



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACES AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Meeting Agenda

9/9/2026

6:00 PM

Location: Leeper Center Community Room Join the Zoom Webinar Meeting:

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1. Call To Order
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3. Public to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 3, 2026 - Meeting Minutes - Parks Tour of East Side
 - b. August 12, 2026 - PROST Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Action Items / Discussion Items
 - c. PROST Master Plan and Community Center Feasibility Study - Implementation Workshop
 - d. WCP Veterans Garden - Sponsorship Tiers
 - e. Recommendations for BOT Discretionary Fund - WCP Veterans Garden
 - f. Future Meetings Calendar
6. Secretary Recap
7. Announcements (Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails)
 - g. Town Staff
 - i. Parks
 - ii. Recreation

- iii. Open Space
 - iv. Trails
 - h. Board of Trustee Liaison
 - i. PROST Board Members
- 8. Adjourn

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PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACES AND TRAILS ADVISORY

Park Tour: East Side Parks

August 3, 2026

PROST Agenda with Meeting Notes

Date: August 3, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Attendees: John Evans, Sarah Braun, Landon Wheeler, Jessi Roper, Eric Henschel, Trustee Kendra Barrett

SUNRISE PARK

Current Conditions

- Park irrigation is supplied from the pump house at the corner and continues to have a reliable water source.
- All irrigation zones are running on nodes.
- Irrigation system connects to the surrounding open space and tree-scape areas utilizing well water.
- Tree-scape areas were originally maintained as part of the development agreement.
- The Town previously explored returning tree-scape maintenance to adjacent homeowners, but:
 - Town decided against it.
 - Areas cannot be transferred to the HOA without amendments to the development agreements.
- Turf was reestablished in 2021.
- Original site conditions included sand and required fence repairs.
- Park currently utilizes woodchip surfacing.

History

- Town assumed maintenance responsibility around 2018-2019.

Potential Improvements

Near to Mid-Term

- Add basketball court or alternative recreational programming.
- Install shade structures, particularly for younger children.
- Add covered picnic tables and gathering areas suitable for birthday parties.
- Install equipment designed for younger children ("Little Tikes" style).
- Consider upgrades such as:
 - New jungle gym
 - Zip line feature

Long-Term Vision

- Develop a destination or "dream park" concept similar to:
 - Lee Martinez Park
 - Twin Silo Park

Playground Equipment Considerations

- Manufacturers often provide discounts at year-end.
- Explore use of Minor Park Improvement budget funds.
- Coordinate with Park Shop for interim improvements.

- Poured-in-place surfacing manufacturers are now producing modular tile systems that allow easier replacement of damaged sections.
- Harvest Park has experienced vandalism and damage to poured-in-place surfacing.
- Most playground equipment projects are custom installations.
- Projects typically require bids when costs exceed \$25,000.

PARK MEADOWS

Existing Conditions

- Shade structures installed in 2019 remain adequate.
- ADA portable restroom is available.
- Irrigation utilizes treated water.
- Main irrigation line and emergency shutoff valve are accessible.
- Tree-scape areas extend:
 - North to McClelland
 - South toward the frontage road
 - Across additional areas on the opposite side of the street

Maintenance Issues

- Drainage improvements and cleanup are handled by Public Works.
- Decorative rocks have occasionally been stolen.
- Arbor Day plantings included 3-4 trees.
- Decorative landscaping was renovated in 2023 based on recommendations from a PROST member.

Improvements & Opportunities

- ADA restroom improvements (MPI project planned for 2024-2025).
- Existing play structure and swings could potentially be reconfigured.
- Open space effectively supports athletic practices and serves east-side residents.
- Park currently uses woodchip surfacing.
- Consider updating play structure and poured-in-place surfacing simultaneously.
- Dedicated parking is a valuable feature.
- Opportunity to improve ADA accessibility and potentially position Park Meadows as a highly accessible park.
- No electrical service is available near the evergreen tree area.

