corridor and Trail Site 2
- River Park Corridor and Trail Site 3
- River Park Corridor and Trail Safety, Riparian, and Stormwater Improvements
- Skate Park Expansion
- Vendor Plaza and Staging Improvements
- Oval Surfacing and Drainage Improvements
- Warming Hut and Community Space





- Fishing Pond Improvements and New Picnic Shelter
- Park Gateways, Arrival and Exit Path, Path Lighting
- Warner Field Safety Netting
- Additional Parking Spaces
- Playground and Picnic Shelter
- Concessions, New Access Walk, Renovate Pool and Tennis Courts Fence
- Volleyball Courts Drainage Improvements
- Hanley Ice Rink Drop off Improvements
- Hanley Ice Rink / Campground Sidewalk from Parking
- Wayfinding and Trailhead Signs
- Parking Improvements at Pavilion
- Circulation and Safety Improvements – Access to Stage and Catering Facilities
- Street and Path Lighting Improvements
- New Campground Bathrooms and Showers Building
- New Dumpster Enclosure
- Festival Site & Catering Facility Improvements – Catering Structure

Phase 2 (2026 through 2030)

- Elks Park Design and Construction
- Oak Street Park Design and Construction
- River Park Corridor and Trail Site 1
- River Park Corridor and Trail Site 4
- River Park Corridor and Trail Site 7
- Town Park Plaza
- Sports Plaza and Picnic Area
- Covered Team Benches
- Bear Creek Soccer Field Surfacing
- Safety Netting Warner Field 1st Baseline
- Pavilion Tier 2 & 3 Improvements
- Pavilion – NW Expansion Phase 2
- Festival Site & Catering Facility Improvements – Site Work

Phase 3 (2031 through 2035)

- River Park Corridor and Trail Site 5
- River Park Corridor and Trail Site 6
- Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts Covering
- Campground Expansion
- Park Recreation Expansion

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Phasing and Implementation Matrix**

TOWN PARKS PROPERTIES	Estimated Cost	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
	2020 dollars	2021-2025	2026 - 2030	2031-2035
Area 1 Main Street Pocket Parks				
Elk's Park Design and Construction	\$990,000		X	
N Spruce Street Park Design and Construction	\$385,000	X		
Oak Street Park Design and Construction	\$385,000		X	
S Spruce Street Park Design and Construction	\$385,000	X		
Subtotal	\$2,145,000			
Area 2 River Corridor				
River Corridor Site 1	\$25,000		X	
River Corridor Site 2	\$25,000	X		
River Corridor Site 3	\$25,000	X		
River Corridor Site 4	\$25,000		X	
River Corridor Site 5	\$25,000			X
River Corridor Site 6	\$25,000			X
River Corridor Site 7	\$25,000		X	
River Corridor Safety, Riparian and Stormwater Improvements	\$300,000	X		
Subtotal	\$475,000			
Area 3 Town Park Core Area				
Skate Park Expansion	\$300,000	X		
Vendor Plaza and Staging Improvements	\$75,000	X		
Oval Surfacing and Drainage Improvements	\$550,000	X		
Warming Hut & Community Space	\$1,425,000	X		
Fishing Pond Improvements / New Picnic Shelter	\$715,000	X		
Park Gateways /Arrival and Exit Paths / Path Lighting	\$550,000	X		
Warner Field Safety Netting	\$120,000	X		
Additional Parking Spaces in Main lot	\$100,000	X		
Town Park Plaza	\$825,000		X	
Subtotal	\$4,660,000			
Area 4 Town Park Sports Central				
Playground & Picnic Shelter	\$650,000	X		
Sports Plaza & Picnic Areas	\$275,000		X	
Concessions, new access walk, renovate pool & tennis fence	\$675,000	X		
Covered Team Benches	\$35,000		X	
Tennis & Pickle Ball Courts Covering	\$2,376,000			X
Volleyball Courts Drainage Improvements	\$60,000	X		
Bear Creek Soccer Field Surfacing	\$35,000		X	
Safety Netting Warner Field 1st Baseline	\$120,000		X	
Subtotal	\$4,226,000			
Area 5 Town Park Circulation and Safety Improvements				
Hanley Ice Rink Drop off Improvements	\$350,000	X		
Hanley Ice Rink / Campground Sidewalk from Parking	\$225,000	X		
Wayfinding & Trailhead Signs	\$25,000	X		
Parking Improvements - Pavilion	\$100,000	X		
Circulation & Safety Improvements - Access to Stage & Catering facilities	\$25,000	X		
Street and Path Lighting Improvements	\$150,000	X		
Subtotal	\$875,000			
Area 6 Campground				
New Bathrooms and Showers Building	\$835,000	X		
New Dumpster Enclosure	\$187,500	X		
Campground Expansion	unknown			X
Park Recreation Expansion	unknown			X
Subtotal	\$1,022,500			
Other (carry over from prior Master Plan)				
Pavilion - Tier 2 & 3 Improvements	\$972,600		X	
Pavilion - NW Expansion Phase 2	\$1,000,000		X	
Festival Site & Catering Facility Improvements - Catering Struture	\$650,000	X		
Festival Site & Catering Facility Improvements - Site Work	\$350,000		X	
Subtotal	\$2,972,600			
TOTAL	\$16,376,100			





CHAPTER 10. MANAGEMENT AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Management

Throughout the course of the TPMPU, management issues and items related to the use of Town's parks properties were mentioned frequently by stakeholders, members of the public, and elected and appointed Town officials. Early on it was determined by Town staff that the TPMPU would recommend physical improvements and address spatial issues. It was also decided that the TPMPU would reference management topics raised during the process and that these will be tackled by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission with assistance from other Town departments as necessary.

Frequent management topics raised include the following:

- Special Events Management
- Recreational Programs Management
- Facilities Management
- E-Bike Policies
- Signage
- Homeless / Transients
- Pet Leash Ordinance and Enforcement
- Open Container Ordinance and Enforcement
- COVID Implications for Park Improvements, Use, and Maintenance

Other Considerations

During the TPMPU several key items emerged repeatedly as major topics of concern to address into the future. These have been classified as 'other considerations' that will affect the use and implementation of the master plan into the future. These other considerations include the following:

- Expansion of Park Facilities
- Regional Partnerships
- Recreation Center
- Relationship to Southwest Area Master Plan
- Relationship to Trails Plan(s)

There is limited park land in the Town of Telluride and demand for outdoor recreation is growing. The expansion of park facilities in the future will need to take place on lands outside of Town. Regional partnerships with other entities who own land outside of Town will be necessary. A new recreation center was requested by a wide cross section of the community during the plan development. In order for a recreation center to be located in Town Park, it would need to be scaled to a size that would fit into the areas identified for recreation expansion, including a portion of the Campground. At a reduced size and scale, such a facility may only partially be able to meet the needs of the community. A larger facility sized to meet recreation needs of the region (not just the Town) could be done in partnership with other regional entities. It would need to be located outside of town in a location that is yet to be determined.

