

February 3, 2020

**City of Grand Junction Seeking
Parks, Recreation, Open Space (PROS) Task Force Members**

The City of Grand Junction is beginning the process of completing a Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan. At the heart of this effort will be a PROS Task Force to propel the Master Planning process. **The City is looking for individuals interested in serving on this Task Force.** The group will fulfill a similar function as the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Council (CPAC) with the Comprehensive Plan currently underway. Like the CPAC, membership on the PROS Task Force will be determined by appointment by the City Council. Members of the Task Force will be selected to achieve broad representation of community leaders and engaged citizens. If you would like to serve on the Task Force, please email a letter explaining your interest to allisonl@gjcity.org per the specifications given below.

The resultant PROS Master Plan will guide priorities to improve the system. The PROS Task Force will serve as a sounding board, meeting at key points during the project to discuss overall planning direction, review project deliverables, vet ideas and help promote community involvement. This PROS Task Force may include elected and appointed officials, representatives of community organizations (public, private and non-profit), business owners, residents and other stakeholders. Committee members should anticipate approximately 5-10 meetings during the planning process over the next 6-7 months as well as attendance at public outreach events. The committee will consist of 13 to 19 members. The City will seek a diverse group of representatives with knowledge and experience in a variety of areas. These areas may include: Economic/Finance/Business; Partners from the Public, Private and Non-Profit Sector; Real Estate and Development – Commercial and Residential; Planning/Landscape Architecture/Urban Design; Neighborhood Organizations; General Interest; Neighborhood Associations; Membership From a Diversity of Ages, Backgrounds and Geographic Areas.

This overall planning process, driven by resident feedback, will be a complete evaluation of the entire parks, recreation and open space system. In addition to the PROS Task Force, the public process will be extensive including focus groups with City Council, user groups and community wide meetings. A statistically valid survey will also be employed to gain representative input on what priorities should be pursued. This effort is growing out of the Comprehensive Plan process and it is majority funded by a Great Outdoors Colorado grant received at the end of 2019.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to Allison Little, allisonl@gjcity.org. Please include the following in your letter:

- Name and contact information (mailing address, phone number and email address).
- Why are you interested in serving on the PROS Task Force?
- What are your qualifications and strengths that would benefit the Task Force and the effort?
- Any initial thoughts on the current Parks, Recreation and Open System you would like to share?
- What would you like Council to know about you and your community involvement? Please list work with public, private and non-profit agencies, as well as relevant professional experience.

All letters of interest must be received by February 28th. Letters will be reviewed by City Council at an upcoming work session for consideration of appointment to the PROS Task Force.

For more information, please contact:

Primary: Ken Sherbenou, Parks and Recreation Director, kensh@gjcity.org or 970-254-3881

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