User Conflicts

- E-bikes are riding through turf areas.
- Discussion regarding redirecting e-bike traffic to preserve play areas for children.
- BMX facilities are not well suited for e-bike use.

Accessibility & Strategic Planning

Action Item

- Eric to provide a list of accessibility-focused parks throughout Colorado, including examples from Windsor, Denver, and other communities.

Discussion Points

- Align future improvements with the Town Strategic Plan.
- Accessibility should extend beyond wheelchair accommodation.
- Explore sensory playground concepts and inclusive design elements.

Centennial Area Discussion

Thistle to Knaack Auto Parcels

Potential future uses:

- Neighborhood park
- Seasonal ice-skating area

Considerations:

- Commercial/business development may generate significantly greater revenue than park development.
- Evaluate options during future Centennial planning updates.

Utilities

- Existing capped gas line remains from residential property acquisition.

WELLVILLE PARK

E-Bike Impacts

- Racing activity occurring on dirt trails.
- Northeast corner has experienced damage from e-bike use.

Water Infrastructure

- Town maintains and owns pump infrastructure serving nearby townhomes.
- System connects to wastewater treatment operations (Jesse and team).
- Installation of a dedicated meter pit will allow improved water tracking and monitoring.
- This year experienced three water runs; historical average has been four to five annually.
- Additional run anticipated next week.

Fishing Pond & Recreation Amenities

Fishing Derby

- Kiwanis currently manages the Fishing Derby.
- Discussion regarding whether the Town should reassume responsibility.
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has historically donated fish.
- Need to clarify responsibility for fish ordering and coordination.

Irrigation System Issues

- Ongoing ghost irrigation concerns.
- Unknown valve box locations.
- Backflow device located at park corner.
- Additional irrigation system irregularities require investigation.

Pond & Water Rights

- Decorative hanging baskets may be discontinued.
- Coordinate with CSU regarding areas south of the field.
- Town maintains water-related obligations.
- Water shares used to fill the pond could potentially be sold.
- Potential buyers include local agricultural producers.

Recreation Enhancements

Potential additions include:

- Permanent cornhole installations.
- More durable, permanent amenities.
- Nature interpretation stations.

- Educational signage regarding:
 - Birds
 - Fish
 - Trees
 - Native ecosystems
- Native wildflower plantings.

Current Projects

- Hard-surface trail scheduled to be completed this year.
- Bike Fix stations installed this year.
- Signage updates:
 - Winnick sign is the last remaining park sign update.
 - Harvest Park and Sunrise Park both require new signs.
 - Village Green sign remains pending a design estimate from Dynamic Designs.

ADA Improvements

- Add second ADA-accessible fishing dock on the second pond.
- Position docks back-to-back.
- Add concrete infill/picnic area between structures.

Baseball Field Discussion

Current Status

- Baseball field is technically considered a park amenity.
- Existing fence may not be necessary.

Potential Alternatives

- Remove baseball field.
- Convert space to:
 - Nature-focused amenities
 - Educational stations
 - Alternative recreation features

References

- Riverbend Ponds Natural Area (Fort Collins) discussed as a potential model.

Regional Trail Connections

East Side Trail

Partners discussed:

- CSU Ardec
- Town of Windsor

Funding Question

- Determine lead funding entity.
- Preliminary discussion referenced approximately \$100,000 as a potential starting investment level.

Ice Skating Opportunities

Concepts Discussed

- Seasonal pond skating.

- Artificial/manual freezing options.
- Ice rink conversions.

Potential Locations

- Existing baseball field.
- East-side park areas.
- WCP area:
 - Remove batting cages.
 - Repurpose area for skating rink.

Supporting Amenities

- Hot chocolate and coffee kiosk/shed.
- Ice skating lessons.
- Evaluate use of natural ice versus synthetic ice systems.

