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Sayre Park Master Plan Community Open House meeting scheduled for July 11

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The second Sayre Park Community Open House will be on Thursday, July 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The draft master plan for Sayre Park improvements will be presented for community input. The landscape architecture team of Zehren and Associates will present an overview of the project process, findings, and recommendations at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The park improvement scenario to be presented is the result of evaluating the condition and use of the park facilities and open spaces, gathering community input through interviews, public meetings, a community survey, and considering the options available at other parks in the City. The recommended or “preferred option,” as developed by Zehren, will be presented to the community for further input and refinement before it is discussed with the Glenwood Springs City Council.

Many community members attended the first open house on May 30 and provided input on the future of Sayre Park. Most of the feedback from the meeting included: a desire for new programming elements, a better playground, nicer restrooms, better and safer access to the park, ADA accessibility throughout the park, and to make improvements in a cost-effective way.

A comprehensive review of Sayre Park was one of the action recommendations of the City’s “Parks and Recreation Master Plan” completed in 2006.

Speaking about the master plan process, Smith noted that the comments heard at the May community meeting, along with input from community stakeholders, have been essential for refining the plans from several options to a more focused direction for park improvements.

“We love seeing how much the residents value their parks. We want every resident to have a voice about the makeup of the parks they use and enjoy. It’s vital that we hear from as much of the community as we can about their feedback on how the plans are shaping for Sayre Park so we know we’re moving in the right direction. We do a lot in our town for tourists, but we’d like this project to specifically benefit our residents who use the park every day.”

Located in the heart of Glenwood Springs along Grand Avenue, 7.6-acre Sayre Park is one of the City’s oldest public spaces and is popular for its multiple recreation options, spacious green space and special event gatherings.

For additional information, please go <http://cogs.us/497/Sayre-Park> or contact sayreparkplan@gmail.com.

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