**Fruita Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**

**Meeting Called to Order: October 3, 2023 @ 5:31pm**

**Meeting Held at Reed Park**

**Roll Call:**

* Bill Cummins
* Shannon Wadas
* Shanachie Carroll
* Aaron Hancey
* Steven Sparks
* Marc Mancuso

**Approval Of September Minutes:**

* Motion to Approve: Bill Cummins
* Second to Approve: Steven Sparks
* Vote Carries to Approve Previous Minutes: Unanimous

**Public Comment:**

* Cassie Smith Present, Ph. 970-200-7364
* Cassie is seeking information on the process to develop the parking lot at the head of McInnis Canyon Trail System, specifically Kodells Trail Head.
* This property is on the West side of Hwy 340, directly across the street from the rodeo grounds.
* Specific developments sought would be grading the parking area, laying road-base, and adding a trail system map kiosk at the head of the trails.
* Property lines and jurisdiction/ownership of the specific land researched on the GIS website.
* The northern part of the parking lot is on CDOT land, the southern half is BLM. There is some designation as Fruita Roads.
* It does not appear Fruita would be able to add any improvement without approval from BLM or CDOT.
* Concern about easement discussed. If the property in question is developed and CDOT decides to widen Hwy 340, there may be overlap.
* Rules, regulations and restrictions by the State would also come in to play as previous improvements on unrelated projects required significant involvement by the State.
* General consensus that this is a worth-while project but it would likely fall to BLM or CDOT.
* We will look in to this and follow up with Cassie.

**City Council Update:**

* 19 Road Improvements Discussed
* Drone Use Ordinance Proposal Is Being Reviewed By City Council
* Creating a new Localism Board is currently being discussed by City Council

**Parks and Recreation Department Update:** Marc Mancuso

* Reed Park Tour and Construction Update
* RFQ: Art piece discussed utilizing the Merry Go Round
  + General Consensus to leave the RFQ open-ended with encouragement to have local artists bid and have a connection in some way to Fruita.
  + Locations for the art discussed. Proposed locations include the North-East Corner of the grass/use area next to 17 ½ Road, near the playground, or within the grass area to the West of the pavilion. Location will be determined after proposals and bids are received to see the concept and where the piece would best be presented.
  + Safety of the piece discussed. There will need to be some discouragement to climbing on the piece (ie. landscape, fence, etc.).
* Rec Center Waterslide Update: Integrated design with the existing Rec Center facilities.
  + Construction is getting complicated on how to tie-in to the existing facilities as the existing pipes were required to be routed around pilons. This is creating difficulty in properly planning and anticipating where to tie in.

**Next Month Meeting:**

* November 6th, 2023 @ 5:30pm

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:31pm**