Drainage & Flooding Issues

East Side Underpass

- Coordinating with Public Works to improve drainage pumping capacity.
- Recent flooding event required approximately 2.5 days to pump out.

Other Drainage Areas

- East-side drainage areas.
- WCP drainage areas.

Future Park Concepts

Knolls Linear

- Consider development as a nature-focused park corridor.

Meeting & Board Process

Attendance Ideas

- Incorporate park tours into future meetings.
- Include working sessions as part of overall attendance and engagement opportunities.

Future Discussion Topic

- Establish "working session rules of the road" and meeting expectations.



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACES AND TRAILS ADVISORY

Meeting Notes

August 12, 2026

Location: Centennial Conference Room, Municipal Building Wellington, CO

Meeting Recording Available

PROST Agenda with Meeting Notes

Date: August 12, 2026

Time: 6:01pm – 7:57pm

Attendees: John Evans, Lorilyn Bockelman, Sarah Braun, Landon Wheeler, Joe Burke, Jessi Roper, Eric Henschel, Trustee Kendra Barrett, Mayor Rebekah Dailey

1. Call to Order

- John called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

2. Roll Call

3. Public to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. **July 15, 2026**, Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. **July 27, 2026**, Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: Lorilyn moved to approve July 15, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes and the July 27, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. Landon seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous approval

5. Action Items / Discussion Items

c. Signage at Remaining Parks

Discussion focused on completing park signage at remaining locations and potential funding sources.
Funding & Prioritization

- Remaining unsigned parks include Sunrise Park and Harvest Park.
- Discussion occurred regarding the use of MPI funds to complete signage. Eric will confirm whether MPI funds can be utilized.
- Current funding is only sufficient to complete the Winnick Park sign.
- Board discussed ordering multiple signs simultaneously to reduce material costs and maintain consistency while delaying installation if necessary.
- The Veterans Garden sign requires a finalized mockup before costs can be determined.

Sign Production

- Signs would be ordered and stored by the Town until ready for installation and assembly.
- Historical pricing from 2021 indicated that seven signs cost approximately \$35,000, equating to roughly \$5,000 per sign.
- Billy estimated current costs could be closer to \$6,000-\$7,000 per sign.

Additional Locations

- Billy recommended including Tract D (Viewpoint Park south of Sage Meadows) in future signage planning.

Sign Status

New Signs Needed:

- Sunrise Park
- Harvest Park
- Tract D / Viewpoint Park

Signs Waiting for Production (No Additional Funds Needed):

- Winnick Park
- Veterans Garden

Board Discussion

- John suggested scheduling a special meeting focused on MPI funding priorities.
- Lorilyn expressed support for maintaining a consistent and uniform signage program throughout the Town.
- Sarah preferred waiting until the best materials and funding strategy can be identified before proceeding.

6. Announcements

d. Town Staff Updates

Parks Operations

- The Town received the vandalism camera system.
 - Staff are determining operating procedures and testing functionality.
 - The unit does not include a dedicated display screen.
- Construction on the Multi-Golf Park is nearing completion.
 - Concrete pads were completed.
 - Greens installation and backfill work remain.
- Staff expressed appreciation to the Streets Department for adjusting schedules to assist with site work and dirt placement.

Staffing

- Heather began employment on August 3.
 - She previously served as a seasonal employee and is already familiar with operations.
- Billy is expected to return on Friday.

Splash Pad

- The splash pad treatment pump has failed.
- A temporary repair is currently keeping the system operational.
- Staff hope to maintain operation through the remainder of the season but anticipate needing replacement.
- Estimated replacement cost for the feature pump is \$5,000-\$10,000.

Trails & Infrastructure

- Staff encouraged board members to visit the underpass during rain events to observe drainage and performance.

e. Board of Trustees Liaison Report

Budget & Planning

- Rebekah reported that budget season is underway.
- The Parks Master Plan remains a significant component of both the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Transportation Plan.
- A pedestrian crossing project is expected to move forward in the near future.
- Planning efforts for **Sage Farms** continue to progress.

