



YAMPA RIVER BOTANIC PARK

Association

An association of private donors, public participants and the City of Steamboat Springs

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Background Information for New Board Members

- Our Mission: “A Place of Serenity celebrating the Trees, Shrubs, Plants and Birds of the Yampa Valley”.
- The Park and gardens were built by Bob & Audrey Enever in 1995-97 on land they donated to the City in 1992.
- It is run by an Association, the Yampa River Botanic Park Association, which was set up and authorized by City Ordinance 1705 (see ‘Documents’ on website)
- Pages in the drop-downs of the website show the Board and Staff members.
- You will find that in order to engage in conversations at the board you will need to know about a few documents that are to be found on this website
www.yampariverbotanicpark.org; under ‘About the Park’, then ‘documents’:
 - Early History of the Park
 - The Association's Bylaws
 - City Ordinance 1705 (Park Organization)
 - City Ordinance 1511 (Uses of the Park)
 - Park Financial System
- The City is our partner. It banks our cash, pays our bills, does our personnel records and payroll, does the accounting (see ‘Park Financial System’). The City also provides our irrigation water, maintains our equipment and books our weddings. We maintain close relations with all City staffs, particularly with our friends in the Parks & Recreation Dept., in Finance,
- Ordinance 1705 also delegated to the Association the management and maintenance of the Park. The Association wrote its own bylaws, which govern how the Association is organized and run. (See ‘The Association’s Bylaws’)
- The Association collects money from the public and is fully accountable. Most funds come by check and are deposited into the City accounts. Some funds come by credit card and these go through the Yampa Valley Community Foundation. The Foundation also holds several endowment funds which provide financial security for the Association in the event of unforeseen eventualities. (See “Financial System” in Documents)
- We try to make the Park “non-institutional”: unlike something a City would do. Our design motto is “no straight lines” and you can see unconventionality throughout the Park: our brochure is unusual, we do not charge an entrance fee, we do not close the gates, young children planted many of our trees.
- We try to spend a lot of time on good design and function before we buy or build something.