

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee
February 8, 2020

Members: Chris Stockman, Janet Conboy, Val Courter, Gary Griffin, Scottie Smith, Scott Dreas, Deb Sorensen, Denise Klinger, Jackie Gain

Board Liaisons: Jerold Hover, David Brandenburg, Mary Sinkus

Staff: Rick Echols, Tammie Loyd, Judy Griffin, John Urquhart, Jessica Anson, Richard Anson, Tom Judson

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Branchwood

Committee Member: Deb Sorensen

Review Month/Date: February 2021

Overall Conditions:

Trail is in good shape. Trash had a lot of doggie bags in them so asked they get picked up. Trash can #1 on the left side of the building cannot be opened, so people have put trash on the outside. Jessica will coordinate. Pickleball courts going in.

Areas for Review:

Hours have been extended for Saturday, and the reservations for the pool are totally booked. The gym usually has about $\frac{3}{4}$ reservations for Saturday afternoon.

Gym equipment is spread all over three rooms including the lobby area so as to meet COVID requirements. We have added smaller weights for the equipment and this pleases the gym users.

Member Interactions:

None.

Additional Observations:

Next Welcome Meet and Greet will be February 20th via Zoom.

Amenity: Tiree Park

Committee Member: Denise Klinger

Review Month/Date: February 2021

Overall Condition:

I visited on Wed. 2/3 at 3 pm and it was pretty quiet at the park. There was a family fishing from the dock and a father and son near the pavilion. As usual, the park was very clean, trash cans were mostly empty, no trash on the ground. Everything was tidy and bathrooms were locked, the pavilion was also clean as was the porta potty. The heavy equipment that was present last month was gone, although the gravel where it was parked looked like there was a huge oil spill.

Areas for Review:

None noted.

Member Interactions:

I spoke with the father and son and the dad is a former Lake Ranger who says he comes to the park often, usually to fish. His son was playing in the creek on the west side of the park. His only comment was that he would like to see the playground expanded, which is funny because his son, about 8 years old, was in the creek and nowhere near the playground equipment. He did comment that the Lake Rangers need to patrol there more often especially summer evenings and even though that's outside the scope of this report, I said I would mention it so it may get passed on to the proper people. He has had his boat tag stolen before and thinks that's because the park is so remote and it's easy to get out of Bella Vista quickly from there.

Amenity: Lake Ann / RV storage

Committee Member: Jackie Gain

Review Month/Date: February 2021

Overall Condition:

Lake Ann - good

RV Storage - good

Areas for Review:

None

Member Interactions:

Family of 4 riding hoverboards/scooters at paved trailhead parking lot. Do not have a level area at their home to practice on.

Additional Observations:

Very slow traffic due to colder weather

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex and Tennis

Committee Member: Scott Dreas

Review Month/Date: February 2021

Overall Condition:

Riordan Hall in good condition. Still no clubs or group meetings at Riordan Hall due to Corona Virus regulations. Exercise equipment and reservation process still in place per Corona Virus regulations. Kingsdale Pavilion in good condition. Deconstruction on pool deck at Kingsdale pool looks to be completed. The day I walked around the pool the contractors were pouring concrete on the pools edge.

Tennis courts and center in good condition, all of the screens on tennis court fencing that had come loose had been re-attached. Tennis center continues to operate on winter hours.

Kingsdale playground still in need of repairs noted in September 2020 amenity report.

Basketball court and shuffleboard deck in good condition, mini-golf course in below good condition, no deconstruction work started yet.

Areas for Review:

The Kingsdale playground repairs need to be addressed before spring weather arrives and use of the playground increases. I noticed a truck parked in a "no parking" area in front of the steps in the parking lot in front of Riordan Hall to the west of the tennis courts. The recent rainstorm washed out a significant portion of the trail before the bridge near the playground. The water drainage earthwork in that area needs to be reworked to ensure the water flows under the bridge instead of around it.

Member Interactions:

Not many members using their Riordan Hall complex during my visits due to winter weather. Did not interrupt members working out or participating in classes.

Additional Observations:

None

Amenity: Loch Lomond

Committee Member: Scottie Smith

Review Month/Date: February 2021

Overall Condition:

Landscaping overall was in good shape and the grounds were clean. Bathrooms were clean. Large dog park looked good and fencing is up for the new small dog park, although it looks like landscaping and seating still needed. Near baseball field there remains a piece of square metal/rebar that should be removed as it's a hazard (located to the right of the tool shed).

Areas for Review:

Remove or relocate rebar square from ground near baseball field.

Member Interactions:

There were two people in total over a period of 30 minutes, I didn't talk to either as one was running and one was smoking in the pavilion.

Additional Observations:

None.

Amenity: Metfield

Committee Member: Scottie Smith

Review Month/Date: February 2021

Overall Condition:

Landscaping looked great overall, restrooms were clean, trash cans empty, picnic tables and benches were clean and in good condition. Playground equipment in good shape. Basketball court and tennis courts in good shape. It appears the bike path is completed in that area. Construction was recently completed to remove the mini-golf course.

Areas for Review:

There are some downed larger branches under the trees near the bathroom from recent wind. The wood sign which denotes where the pool and other amenities are located is currently missing. Encourage discussion regarding mini-golf.