STAR Foundation

- STAR Foundation is seeking volunteers for upcoming events:
 - September 19 event
 - Oktoberfest (relocating to Centennial Park)
- The organization would like PROST representation at these events.
- Joe noted that Linda Stoddard reached out regarding PROST board participation.

f. Veterans Garden D

Discussion focused on next steps for fundraising and public outreach.

Marketing & Communications

- Holly from Rose & Co. printed promotional stickers, though they do not currently include the Town logo.
- Marketing materials have been provided to Billy.
- The Town website needs updates including:
 - Fundraising tiers
 - Project information
 - QR codes for donations and engagement
- Board members discussed increased social media promotion and encouraging community members to follow project updates.
- New PROST name tags are needed.

Board of Trustees Presentation

- John emphasized that PROST's role is to develop recommendations for Board of Trustees consideration.
- Rebekah recommended preparing a dedicated Veterans Garden presentation for the Board of Trustees.
- The board agreed that trustee approval is needed before launching fundraising efforts.

Follow-Up Items

- Eric will coordinate with Kelly regarding the appropriate fundraising approval process and whether a resolution is required.
- The board will:
 - Finalize fundraising tiers and funding goals.
 - Develop phased fundraising targets.
 - Create a phased project implementation plan.
 - Develop updated renderings showing the completed project.
- John volunteered to present to the Board of Trustees.

- Eric will create a shared document for board members to contribute ideas and recommendations.
- The Board discussed requesting consideration of a discretionary fund allocation from the Board of Trustees.
- The goal is to be on the Board of Trustees agenda in **September** and launch community fundraising efforts around **Veterans Day in November**.
- Members noted that this would be one of the first fundraising efforts formally supported through the Board of Trustees process.

Community Center Funding

- Rebekah reported continued efforts to identify grants and other funding opportunities for the future Community Center project.

Community Events

- Movie in the Park scheduled for Saturday at WCP.

g. PROST Board Member Updates

- John provided an update regarding Veterans Board-related activities.
- Assignment of parks to board members will occur in September.
- An application has been received for the next open board position.
 - Interviews may not occur until October.
- Board member appointments are expected to be discussed as an agenda item in either September or October.

7. Adjournment and Park Tour

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Board members then traveled to Harvest Park for the site visit and discussion regarding Harvest Park improvements and the potential future Community Center location.

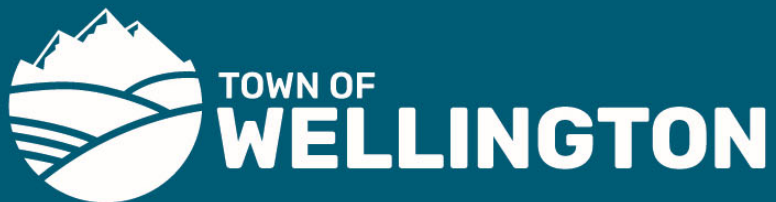
PROST Master Plan and Community Center Feasibility Study – PROST Board Implementation Workshop

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Session Goals

- Empower and energize the team.
- Improved guidance for the team with a clear understanding of success.
- Share challenges and ideas with team members.
- Develop actionable and prioritized goal for the PROST Board to implement that advance the master plan.



10-Year Plan Reminder

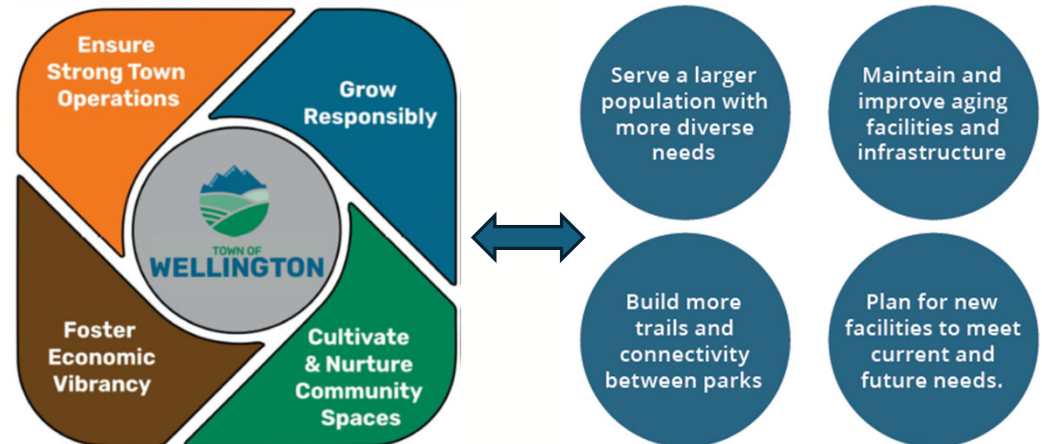
- Today we focus on 18-month, realistic, achievable actions for the PROST Board.
- Meaningful and outcome-based goals.
- Clear data and guidance from your community, with priority, has been provided through this master plan.
- Don't put too much pressure on yourself.
- Everyone makes a difference.

It's A Lot, One Step at A Time!



Why This Plan Matters

- Rapid growth
- Rising demand
- Protect quality of life
- Actionable process
- Community needs



Comprehensive
Planning Effort

Data-Drive and
Community
Informed

Identifying Gaps
and Future Needs

Clear Direction for
the Future



Planning Process



Recreation, Community, and Quality of Life: Top Priorities

Facility Top Priorities

The Program Assessment identifies the following areas as priority needs based on survey results and participation data:



INDOOR POOLS



INDOOR BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL/
PICKLEBALL COURTS



MULTI-USE HIKING, BIKING
WALKING TRAILS



OPEN SPACE AND
CONSERVATION AREAS



ACTIVE ADULT CENTER

Program Top Priorities

The Program Assessment identifies the following areas as priority needs based on survey results and participation data:



ADULT FITNESS AND WELLNESS,
PARTICULARLY YEAR-ROUND
INDOOR OPTIONS



ARTS, CULTURE, AND LIFELONG LEARNING
PROGRAMS



AQUATICS, INCLUDING SWIM LESSONS,
LAP SWIM, AND AQUATIC FITNESS



FAMILY AND MULTIGENERATIONAL
PROGRAMMING



Key Findings

- Strong Overall System Performance With Limited Excellence
- Emerging Trail Network With Significant Connectivity Gaps
- Positive Amenity-to-Population Ratios Mask Uneven Distribution
- Park Distribution Leaves Critical Service Gaps
- Balanced Approach to Recreation and Conservation
- Walking Equity Requires Immediate Attention



Strategic Initiatives



**IMPROVE
ORGANIZATION
VITALITY**



**BALANCE RESOURCES AND
SERVICES WITH EVOLVING
NEEDS**



**CREATE A
CONNECTED
COMMUNITY**



Action

Parks, Trails & Facilities

- ✓ Close Priority Access Gaps with Targeted Park Investment
- ✓ Advance East-West Trail Connectivity as a Tier 1 Priority
- ✓ Extend the North-South Trail Corridor and Regional Connections
- ✓ Improve Walkable Access to Parks, Schools, and the Downtown
- ✓ Integrate Trail and Mobility Planning with Regional Partners
- ✓ Elevate Park Quality from Adequate to Excellent
- ✓ Activate Open Space with Amenities That Encourage Use
- ✓ Address Geographic Equity in Amenity Distribution



Action

Programs & Services

- ✓ Develop an Aquatics Program Portfolio
- ✓ Expand Early Childhood and Youth Non-Sport Programming
- ✓ Strengthen Adult Fitness and Wellness Offerings
- ✓ Expand and Formalize Pickleball Programming
- ✓ Increase Family and Cultural Programming
- ✓ Diversify Revenue Beyond Sports



Action

Community Center

- ✓ Advance the Wellington Community Center as the Master Plan's Anchor Capital Project
- ✓ Develop the Facility to Address Core Program Gaps
- ✓ Design for Phased Expansion from the Outset
- ✓ Site the Community Center to Maximize Trail Access and Connectivity
- ✓ Use the Community Center to Anchor Economic Activity



Action

Economic Development & Sustainability

- ✓ Frame Parks and Recreation Investment as Economic Development
- ✓ Pursue Diverse and Sustainable Funding for Capital Projects
- ✓ Invest in Event Infrastructure to Support Economic Activity



Action

Community Engagement & Communication

- ✓ Close the Feedback Loop with the Community
- ✓ Foster Partnerships to Advance Shared Priorities

Build the Momentum

What do you think?

#1 Individually, think about ONE particular challenge or opportunity for the PROST Board to help implement the master plan over the next 18-months.

#2 Write down your concept. Be sure to write **LEGIBLY**.

#3 Put paper face down when you are done.

"A GOAL
WITHOUT
A PLAN
IS JUST
A WISH"

Ben

Build the Momentum

What do you think?

#4 Pass paper to your right.

#5 Read the statement to yourself.

#6 Write ONE solution and/or build off of the statement. Be sure to write **LEGIBLY**

#7 Put paper face down when you are done

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What do you think?

REPEAT

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Build the Momentum

What do you think?

#8 Give your sheet to the facilitator.

#9 Facilitator (or volunteer) to read the concepts and solutions.

#10 Group should spend approximately 10-minutes discussing all sheets and sharing ideas, solutions or questions.

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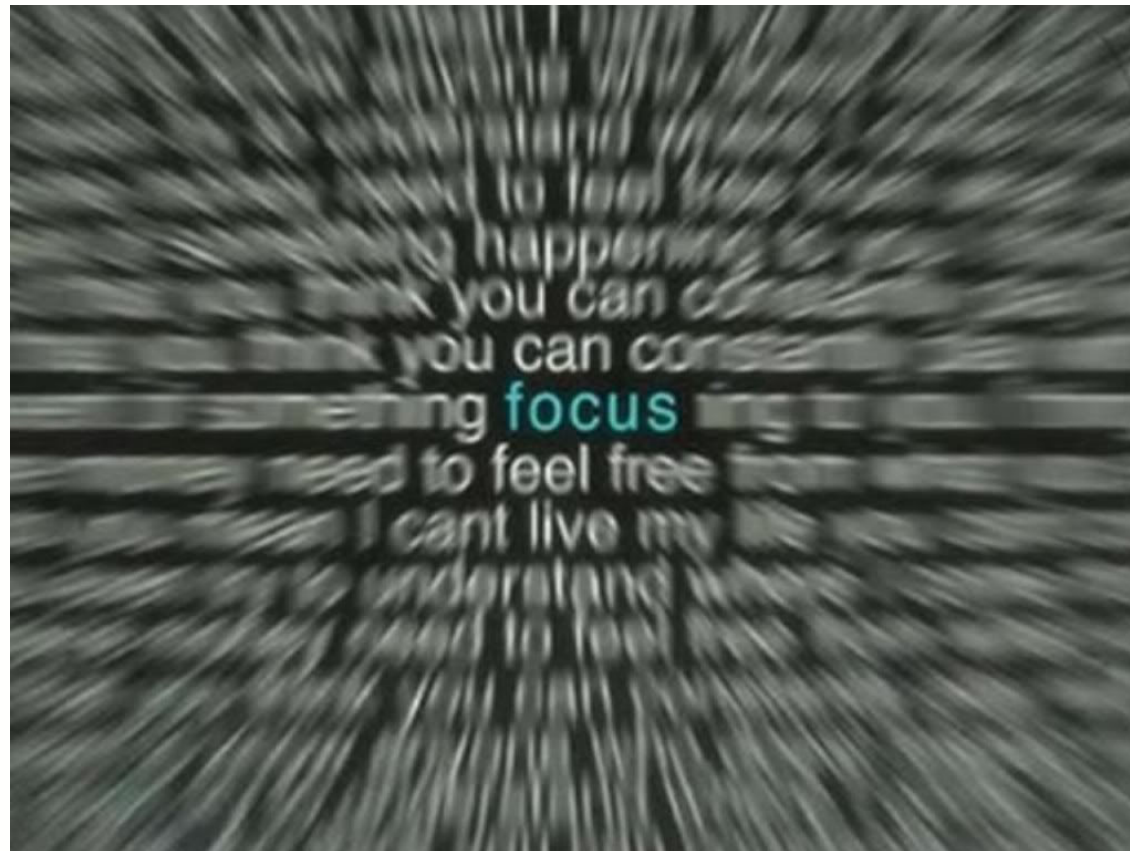
“The Key Is Not To Prioritize
What’s On Your Schedule, But To
Schedule Your Priorities.”

- STEPHEN R. COVEY

- 1. Know Your Main Thing....**
- 2. Make Sure Your Main Thing Is Your Main Thing**



Don't Get Lost in the NOISE!



PRIORITIZATION

Prioritization

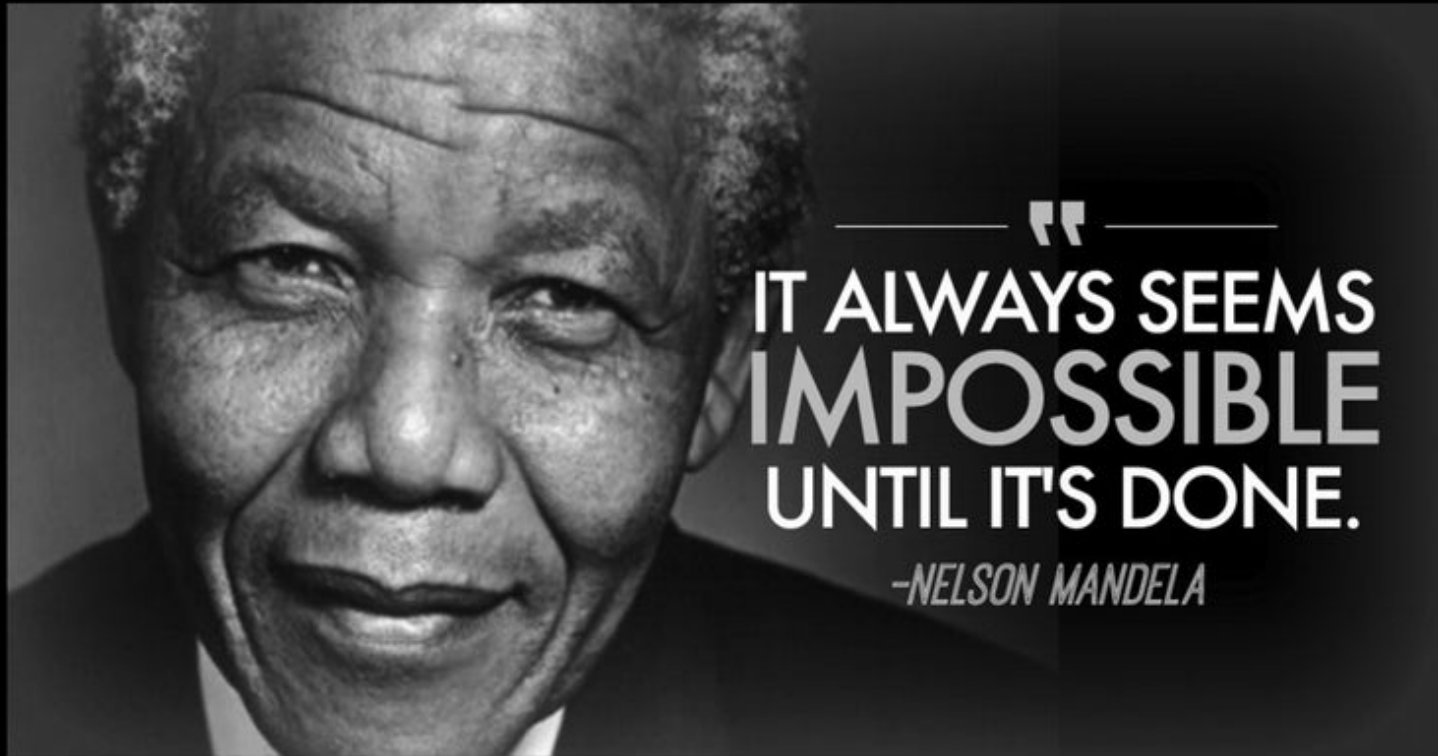
#1 Take 5-minutes and individually write down clear practical and achievable actions (up to three) that the PROST Board should pursue in the next 18-months to support the implementation of the master plan.