Other considerations that emerged during the TPMPU relate to the ongoing Southwest Neighborhood Conceptual Master Plan (SWAP). As this effort proceeds there may be opportunities to include some small park facilities to support the residential neighborhoods and lodging on the west end of Town. The SWAP may also be able to help address access points to the San Miguel River, as the improvement sites recommended in the TPMPU furthest to the west are within the SWAP planning area.

The future trails being planned by the Town's Open Space Commission are another important consideration. The TPMPU recommends wayfinding improvements to enhance the connectivity of the Town's parks properties with existing trails. As new trails and a trail system are developed, it will be important to establish and reinforce strong connections between the parks and the trail system. Already, Town Park serves as a portal for many recreationalists exploring the great outdoors surrounding the Town. In the future, with a new trail system established, it will be important to orient parks users to the trail system and where to access different trails.



APPENDICES

- A. Park User and Stakeholder Questionnaire (English and Spanish)
- B. Summary of Input Collected Period #1 Notes
- C. Summary of Input Collected Period #2 Notes
- D. Precedent Images of Select Parks and Recreation Facilities
- E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory



A. Park User and Stakeholder Questionnaire (English)

Town of Telluride Town Park Master Plan Update Stakeholder and Park User Questionnaire

Deadline for Responses: March 31, 2020

If you prefer to fill this survey out electronically please follow this link:
<https://www.telluride-co.gov/465/Town-Park-Master-Plan>

1. How do you, your organization or your family currently use Telluride's Town Park properties, which include Town Park, the (4) pocket parks on Colorado Avenue and the River Park Corridor

- Organization & representative's name (optional):
- Primary current uses of Town Park properties:
- How long, how often, the number of people involved, time of year/week/day?
- Do you have other park locations in Telluride or surrounding areas that your group also uses or could use, e.g. locations that better address your activity needs/wants?

2. What do you appreciate about Telluride's Town Park properties, recreation facilities and programs? Are there any aspects of the Town Park properties you believe should be preserved, enhanced, or changed?

3. If you do not use Town Park properties, why not? Please specify if there are current shortcomings, deficiencies or limitations that impact you, your organization or your family's use or enjoyment of Town Park properties.

4. Do you have other ideas about park and recreation facilities and/or programs that are needed or should be considered for the Town Park properties? Practical as well as creative ideas are welcome – e.g. if money wasn't an issue or if you can imagine Town Park 10-15 years into the future, what would it include/look like?

The Town Park Master Plan is being updated to guide future decisions regarding Town Park properties for the next 10 to 15 years. Town Park properties include the following: Town Park, Pocket Parks on Colorado Ave, and the River Park Corridor.

This questionnaire requests your input on the following:

- The current and future uses of Town Park properties
- Major priorities for the Town Park Master Plan Update project
- Perceived strengths & weaknesses of Town Park facilities and/or programs
- Needs and wants for Town Park properties (facilities and/or programs)

The following list of facilities and programs associated with the Town Park properties is provided for your information and consideration while answering the survey questions.

FACILITIES: the Parks and Recreation Department manages the following facilities:

Town Park

- Campground (33 sites)
- 2 outdoor swimming pools
- 4 multi-purpose ball fields
- Kid's fishing pond
- 2 sand volleyball courts
- 2 tennis courts
- 2 playgrounds
- 2 horseshoe pits
- Outdoor basketball court
- 2 skate parks
- Hanley Pavilion indoor ice rink
- Bike pump track
- Firecracker Hill- sledding hill

- Warming Hut
- Picnic & BBQ areas
- Stage
- Catering building
- 4 restroom facilities
- 2 shower facilities
- Administrative offices
- Information / Nordic Center
- Maintenance Barn
- Parking lot
- Outdoor ice rink
- Batting cage
- Groomed XC Nordic ski trails

Main St. Malls

- Elks Park
- Oak Street Park

- North Spruce St. Park
- South Spruce St. Park

Trails

- San Miguel River Trail and Park

RECREATION PROGRAMS: the Parks and Recreation Department offers the following general recreation programs:

Adult Programs

- Softball
- Pool
- Soccer
- Open Gym (Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Pickle Ball)
- Ice Hockey

Youth Programs

- Baseball
- Pool
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Ice Hockey

-END-

A. Park User and Stakeholder Questionnaire (Spanish)

Pueblo de Telluride
Actualización del Plan Maestro de Town Park
Cuestionario de usuarios del parque y partes interesadas
 Respuestas debidas: 31 de marzo, 2020

Si usted prefiere llenar este cuestionario electrónicamente por favor sigue este enlace:
www.telluride-co.gov/465/Town-Park-Master-Plan

1. Como usted, su organización o su familia usan las propiedades del Town Park de Telluride, que incluye Town Park, las (4) pocket Parks en Colorado Avenue y el River Park Corridor.
 - a. Organización y nombre del representante (opcional):
 - b. Usos primarios de las propiedades del Town Park:
 - c. ¿Cuánto tiempo, y de cuanta frecuencia, el numero de personas involucradas, tiempo del año/semana/día?
 - d. ¿Tiene otras ubicaciones de parque en Telluride o áreas circundantes que su grupo también utiliza o podría usar, por ejemplo, ubicaciones que aborden mejor sus necesidades/deseos de actividad?

2. ¿Que aprecia usted sobre las propiedades, facilidades de recreaciones, y programas del Town Park en Telluride? ¿Hay aspectos de las propiedades del Town Park que usted cree que deben ser preservadas, mejorada, o cambiada?

3. ¿Si usted no usa propiedades del Town Park, porque no? Por favor sea específico si hay deficiencias, o limitaciones que le impacta a usted, su organización, o sus familias uso y disfrute de las propiedades de Town Park.

4. Tendrá usted otras ideas del parque y facilidades de recreación y/o programas que se necesitan o deberían hacer consideradas para las propiedades del Town Park? Ideas practica y creativas son bienvenidas - por ejemplo: Si dinero no fuera un problema o si usted puede imaginar el Town Park 10-15 años en el futuro, que incluirá/cómo se verá?

La siguiente lista de facilidades y programas asociado con las propiedades del Town Park es provista para su información y consideración cuando estas respondiendo las preguntas de la encuesta.

El departamento de Parques y Recreación maneja las siguientes facilidades:

FACILIDADES

Town Park

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| -Campamento (33 sitios) | - cabaña de calentamiento |
| -2 piscinas de nadar en aire libre | - zonas de picnic y barbacoa |
| -4 multiuso campos de béisbol | - escenario |
| -Estanque de pescar para niños | - edificio de catering |
| -2 tribunales de arena para voleibol | - 4 facilidades de baño |
| -2 tribunales de tenis | - 2 instalaciones de ducha |
| -2 patios | - oficinas de administración |
| -2 hoyos de herradura | - información/Centro Náutico |
| -Cancha de baloncesto al aire libre | - granero de mantenimiento |
| - 2 parques de Skate | - estacionamiento |
| - Pista de hielo cubierta Hanley Pavilion | - pista de hielo al aire libre |
| -Pista de bombeo de bicicletas | - jaula de bateo |
| - Colina de trineo arreglada - Firecraker Hill | - senderos de esquí náutico XC |

Principales centros comerciales

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| - Parque Elks | - Parque de Spruce St. Norte |
| - Parque Oak St | - Parque de Spruce St. Sur |

Senderos

- Parque y caminata del rio de San Miguel

El Departamento de Parques y Recreación ofrece los siguientes programas generales de recreación:

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Programas de Adultos

- Softball
- Piscina
- Fútbol
- Gimnasio abierta (Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Pickle Ball)
- Hockey sobre el hielo

Programas de Niños

- Béisbol
- Piscina
- Tenis
- Soccer
- Hockey sobre el hielo

-Fin-

B. Summary of Input Collected Period #1



Town Park Master Plan Update

TO: Stephanie Jaquet, Parks and Recreation Director and Parks and Recreation Staff
 CC: Tim Halbakken and Samantha Herold, Zehren and Associates, Inc.
 FROM: Pedro Campos, Zehren and Associates, Inc.
 DATE: April 10, 2020
 SUBJECT: Summary of Input collected

Introduction
 The Town Park Master Plan Update (herein referenced as "TMPU") was initiated in late January 2020. During February and March the planning process has focused on collecting community input via a variety of methods to inform the master plan update. This memorandum provides a brief summary of the input collected through the end of March 31, 2020 as part of the TMPU. The memorandum is organized into the following sections:

1. Method of collecting input / summary of participant
2. Summary of input organized into categories of park elements, recreation and events uses.

1. Method of collecting input / summary of participant

The process for collecting input to inform and help shape the focus of the TMPU has included the following methods:

- a. **Meeting with major stakeholders:** meetings with major stakeholders took place on February 19 and 20, 2020. During these meetings stakeholders were asked to provide an overview of their organization, number of participants, times and year and frequency of use, perceived strengths and weaknesses of Town Park properties and specific information regarding their constituents, scheduling, and use of the park. The stakeholder groups included:
 - Major festivals (Bilegans, Blue and Brew, The Risk, Film Festival)
 - Tri County Health / Committee that Cam
 - Winter recreation clubs and organizations: Figure Skating, Nordic, Hockey, Curling
 - Summer recreation clubs and organizations: Soccer, Baseball, Lacrosse, Swimming
 - Skateboard Park and summer camp leader and constituent

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- b. **Meeting with Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC):** meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission was also conducted on February 19 and on March 13 to obtain input regarding the Town Park properties early on in the process. These meetings also included members of Town Council. Similarly to the stakeholder meetings, the PRC and participating Town Council members were asked to provide location, facilities and programs offered and managed by the Town. Their input was recorded in the same manner as the stakeholder with meeting notes which have been reviewed and incorporated into this summary of input received.

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- c. **Meeting with Parks and Recreation Staff (PRS):** meetings with supervisors for the Parks and Recreation department were conducted on February 19 and March 12, 2020. Parks and Recreation supervising staff was asked to provide input on facilities and programs offered and managed by the Town. Staff provided detailed information on Town programs that take place at Town Park properties including strengths and weaknesses of existing park facilities and infrastructure. Staff also was asked to brainstorm improvements and enhancements that should be prioritized in the TMPU and identify items that have been on the wish list for long term park improvements.

- d. **Park User Questionnaire (PUQ):** available online and via hard copy, a park user questionnaire was made available from March 1 to March 31, 2020 as a means for residents and additional stakeholders to provide written, detailed comments and input as part of the planning process. The questionnaire was available digitally on-line via the "Survey Planet" platform, and also available as a hard copy at the Park and Recreation office in Town Park. The questionnaire was publicized via radio and newspaper media, and also email blasts to the Parks and Recreation Department database of residents. The questionnaire was completed by a total of 170 participants (71 online, and 97 hard copy). (42) responses were anonymous and (36) provided personal contact information.

- e. **Public Open House (POH):** the first two public open houses scheduled during the TMPU were held at 6pm, March 12, 2020 at Rebelah Hall. The meetings were structured to allow participants to provide input in writing and verbally. Sticky notes, flip-chart, questionnaires and comment cards were used as tools for participants to record their feedback. Members of Zehren and Associates, Inc. and the Parks and Recreation staff were on hand to facilitate the meeting and engage directly with participants. 140 members of the public attended, including 114 members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Town Council, and staff. A sign-in sheet was provided at the meeting, and email addresses were collected as provided.

- f. **Individual email feedback:** in a few direct community members and organizations elected to email the Parks and Recreation staff directly with their feedback. The feedback was forwarded to Zehren and Associates and has been recorded as part of the input received, and is included in this summary.

2. Summary of input organized into categories of park elements, recreation and events uses

Categories of Input: The input received to date has been organized into a series of categories proposed by the Consultant team. These categories have been established based on the frequency of use of park elements, programs, park users or specific uses were referenced across all methods of feedback. An informal count and tally of the frequency that certain elements or topics were mentioned by an individual or an organization has been conducted. This tally is intended to help the Town Council, consultant and staff identify which facilities and improvements are of greatest concern to the public, stakeholders, town officials and staff and should be investigated in greater detail in the Master Plan Update.

The categories of input have been structured into River Corridor / River Park, Main Street Pocket Parks, Townwide with sub-categories. Additional categories that address recreation programs, events programs, and operations and management that not necessarily belong to one park or Town Park properties were also established to record input regarding these associated items. For each category, the consultant team has indicated the number of times the category occurred.

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measures (numbers in RED next to each category). The most the major input received is summarized below, followed by one-ended comments representative of the input received for the category in full/italicized text.

River Corridor / River Park 21

- Heavily passive use of the trail by residents, as a pedestrian link that is used to move across Town to access Town Park and Bear Creek.
- Interest to develop formalized access points to the River at different locations in Town where access is already occurring informally. Addition of picnic tables, chairs, bike grill at these access points as well as sign addressing river safety, etiquette, and riparian protection.
- Concern to protect the riparian environment while promoting greater recreational use of the River corridor.
- Concern over cyclists and pedestrian on the River Trail (management issue).
- Connect River Trail to future perimeter trail around Town Park to Bridal Veil Falls.
- More engagement with Mt. Angel River on north side of park.
- Formalize points of access to river at Town Park to increase safety and orientation.
- Create hangout area along river with picnic tables, benches, bbq grill.
- Add signage about river use, safety, protection.
- Foster emerging interest in SUP and river tubing in rate manager.
- Explore use of "holy lands" for park spaces oriented to River recreation.

"Not do any of the week, I run or walk our dog on the river trail in both directions... to the mine or towards the valley floor."
 "River Trail for our Story Walk"
 "Open walk pathway by the river, Shoshola (San Miguel River Trail)."
 "Love the story book on the River Trail."
 "Walk the river trail between Telluride grade roads regularly, use the park space along the river in 700 block of W. Arctic to enjoy the river and as a launch spot for running the San Miguel River."
 "See department should work with town on gravel on the river trail through town (W. B. G. B. Park)."
 "Walk and ride on the river park corridor. Use it mostly during the summer with family and friends who come to visit. It's a wonderful thing to have."
 "River trail & park trails for walking dog & mtn biking."
 "We use the river trail for our story walk."
 "Additional pedestrian friendly integration with the river, especially the north side of Town Park would be a boon to summer time usage."
 "River trail - walking and riding to get from point a to point b."
 "Workout trail through park on river trail."
 "Walk the river trail daily."
 "Also use the river corridor in town but all the way society drive on my paddleboard regularly when there are loadable water levels."
 "River trail for walking and dog walking."
 "Better planning of River Trail to avoid accumulation of dog poop."
 "Workout trail through park on river trail (no management issue)."
 "It would be great to have a main-sund hockey facility for young athletes to develop their skills."
 "It would be nice if hockey equipment wasn't thrown about during the season."
 "Disappointed that the Hanley Rink cannot stay open throughout the year. Both curling and hockey can be played year round."
 "I am so impressed with our rink and staff. Of course here and there, there are possibilities for improvement and I'll trust the staff judgement on those ideas."
 "Loud" head hockey in winter."
 "Slam boarding and hockey are our main uses of the park."
 "We've used hockey a more residents can participate."
 "The Hanley rink is a major improvement for the "hazy" feel of the park."

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- Indoor workout areas to be shared by user groups lacking and is needed.

"I like that the ice hockey we have here skate times all season long and two shooting ranges available to them for practice outside of organized practices."
 "Too much focus resources and MONEY toward the hockey rink."
 "Longer seasons for hockey or year round ice. Larger shooting range for hockey. Pond hockey with goals for hockey. Warm up area for hockey players."
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Open Fields (Baseball, Softball, Soccer combined) 14

- Wide cross section of the community engages in sports that use the fields
- Fields receive heavy use for sports programs, tournaments and festivals
- Concerns with impacts and disturbance of natural upon grass for recreation.
- Safety concerns with errant balls in adjacent areas or outfield and need for safety netting.
- Programs impacted by festival (no management issue).
- Concerns suggested to support sports fields.
- Children's play area to protect themselves during inclement weather events.
- Paragliding is a legacy use in Telluride and Town Park, young athletes to develop their skills.
- Paragliding interested in iconic sport unique to area and requested by other users of the park.
- Concerns with safety at unobstructed landing zone, as well for preservation of open space for landing into the future.

"Some protective embankments around our baseball/softball fields that provide covered spaces in the event storms and rain and protect spectators, better viewing stands that actually protect balls from the elements."
 "Enhance fields that may have been declining due to overuse."
 "Community is very interested in wanting to see baseball, better netting to protect the players and surrounding, and better grandstands for the public."
 "Given valley park is not a good idea for softball games."
 "Sometimes the softball party crowd is not compatible with playground use crowd."

"Very concerned about the commercialization of the town park space... The fact that see soccer just announced for the spring and the Challenge Soccer camps gets threatened by a day member it's kills me because it has become more important than youth sports."
 "The most used to use Town Park campgrounds sites is horrible, currently an interested camper is required to stand and wait for another camper in order to "reserve" or "claim" that site from the person. It is so awkward."
 "Have a less reservation in the campground for stays to come."
 "Campground is ideal, maybe adding more spaces would be utilized, but that might require additional facilities."
 "It's an amazing great view!"
 "Our dog boys play soccer and soccer and use the fields for practice and games (2-3 times/week unimproved/gravel)."

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"Needs to be better stake entry points to the river near Shoshola parking lot, Town Park, confluence of lower Creek and San Miguel, etc. I would also consider putting some signs on bridge or on the river letting tourists know where they are on the river and where they should exit in case of emergency."
 "Enjoy the river and as a launch spot for running the San Miguel River."
 "Consider creating some beaches for sea entry and exit for river runners."

** some of these comments come from direct requests of the survey, from the same person.

Main Street Pocket Park 13

- Highly valued as green space within the downtown environment, to break-up building facades on Main Street, and provide place for playing, eating, and taking a break.
- Highly valued for festival and events uses, especially Ellis Park and North Spruce Street.
- Greater use and activation of the pocket parks, especially when use of Town Park facilities is restricted by events.

Specific Pocket Park Comments

Ellis Park:

- Keep the grass
- Increase management (management issue)
- Close during festivals (management issue)
- Better drainage for fun, south side of park.
- Improved winter use and access if snowed in area
- Electrical service and upgrade
- Litter grab surmise
- Water bottle filler
- Concern if buildings with historic plaques are blocking access if/when pedestrian traffic and view into Ellis Park.

Oak Street Park:

- Make it more of a centerpiece being in the middle of town
- Play area for Oak St Park to occupy while running events, involving ice cream with the kids
- Electrical Service Upgraded

North Spruce Street Park:

- Consider a play structure in this park. Look of look area looking for a space they are welcome to play on Main Street
- More benches tables, and shade to have picnic
- Electrical service upgrade

South Spruce Street Park:

- Beautify the park (it's ugly)
- Would be OK if large containers were cut down to increase sunlight reaching park
- Reimagine how the park is done in line with housing
- Improvements to curb at south side of park (non-specific)
- Consider handicapped surface

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"Free music at Ellis Pocket Park"
 "CSA pickup in N. Spruce Pocket Park"
 "We're pocket parks"
 "Small pocket parks - learning to music, watching movies, and playing with kids."
 "Do not use the pocket parks as much, but like the break up of space between streets for kids to run around in."
 "We're little pocket park/pump track area for kids on bikes"
 "Agree on the festival venues and farmer's market sales in the other parks"
 "Go to events on the pocket parks"
 "We use Ellis Park to stay times in the summer"

Town Park
 • Valued as the "heart and soul" of Telluride as a central gathering space for the community and its residents
 • Serves as the recreation hub for the community with a diversity of activities
 • Serves as a major economic driver as a venue for destination events and festivals
 • Great appreciation for activities and amenities that are free to the public
 • Concern with over commercialization as the expense of recreation
 • Concern with no access and restricted use of recreation, dusk events and festivals (management issue)

Parking 15

- Limited parking exists in Town Park and should be more efficiently organized.
- Parking for pool and hockey in particular mentioned as difficult.
- Concern over loss of park space or "no man's" space to parking.
- Discourage car access / public trips to park, an promote pedestrian and cycling access.
- Create additional parking in areas where possible.

"Emphasize walkability and scenic context. Consider no vehicle zones in park and dump special events. Avoid more parking space on valuable park land that is very scarce."
 "Parking could be more efficiently redesigned."
 "Only thing that can think of as a shortcoming is parking. But that seems impossible to us. We certainly don't want to rip out our lot for a bigger parking lot."
 "We're parking spaces - when people come for events, they take all of the parking for Shoshola. The road have got holes."
 "We're parking."
 "It is sometimes difficult to find parking especially during outdoor season."
 "We would like to see less car parking on the town park site. Cover bicycle parking and potentially shorten gas storage lockers would be appropriate for this town. Discontinue driving to park and encourage pedestrian and bicycle access."
 "We would love more parking for the Hanley Rink area and a safer pedestrian sidewalk open thing from the rink over to the Nordic Center parking area."
 "We're parking, more use, might require more parking. Contiguous parcel or adjacent parcels might not be an option. Making main view corridor is essential."
 "While we love the festival and other programming activities, the skate park, for example, should not become a parking lot for trucks and food services during festival weekends."
 "Additional parking needs to be added."

Town Park Master Plan Update Summary of Input 5 | P a g e

Lighting 6
 • Consider lighting for sports fields to extend playing hours / capacity of fields to meet demand
 • Consider low down lighting at the camp ground entrance / host and main path through the park
 • Consider additional lighting path to access Hockey Rink from main parking
 "Safety problem with lighting type thing from the rink to Nordic center parking. Also, more lighting in downtown."
 "Expand on pathway sidewalk"

Nordic Trails / Nordic Center 0

- Ideal facility for beginners based on flat trails, used by many members of the community and multi-generational use - residents and visitors of all age.
- Activation of park in winter, consistent and accessible to most local users.
- Freer to be in the existing location, in historic buildings due to central location, convenient access and visibility as a main recreation.
- Demand-based interest in increasing expansion of trails / facility should be planned for.

"It's the winter, we all love the Nordic trails."
 "Both children are in the TSSC Nordic program, and all in town park as a family often throughout the winter season."
 "Our main use of the town park is Nordic Skiing. The trails are very limited, but very convenient."
 "Preserve Nordic Ski area."
 "It is great that no more the park is simply open to the public much of the year, including but not limited to the skate park and Nordic trails."
 "I love the Nordic track for cross country skiing... although I don't use it myself."
 "Nordic trails weekly in the winter."
 "I like the signs on the Valley Floor Nordic trails as they really help guests navigate."
 "Youth interest in Nordic is booming / looking good. There needs to be a way to have a large group of people meeting area for Nordic in the future. Also think that as our population ages and the demographic of our visitors is growing; there will be a huge increase in Nordic skiing and the current facility will not be sufficient."

Hockey Pavilion / Ice Hockey Rink 3

- One of the most cherished and most used amenities and facilities in Town Park
- Community is very interested in wanting to see baseball, better netting to protect the players and surrounding, and better grandstands for the public.
- Hockey is very popular and has high number of adult, youth and children participants
- Curling emerging as a popular niche support for community and interest in dedicated ice rink with no limitations on use time
- Figure Skating growing but has limited ice time / programming time
- Define for your round ice sheet due to demand of programs and 4 or participants.
- Several management and operations improvements suggested by residents and user groups - more free time, more on-ice maintenance of different groups (management issue).
- Support and annual level improvement - circulation and drop off sequence.
- Improvements to better accommodate different user groups.
- More storage and locker room needed.

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B. Summary of Input Collected Period #1 (continued)

"The ONE thing that should never go away or get smaller is the campground. Even if it has to become more expensive, the campground is a crucial part of the park."

Park Infrastructure Upgrades to support events and/or recreation, including bathrooms¹²

- Electrical power upgrades
- Enhance Wireless / Internet service
- Upgrade campground showers / bathrooms
- Access to catering kitchen and stage – improved route / fencing
- Resurfacing or topography near volleyball
- Improvements to River Office / Entry area
- Bike Parking Area / Bike Racks
- Water kiosk / water bottle filler
- Storm shelter
- Concessions near pool and sports field
- Additional seating
- Covering for Tennis / Swimming Pool
- Dedicated space to handle green waste (i.e., tree, shrub, and grass cuttings) for composting
- Investigate a large scale compost somewhere on site to create compost for park use.
- Majority of comments express a desire to demolish and remove the bike pump track so space can be used for new skate park or other uses.
- Several comments express a need for safe place to learn bike skills before venturing into more technical routes.
- Suggested to enhance, expand, and better maintain the bike pump track facility if preserved in current location.

"Where are the showers? Is this public? Make these 2 showers public."
 "We need more \$50,000."
 "Water from a natural source of wellhead water."
 "Ability to facilitate a redevelopment scenario as well, to increase access and ability to use. Protect the future against elements, is more cost effective, and easier to maintain."
 "A new entrance will be a nice addition to the park... maybe on one of the walls of the pavilion."
 "Love the small pump track along the side... I would love a larger pump track or other beginner mountain biking trails for kids to learn on."
 "More little soccer park/park area to kids on bikes."
 "The pump track should have more and add more features for the skate park or enhance the pump track into a professionally designed track."
 "Pump track is a great place for kids to learn."
 "Pump track should be removed and allow the skate park to grow into that space."
 "Go ahead and demo the pump track, what a pile that is! Not maintained and poorly executed"

Box Office / Ams / Entrance / Entry Sequence⁵

- Clarify and enhance the arrival sequence from the port office / Pacific Ave
- Create a clear gateway and entry point into park with clear signage
- Preserve trees at the entry (limestone)

"The need, natural area near the entrance should remain the same."

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"The enhance from the past office could be improved. I have seen so many people trip on the path."

Fishing Pond⁶

- Address safety between pedestrian circulation routes and centering into the pond
- Consider reducing size of the pond to mitigate appearance during drought periods
- Repurpose dog pond as one of the existing amenities that is used by local families frequently in informal ways and use of the park.
- Foster multi-generational and informal social interaction at the park.

"Shim pond and use land for something else."
 "fisher in pond with the grandkids."

The Oval / Core Area / Big Tent / Warming Hut¹⁰

- Iconic area of park that is used for small community gatherings
- Location of original outdoor ice rink, desire to bring it back improved
- Under-utilized and identified as an area for greater multi-use.
- Drainage: If poor and limits use most times of year.
- Different turning, and structural supports such to concrete suggested to allow greater use.
- Input in design interest in sport court / course game area – bocce, hooch, shoe, etc.
- Potential location for basketball recreation.
- Informal location for community events
- Potential space including a youth oriented space in proximity to Skate Park.
- Warming hut identified as important facility across region, providing support for variety of park users, and bathhouses for the park.
- Warming Hut in need of redevelopment to better support adjacent and other potential uses.
- Warming Hut set as a multi-use indoor space, including youth dedicated space near Skate Park and closer to other recreation amenities
- Some safety concerns expressed w/ mt use of Warming Hut and proximity to facilities used by children and youth.