Member Interactions:

I have driven by Metfield several times in the past month and it's typically empty; when I was there on Saturday afternoon there were no members. I did have member interactions via Facebook Bella Vista community group where many members were upset about the removal of the mini-golf course. Members were told about the new course at Riordan and the concerns regarding past history of vandalism at the Metfield area. Multiple members stated they would like it put back on the agenda for consideration in the future

Additional Observations:

None

Committee Discussion on the Metfield Mini-Golf Course:

Jackie noted that there may have been a lack of communication. Tom observed that it had been discussed at three Recreation Committee meetings, with an E-Blast going out with a 35-40% open rate. Debbie thinks people will be happy after Riordan opens.

Amenity: RV Park & Blowing Springs

Committee Member: Val Courter

Review Month/Date: February, 2021

Overall Condition: Restrooms look great. They are still working on the Razorback trail going through blowing springs. RV Park had some campers when I went through over the weekend. They are also putting up fencing along certain parts of the bike trail.

Areas for Review:

I did not see anything that needs to be repaired.

Member Interactions:

I did not see anyone out and about today. Temperature was 32 degrees. The only people out and about were the workers for the bike trail.

Additional Observations:

None

Amenity: Gun Ranges

Committee Member: Gary Griffin

Review Month/Date: 02/03/2021

Overall Condition:

The overall condition of both sites is very good. They are clean and well kempt. Both ranges have been pretty busy with the exception of rainy days or sub-freezing temperatures. Restrooms are clean. The Trap and Skeet range has new signage at the entrance, and a new roof plus electricity on Trap 2.

Areas for Review:

There are no long term projects or any improvements that are visible. Both Range Masters like the improvements at their sites. The one time remaining at the Rifle and Pistol range is filling in the area around the picnic bench and BBQ with gravel. That is supposed to take place in the next few weeks.

Member Interactions:

There were no members at the Rifle and Pistol range and one member at the Trap and Skeet range getting some instructions.

Additional Observations:

None at this time.

Amenity: Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon Park

Committee Member: Janet Conboy

Review Month/Date: February 2021

Overall Condition: Great. Bathrooms at Tanyard were clean; Lake Avalon Beach, locked. PortaPotty at Lake Avalon was adequate. Very excited that the holes behind the bathroom on the path leading to the practice center had been filled!

Areas for Review: On the trail bridge leading from the first trail to the cave (overhang), the left pylon had a quarter section cleanly broken off, lying on the ground. Couldn't determine if it compromised safety but it needs to be checked out.

Member interactions: No one at Lake Avalon park; three cars total while I was at Tanyard. Saw no one.

Additional observations: None

Amenity: London Park

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: February 2021

Overall Condition:

Excellent condition overall. Restrooms and fish cleaning stations were clean and orderly.

Areas for Review:

None

Member Interactions:

None

Additional Observations:

A cloudy winter day. No one in the park, just some geese on the dock.

New Business:

Planning for RJAC member terms ending in June, 2021

- Denise and Scottie, currently filling partial terms expiring in June: Denise would like to run for the spot she currently holds; Scottie declines (will be moving sometime in the future). Committee voted unanimously to recommend Denise to the POA Board for approval.

- Terms for Debbie and Val will expire in June. Debbie doesn't wish to remain on the committee, but will continue to host the Meet & Greet which will be sponsored under other auspices.
- The POA will send out a call for three new member applications via the E-Blast.

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson:

- Blowing Springs connector will be completed in May.
- Member services has been very busy
- Comments: Debbie inquired whether Riordan will be closed as usual for a weekend for its annual re-do. Jessica indicated that work was done on the outside and there was no plan to close.

Rick Echols (Lakes, Parks, and Fisheries):

- Lake Ann sinkhole: Terracon's full assessment report will be submitted on the 19th; 2' drawdown is required for the fix, which we hope to have completed by late spring.
- Lake Rayburn drawdown: 50" completed, need 72" for widening and lengthening repairs to the boat ramp
- Dog Park: fencing is done; work needed—concrete entryway, final grading, sod, water line. Late spring opening.
- Grounds maintenance: have been clearing woody scraps

John Urquhart (Gun Range)

- Gun range attendance is slow (up only 10% compared with January 2020; 25% decrease since December)
- Trap 2 building: still rebuilding since it had sunken several feet; area wants to hold water; working on drainage.
- Classes start at the end of February (Conceal and Carry on February 26) with new guidelines
 - Limit class size to 6
 - Have more classes with fewer people
 - Allow possibility of impromptu classes

Jessica Anson (Recreation)

- Have the parts to fix Kingsdale playground; will begin soon
- Wood sign will go up
- Capital projects
 - Kingsdale pool—coping is finished
 - Branchwood pickleball — concrete is curing, then the fence will go up
 - Mini-golf — ready for installation of the features; have carpet

- Marina — open March 16 with limited hours
- Construction continues for trails (Tunnel Vision)
- Gearing up for Easter Egg DriveThru the Saturday before Easter
- Comments: Debbie asked if we can get benches for mini-golf although not budgeted; Rick noted that there are two benches, one along the trail and one close to the playground

Judy Griffin (Marketing):

- Marketing has been busy with Inside Bella Vista magazine coming out in March.
- APT tournament golf BV Charity Classic coming up the week of June 21st, with lots of professionals participating and a Pro-Am event at the end. Proceeds go to five different charities: Boys and Girls Club, BV Animal Shelter, Rotary, Radio BV, Courtesy Van. Last year attracted about 200 pros, 200-220 local volunteers (Comment—should we ask for sponsors?)

General Questions: Jackie asked if guest passes come with RV slot at the RV Park, Blowing Springs. Tom and Jessica both indicated “No.”

Meet & Greet: February 20th 10 states and 29 people signed up so far.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Next Committee Meeting is March 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom only