

## City of Livingston, City Parks and Trails Committee Meeting Agenda - August 24, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the City County Building. Connor Cavigli, Chair, will facilitate this meeting.

1. Roll Call
  - a. In attendance: Sarah Stands, Jeanne Souvigney, Tim Stevens, Connor Cavigli
  - b. Absent: Clay Bolt, Alison Shannon-Lier, Carol Goosey, Quentin Schwartz
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. *Jeanne Souvigney moves to adopt, Tim Stevens seconds*
    - i. *Unanimously approved*
4. New Business
  - a. Sacajawea Statue - Jeanne
    - i. There are \$33,000 in reserve funds set aside for maintenance for the statue area
    - ii. Jeanne met with Becky and Dale Guidi at the statue and they agreed to approach Heather at Heather's Gardens to restore the statue
    - iii. They then spoke with Dan Baker about what the city has in place there to maintain it in terms of water
      1. Dan agreed they could help hand water plants if we get new plants in there but there would be a need for long term planning to make sure maintenance can be kept up
    - iv. Heather's estimate was \$3,000 to restore the area
    - v. Becky and Dale both agreed that this \$3,000 would be well spent from the pool of available funds
    - vi. Jeanne has emailed Dan and Lisa to let them know that they want Heather to go for the work and is waiting for a response
    - vii. Ultimately the biggest need moving forward will be a plan for maintenance and ownership for a committee or someone in the city to make sure the funds are well used
    - viii. Jeanne will talk to Lisa about seeing if the Sacajawea statue funds and maintenance can be officially put under the purview of the PTC
  - b. Land development near PFL - Jeanne
    - i. There is a proposed development out near PFL called Mountainview
    - ii. The Planning board has met about this and will have another meeting to discuss this further and there will be a full set of materials available to the public at the next meeting

- iii. Jeanne and Sarah will put together a letter of support keeping track of to ensure active transportation and parks and trails are accounted for
- iv. *Tim motions to direct Jeanne to draft a letter to send to planning board referencing previous comments as they relate to trails and wetlands that are part of the Active Transportation Plan and Growth Policy*
  - 1. *Jeanne seconds with amendment to add language for Connor to send*
    - a. *Unanimously approved*

c. ARPA Funding - Tim

- i. Tim sits on the ad hoc ARPA funding committee to make recommendations to the city on how to use the remaining \$1.6MM in ARPA funds
- ii. They filed a recommendation to use \$400k on water and sewer improvements
- iii. The balance of \$1.2MM they suggested using this to support the community Covid recovery with these funds as grant money
- iv. Parks and trails are a fit for these funds - when Covid hit people went outside to improve mental health and wellness
- v. Tim cannot participate in the grant writing due to a conflict of interest
- vi. PTC could apply for funds through the city as since they're technically a non-profit or with a different non-profit partner
- vii. Projects we discussed applying for, we will confirm this with the city:
  - 1. Signage for parks and trails
  - 2. Hopa Mountain restoration
  - 3. Pompeii's Playground restoration

5. Old Business / Updates

- a. Discussion of strategic plan update - Tim
  - i. Tim to present at September meeting
- b. Signage updates - Jeanne
  - i. Jeanne and Connor met with Dan Baker to discuss signage
  - ii. He is very receptive to working with us on signage, starting with putting signs in place where none are currently
    - 1. Jeanne has the list of places with no signs
  - iii. We will proceed with reviewing Jeanne's list and sending it to Dan so he is aware of what signs are missing
- c. Updates on support for flood rebuild efforts - Connor
  - i. PCEC clean up day was a huge success for the levee
  - ii. Sarah might add on cleaning up the bags left on Meyer's Riverview, cutting and dumping what's left
- d. Printing more trail maps - Jeanne
  - i. This would be a good addition to the ARPA funding request since it directly relates to signage
  - ii. Jeanne will plan to include printing more maps in the proposal

- e. Woodlot updates - Clay
  - i. Not discussed
- f. No Mow May survey update - Clay
  - i. Not discussed
- g. Social and other media - Clay
  - i. Not discussed

## 6. Public Comments

## 7. Committee Comments

- a. Connor commented that the County Fairgrounds and Parks board had discussed including some PTC members at upcoming meetings to discuss connecting city and county trails. Connor will keep the committee updated on progress here and how the County board wants to connect on this in the coming weeks and months
- b. Tim commented that the Tree Board had mentioned they'd like to coordinate and meet at some point so we will keep that as a potential agenda item for next meeting
- c. Signage needs as identified by Jeanne
- d. Priority parks and trails with no identifying name signs currently:
  - o Miles Park (by bandshell; there is one at the athletic field)
  - o Mars Park
  - o Green Acres Park
  - o Mayors Landing Park
  - o Water Plant Park
  - o Highway 89 South Bike Path
  - o Alpenglow Trail
  - o Bitterroot Trail
  - o Sacajawea Trail
- Next tier, other steps may be needed first or names simply confirmed:
  - o Firefighter Park (confirm name; existing sign says 'Fireman's Park Climbing Boulder')
  - o Depot Park (confirm name)
  - o Reservoir Park (large metal sign of individual letters says 'Highground')
  - o Highground Park (Highground not delineated separately from Reservoir?)
  - o Bozeman Connector Trail (name change?)
  - o O Street Connector Trail (name change?)
  - o Summit Trail (no legal easement?)
  - o 7<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge (is a sign really needed?)
  - o North side soccer field trails (what if any signs are needed?)
- e.

## 8. Adjourn Meeting

- a. *Sarah Stands motioned to adjourn, Jeanne Souvigney seconded*
- b. *Adjourned at 8:04 pm*

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