"Return of the oval for outdoor skating next to the fireplace/bathrooms"
 "renovation or event at the tent."
 "The only thing that I think should get a little bigger is the big area... the big is a perfect size for when the weather is nice but when it's time to replace it I would love for it to become a bigger rain shelter."
 "A covered event space for all family gatherings would make a great addition."
 "Could we ever turn the warming hut into a mixed use facility with a small commercial kitchen to make events at the big with no space? I bet the fitness would REALLY appreciate that as well."
 "I think the big area and warming hut need to be expanded to include larger community spaces for gatherings and possibly a beer center. This area could better serve larger gatherings, tents, and the 4th of July remain a \$500."
 "The warming hut could be re-built and enlarged to include a space for festivals, winter warming hut, teen center, bathrooms, and community gathering space."
 "The warming hut, either built as a venue for full or picnic, seems underused and misused primarily by people drinking and/or men drinking and causing concern for parents or kids using the park. Seems like the warming hut activity could be incorporated into the new stage catering facility, and the warming hut might be considered as a youth center."

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"Seems like the warming hut activity could be incorporated into the new stage catering facility, and the warming hut may not be needed for a youth center. (The community needs to support the center financially for us, and not burden park staff with maintaining it if it's not the case at the library."

Basketball Court⁷

- Receives a lot of everyday use but in poor condition and too small.
- Suggestion to new basketball court in different location closer to other activities.
- Indoor basketball court suggested as lowest cost year round sport accessible the general public.
- Mentioned frequently as a recreational facility used in every day informal use of the park.

"I think the basketball court is too small and could probably be demolished and rebuilt into the oval area along with those shoe park..."
 "The round indoor basketball court, basketball is a sport that is accessible to a varying population/demographic in our community."
 "My children currently use the basketball courts."
 "Indoor basketball courts would be a great enhancement that would make physical activity (other than soccer) which is not accessible to marginalized populations more accessible to the general public."
 "Another basketball court would be nice as that is often occupied."

Dog Park¹⁶

- Suggested by a number of community members as a place to let dogs run free of leash.
- Concerns expressed too many dogs off leash and impacting experience for park users with small children who do not feel safe.
- More enforcement of leash laws to avoid conflicts with Park Users (management issues).

"I really enjoy taking my dog there and throwing the Frisbee because it can go far in the open field area and he doesn't bark."
 "A dog park would be a great addition/extension past walking of the River Trail to step accumulation of dog poop."
 "The park has become overrun with festivals and dogs off leashes... sometimes I need a leave the park with my young girls for the reasons because there are too many dogs running around."
 "A dog park would be a great addition."
 "A section for a dog park so we can let our dogs run free without a leash."
 "There is no place for dogs to run off-leash. We need 2 dog parks, one for small dogs and one for large dogs."
 "A fenced-in dog park, somewhat secluded at Town Park."
 "We need a dog park. Thank you!"
 "It would be wonderful to have fenced-in dog park which would be an amazing enhancement."

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Town Park Skate Park / Youth Link / Voodoo Skate Park¹⁷

- Most frequently mentioned park and recreation amenity. Cherished by families.
- Skateboarding very popular with youth and adults, major community activity
- Community extremely concerned with loss of beginner Youth Link Skate Park
- Short-term need for replacing Youth Link Skate Park to run summer camp.
- Widespread support to relocate Youth Link Skate Park to Town Park, next to and integrated with the main skate park facility.
- Expansion and renovation of main skate park needed to keep up with trends in sport and make more exciting and compelling for different types of skate boards.
- Integrate street style and bowl / flow skating style features to cater to all levels and users.
- Concrete surfacing more durable and user friendly than other materials.
- Consider renovating the pump track and replacing with beginner skateboard park.

"If you were to get rid of Voodoo kids skate park, it would need a replacement. I appreciate the two skate parks. The smaller one (youth link park) got kids started and introduced to skateboarding."
 "Having two skate parks helps beginner riders progress to a level where the huge town park skate park is not as scary. If you are planning on taking down the one skate park you should add on to the town park skate park and add more street style and beginner features. Keep open during festivals."
 "Skateboarding is quickly becoming one of the most popular summer sports among the youth, teens, and adults in Telluride. So, if the youth link skate park in Town Park is taken away it's crucial we add another skate park in Town Park to keep the large number of skaters skating where they are supposed to skate. It's also key to plan a creative way to keep the new skate park OPEN during festivals to keep skaters skating, and for skate camps to operate during festival weeks."
 "Please listen to the youth of Telluride and relocate the voodoo skate park with a new, concrete, up-to-date, beginner/intermediate skate park, in town park adjacent/relocated to the current 2006 skate park, with no time gap between demo of voodoo and skating the new one - and keep it OPEN DURING FESTIVALS."
 "Keep Voodoo Skate Park until new addition is ready in Town Park. Make skate park open during festivals."
 "Youth Link (Voodoo) Skate Park and new addition is ready in Town Park. Make skate park open during festivals."
 "Larger skate park, ramp coming."
 "Really really covering the skate park as it would be usable in the winter."
 "I hope that we can relocate or improve upon the voodoo skatepark and that we can always have a safe and fun environment for kids to do so."
 "Structurally we support the continuation of the voodoo skate park."
 "The skate park is one of the most communal and positive areas for my kids and myself. My husband and I both skateboard as well so it's great for the whole family."

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Recreation / Community Center¹⁵

- Cited by many as necessary to address lack of indoor year round recreation space.
- Suggested to be located next to or near Henley Pavilion, Pool, and Tennis Courts
- Consider regional location that serves broader community and relies on transit system.
- Suggested a place that can address Youth Space need integrated with other uses.
- With list including covered pool, tennis courts, ice rink, training gym, weight room, and dedicated space for youth groups.

"A new center would become the new library of town – the community gathering place for all of us that is active and need to complement our outdoor lifestyle with a mess center."
 "We do want an indoor recreation center for our kids. There is nothing for teenagers to do except winter town, go to house parties or into the woods. Most of us are out caller have a center, it should be a top priority to get done in town Park that make it more of a year-round resource."
 "I love to swim laps and would applaud our town having a recreation center but Town Park is NOT the place for it. We have enough public transportation that we can drive and not need to be IN TOWN... especially in the that would take away from open space."
 "An indoor, outdoor, center that gives our community year round recreational options. Ideally near the existing pool and fields. We are one of the few resort towns that does not cater this to our community."
 "The town center with indoor/outdoor pool, basketball courts, weight room, etc. should be built on the Bear Creek Campground area. Doesn't need to be fully the size of Montrose, just functional and year-round use."

Wetlands Area / Beaver Pond³

- Open space preserved in perpetuity and cannot be touched / impacted
- Vital to ecological role within broader watershed and local hydrology

"The Beaver Pond needs to be preserved in perpetuity. It is one of the key ecological linkages of the regional hydro ecosystem. It should be a conservation easement and mt system like the Valley floor on the entire pond and surrounding stream."