#2 Put your pen and paper down once you are complete.

#3 Read the actions to the group.



BREAK



PRIORITIZATION

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Just ONE Degree Can Make A Difference

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What one
degree shift
will you
commit to?

I commit to.....

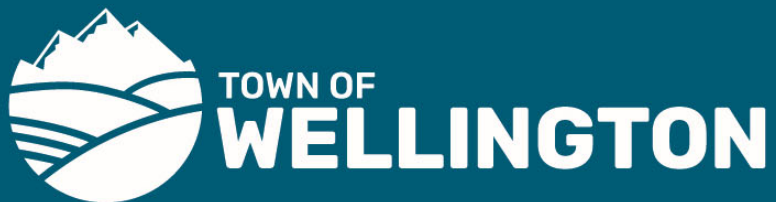
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WELLINGTON VETERANS GARDEN

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Wellington Veterans Garden will serve as a place of remembrance, reflection, and community pride. Through donor support, the garden will provide a permanent tribute to local veterans while creating a meaningful gathering space for residents and visitors.

Your contribution helps fund the development, construction, landscaping, and recognition features that will make this project a lasting community asset.

Benefit	Seeds of Service	Living Tribute	Reflection	Freedom	Legacy (6 Available)	Guardian (1 Available)
Amount	> \$500	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$30,000
Thank You Email and Exclusive Project Updates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition on Town Social Media and Website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Launch Event Recognition		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Name on Site Donor Plaque			✓	✓	✓	✓
Town / Veterans Garden Website Recognition				✓	✓	✓
Plaque On Bench				✓		
Plaque Under Branch Flag					✓	
Name on Exclusive Plaque Under the American Flag						✓

To secure your sponsorship, please contact us at recreation@wellingtoncolorado.gov or call (970) 568- 7410. For more project information or to donate smaller denominations, please visit: <https://wellingtoncolorado.gov/611/Veterans-Garden-at-Wellington-Community>

August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting	Item	September 9, 2026 Regular Meeting	Item	October 7, 2026 Regular Meeting	Item	November 22, 2025 Regular Meeting - THURSDAY DUE TO HOLIDAY	Item	December 9, 2026 Regular Meeting	Item
Park Visit	Harvest/Potential CC Location	Agenda	Implementation with Berry Dunnn	Agenda	Budget Breakdown - Previous Budgets and Future Planning				
		Veterans Plaza	Tiers Vote, Board Presentation, GOALS,	Park Visit	Viewpointe/Tract D				
		Veterans Plaza	Recomendation for discretionary fund from BOT	Board	Parks Assignments if possible - October if needed				
Park Visit	Centennial								