Natural Environment / Sustainability²⁵

- Great appreciation for natural context and setting, concern with impacting a densely treed, greatly appreciated shade, landscape structure, buffering landscape, surrounding park setting.
- Concern over blocking views, creating obstructions for panoramic setting.
- May restrict use of park space in more efficient manner in certain zones
- Some trees old and may need to be removed due to hazard concerns (management issues)
- Community expressed concerns with sustainability of park use and elements
- Durability of materials, like cycle and safety of material used in park (surfacing)
- Appropriate use of different types of materials – aversion to plastic and petroleum based play elements and other elements
- Incorporation of renewable energy and technology – solar and electric
- Protection of natural environment – wetlands, water quality, visual quality, dark skies.

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Firecracker Hill Skidding¹²

- Frequently cited as an amenity and park area used by the local families and residents during informal use of park especially in winter
- Application for rental of sled at the Nordic center
- Some ideas for improving with a tow rope, if money was not an object
- Question of facility expansion due to surrounding area/water concerns

"Use the skidding hill in winter."
 "Preserve the skate park, ice rink and skidding hill... no more structures for festivals!"
 "Use the skidding hill weekly."

Tot Lot / Playground Area / Playground (Imagination Station)¹²

- Consider relocating Tot Lot area with better access and not impacted by tent/hut / events
- Consider relocating Tot Lot main playground to consolidate game group / supervision.
- Redesign Tot Lot with newer interactive play equipment
- Used heavily by local families and in conjunction with adjacent use (pool, volleyball)
- Manage events away from basketball fields with safety warning
- Redesign playground in next 3 to 5 years with newer interactive play features
- Keep open to public during events and tent/hut management issues
- Expand with Tot Lot use area for 3 to 5 year old relocated from near Core Area
- Consider elements for older children and progression of play elements for different ages
- Ensure accessibility of play features and overall playground

"Better access to playground and skate park during festivals."
 "Improved playground structure."
 "Sometimes the softball can't crowd in not compatible with playground use crowd..."
 "Jungle gym area in town park could be bigger."
 "Better use of the playground area outside the playground area."
 "Better access during festivals."
 "Would love to get an updated mt imagination station, too."
 "Updated version that could serve as a location for young people to expand upon their playground experience when they've surpassed the Imagination Station but still want to climb, swing, and play."

Swimming Pool¹⁶

- Used heavily by local residents in the summer time. Programs very popular.
- Need to assess cover the pool for year round use given lack of pool in region.
- Concessions to support pool mentioned.
- More shelter at pool for lunchtime weather episodes
- Maintain access / open facility to public during tent/hut, make easier easier

"It is unacceptable to have a pool that is only usable 2 months a year. The community also needs a full rec center that could be used for multiple activities as well as double as youth center and secondary location for high school sports practices."
 "I like the pool for the kids to learn how to swim."

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Swimming Pool¹⁶

- "A larger pool, more swimming facilities. With slides and diving boards."
 "Indoor year round swimming pool..."
 "An indoor swimming pool would be nice."
 "I think the swimming pool unfortunately was a missed opportunity. The demand and size of the pool are massively misaligned. It being the only public pool for our town there isn't enough swim time and it's not for our pool laps swimming to PACED."
 "... heated swimming pool that is open year round..."
 "Indoor non-competition length swimming pool."
 "We really need an indoor swimming pool, it's difficult in the summer to get my son to swim because of our work schedule and the pool season is so limited. I feel like a lot of kids aren't the best swimmers because of the climate and lack of warm water."
 "I love the swimming pools in the park, especially for kids. It would be great to have our good and long-term."

"It would be great to have two more tennis courts. Most importantly, pickle ball courts were their own court."
 "I am in favor of constructing additional tennis courts at high use and demand."
 "It would be ideal if park had more designated space. It some of the bestest growing sports in the world."
 "Another tennis court would be nice or if that isn't possible due to lack of space a pickle ball court which takes less space, could be built to the tennis courts would not have to compete with pickle ball players."
 "In regards to the tennis courts - with pickle ball becoming so popular, it's taking time away from kids having time to play tennis in the summer."
 "I think the other amenities in the park should be preserved, and if we can add some outdoor pickleball courts, maybe in place of the pump park, that would be fun."
 "Pickle ballers need their own court."

Tennis / Pickle Ball²⁰

- Used heavily by local residents in the summer time
- Recreation system really works well (management issues)
- Need expressed for an additional tennis court OR dedicated pickle ball courts so there are 12 tennis courts in Town Park dedicated to Tennis
- Desire to cover tennis court and shelter

"Appreciate being able to use the tennis courts and the system of reserving them. This should ideally be preserved. I am not sure about adding a court because I am afraid having less land available to walk upon and explore."
 "I would love to see there was a pickle ball court away from the tennis courts because that can be distracting to some people."
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Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation / Wayfinding and Signage¹⁸

- Clarify pedestrian circulation with trail map, similar to Valley Floor
- River Trail heavily used by residents to access Town Park and as pedestrian link through town
- Coordinate Trail connections through park or other trails being planned (perimeter trail)
- Signage of Trails / Trail heads to help visitors orient and circulate through the park.

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Vehicle Emergency Route²⁶

- Consider routes to enhance emergency access and evacuation route on the west side of the Park, and to more direct to perimeter road / around fields
- Widen certain areas of route strategically to ensure clearance (near Pavilion, Bridge, etc.)

"The trails and parks are well maintained and you can tell the staff really cares about the facilities and properties."
 "Would love to see more trails built throughout the area."
 "I like the signs on the valley floor. More trail signs really help to get us navigable."
 "SMART received a CDO grant for new Bike Share program in 2021. Program will include e-assist bikes with either 250 or 300 watts (E-bike) or docked e-bikes. Utilities would be needed. Ideally need space for 5-10 bikes at each location (1 or 2 bike racks)."
 "Tell us Bille Park had amazing attendance in its inaugural season last year. We need to plan for more or expect in the summer. I also understand the Todd Bille park is generating thousands of dollars for regional bike trails. More bike parking and covered bike parking in Town Park should be considered."
 "Before the baseball field fences on the west side were raised, during most festivals hundreds of bikes were hung on the fence for parking. At the Bille Pavilion... There were no signs about bikes. We need to promote bike use in town and make it more bike parking."
 "We never seen the pump track in use. I think the space could be put to better use."

Event and Festival Specific Input

- **Vendor - Concrete, vendors, food trucks, beverages**⁶
- Consider expanding to enhance emergency access and evacuation route on the west side of the Park, and to more direct to perimeter road / around fields
- Widen certain areas of route strategically to ensure clearance (near Pavilion, Bridge, etc.)

Town Park Expansion⁹

- Look at opportunities to expand Town Park perimeter through-out community to disperse and augment recreation facilities
- Consider expanding into recreational facilities located on campground area
- Consider expanding park into wetlands very selectively and mitigating elsewhere on the Valley Floor

"Tricky question because there is not much more room for any expansion."

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"I would love to see the town approve funding for a food and beverage warehouse with fridge and freezer for the food vendors. Currently, the food distributors park (reusing trucks that burn diesel) are rented power, are noisy, and very unsanitary. Having a building for proper food

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B. Summary of Input Collected Period #1 (continued)

Engagement with Hispanic Community: 5

- Greater emphasis in catering to Hispanic community with park signage and programs
- Consideration of events that are accessible and popular with Hispanic community

"More information in Spanish"

"Someone who speaks Spanish and works for the town & park."

"Family activities and free events and activities for Latino families."

"The Latino community does not use the park during festivals. We do not feel welcome at festivals and the tickets are very expensive."

"We need more user-information in Spanish. For example, I never use the Tennis Courts because I don't know the rules or how to use them."

Seasonality: 6

- Need for indoor space for year-round recreation appeared frequently.
- Interest in redeveloping facilities that support winter use of the park including the Oval and Warming Hut.
- Covering of the Pool and the Tennis Courts was mentioned by many members of the public, staff, and stakeholders.

"Seasonal uses of park facilities and programs, and what is appropriate or not to expand across seasons."

i.e. "Longer seasons for hockey or year-round ice."

"We need another warming area for the winter."

"It would be great if the tennis courts could have a temp bubble for winter play since the Mt Village courts are also unusable in the winter."

"It would be great if there were an indoor space that could be rented for special events, parties, etc. I can imagine it would be completely rented year-round with everything from birthday parties to company/corp events."

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C. Summary of Input Collected Period #2 Notes



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Introduction

The Town Parks Master Plan Update (herein referenced as “TPMPU”) was initiated in late January 2020. During February and March the planning process has focused on collecting community input via a variety of methods to inform the master plan update. A memorandum issued April 10, 2020 provided a comprehensive summary of the input collected through the end of March 31, 2020 as part of the TPMPU. In June and July the master plan process advanced into conceptual alternatives for improving different areas of the Town Parks properties. Due to limitations of the COVID19 global pandemic a second round of public input was sought via a public virtual “Zoom webinar” meeting on June 23 and a public workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission on June 25. Additional input was also collected via email from June 15 through July 17 during a period when the conceptual alternatives were posted on the project website and at a Town Park kiosk and the project was publicized in various ways. This memorandum is a follow-up to the summary of input, and specifically outlines additional input received via email during the period of June 15 through July 17.

Additional input received during June 15 and July 17: additional input received has been organized into one of the (6) areas of Town Park properties as structured in the current Master Plan update:

1. River Park Corridor
2. Main Street Pocket Parks
3. Town Park Arrival and Core Area
4. Town Park Sports Central
5. Town Park Circulation, Parking, and Staging
6. Town Park Campground and Zone 1 Open Space

Following are up dated comments received.

1. River Park Corridor:

- a. Too much emphasis on recreation, the should remain natural and rustic.
- b. Minimal improvements should be done, except a few entry and take out areas.
- c. Concerns with dogs off leash on River Trail, lack of enforcement.
- d. Concerns with pedestrian and cycling conflicts on River Trail, accidents.
- e. Simple signage at designated river access points, not overly detailed.
- f. Cluster access points, consider reducing from proposed 7.
- g. No bbq grills along River Corridor.
- h. Improve stormwater runoff, protect riparian vegetation.
- i. Remove stumps left by beavers and landscape along north side of river east of Hemlock St.

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2. Main Street Pocket Parks:

- a. Mixed reactions about changing and adding new use to Main Street Pocket parks.
- b. Interest in hardcap paving for greater use, easier maintenance.
- c. Keep benches at Oak Street Park near the bus stop, used for passengers waiting for bus.
- d. Concern over adding play structure to North Spruce Street Park (noisy children).
- e. Concern over opening up parks to street.

3. Town Park Arrival and Core Area

- a. Centralized information kiosk at Pacific Street park entrance.
- b. Encourage pedestrian and bike travel to access Town Park (vs. vehicular access)
- c. Support for pond size reduction and foot path around perimeter.
- d. General support for relocation of Tot Lot next to main playground.
- e. Some concern for loss of Tot Lot near Pond.
- f. Incorporate second story into new renovated Warming Hut as space for youth.
- g. Maintain access to expanded skate park, during festivals.
- h. Replace the Woodoo Skate Park so there is no gap in time when current one is removed.
- i. Ensure skate park allows for progression from beginners to a advanced skaters.
- j. Support for temporary youth space in the future, renovated Warming Hut.
- k. Ensure paths are wide enough for crowds during large events.
- l. Need for lighting along paths.

4. Town Park Sports Central

- a. Relocate Tot Lot next to main playground, renovate main playground.
- b. Support for concessions near pool, some concerns about access and visibility.
- c. Mixed support for covering tennis courts.
- d. Support for centralizing functions in this area of the Park.
- e. No support and opposition regarding night lighting of the recreation fields.
- f. Remove fire pit idea for this area.
- g. Need for lighting along paths.
- h. Maintain emergency access through area.
- i. Need for indoor recreation space, request for recreation center facility.
- j. Limited support for additional fencing, visual concerns.
- k. Equipment for year-round ice at the Pavilion.

5. Town Park Circulation, Parking and Staging

- a. Encourage pedestrian and bike modes of transport to access Town Park.
- b. Improve pedestrian circulation and wayfinding throughout Town Park.
- c. Address festival staging needs while improving Town Park.
- d. Ensure paths wide enough for crowds.
- e. Ensure park paths accommodate service and emergency vehicles.
- f. Maintain access to skate park, during festivals.

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6. Town Park Campground and Zone 1 Open Space

- a. Reduce the size of the campground to accommodate recreation amenities.
- b. Consider space for a small scale Recreation Center in areas of the Park/Campground.
- c. Eliminate the campground and develop a Recreation Center in its place.
- d. Maintain campground as is as a vital component to festivals and tourism in Telluride.
- e. Concern over any development of the Zone 1 Preserve.
- f. Support for expansion of seasonal camping into Zone 1 Preserve.
- g. Eliminate motor homes and trailers at campground, and make tent only camping.
- h. Support for new trails for mountain bikes to reduce conflicts on Bear Creek.
- i. Support for continued dialogue and negotiation to land trade between Parks and Recreation and Open Space Commissions.

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D. Precedent Images of Select Parks and Recreation Facilities



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E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - River Corridor



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Campground



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Pavillion



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Stage and Catering Facility



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Pocket Parks



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Town Park Circulation



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Town Park Core Area



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Town Park Arrival Plaza



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Town Park Pond



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - River sections adjacent to Town Park



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Town Park Youth Link Skatepark



E. Town Parks Photographic Inventory - Town Park Sports Central



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