

City of Livingston, City Parks and Trails Committee Meeting Agenda - January 25, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 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: Jeanne Souvigney, Sarah Hubbard, Connor Cavigli, Clay Bolt, Tim Stevens
 - b. Absent: Bob Ballard, Sarah Stands, Quentin Schwarz
 - c. Public: Kelsey Lance, Sarah Skofield, Dan Baker
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. *Jeanne Souvigney motions to approve with no edits, Clay Bolt seconds*
 - i. *Unanimously approved*
4. New Business
 - a. Election of officers - Connor
 - i. *Jeanne Souvigney motions that Connor Cavigli serve as Chair, Tim Stevens serve as Vice Chair, and Clay Bolt serves as secretary for 2023, Sarah Hubbard seconds*
 1. *Unanimously approved*
 - b. Presentation from Sarah Skofield & Talia Hansen on dog park fencing - Connor
 - i. Sarah and Talia, who is soon moving, are both part of Livingston Rotary
 - ii. Talia's idea was to invigorate Rotary Club with a new project to support dog owners with a fenced, off-leash dog leash area. Sarah likes the idea of combining the Northside dog park concept with this at Mojo Campbell Park. Sarah wanted to also check in on some materials that she understands PTC has gathered.
 - iii. Past projects of Rotary include the dock at the Lagoon, the splash pad, picnic shelter and wheelchair accessible features at G Street Park, funded Depot Park construction and fencing, among others
 - iv. They have drawn up a proposal for improvements to Moja Dog Park that includes shade structures, agility, and other improvements
 - v. Fenced area would be inside the current walking path area
 - vi. Tim raised the point that the proposed Northside park isn't owned by the residents in the Northside, and asked if we would continue to push the Northside dog park again since we have money, fencing donated (Spurline), and public support
 - vii. Dan: thought that there was a greenlight to put in a water fountain and they installed a pipe, but the park project was put on hold

- viii. Jeanne suggests that we sit down with the city manager to discuss what happens next to decide what to do with the funding and fencing that was donated, we should get some clarification whether we are proceeding or not
- ix. Next step: we'll get the most updated status on the funds and fencing supplied for Reservoir Park from the city manager
- c. Mural for B Street Underpass - Connor
 - i. Kelcey Lance, middle school art teacher here in town, is excited to offer up leadership on adding artwork to areas around town, starting with the underpass at B Street
 - ii. A student brought this idea to her, and Kelsey suggested "trains" as a theme, and the student came up with the idea of a train going through space. She suggested playing with the idea of a steam or other vintage train, along with a positive message that can encourage people, for example, VanGogh said, "Looking at the stars always makes me dream." It could also be something like the front of a train with mountains and wildflowers.
 - iii. She would look for a grant, like a Community Closet grant, to cover it, and it would be estimated to cost around \$1,000, and she would work with students on painting it during the summer.
 - iv. We suggested that Kelsey discuss it with the city manager, and if he recommends that PTC helps, we'll be here to support her however we can
- d. Review Adopt A Trail report for 2022 - Jeanne
 - i. Not quite as many trail clean ups as last year, but could have been impacted by flooding
 - ii. We still have 7 teams and each team did at least one cleanup
 - iii. Would be great to add weed pulling to their list of items they do
 - iv. We will do some social media posting for recognition of teams and try to build some interest in adding more teams/showing existing teams some love
 - v. Clay is interested in helping run this program with Jeanne and discussing ways to strengthen it moving forward
 - 1. We will explore formalizing what this should look like on an annual basis and assign someone from the committee to this role each year at the same time as officers are elected

5. Old Business / Updates

- a. Update on Fleshman Creek bridge - Connor
 - i. County not applying for TA funding for the Fleshman Creek bridge
 - ii. Given this change PTC will ask Grant his thoughts about re-engaging the Girl Scouts about access through their property to M Street crossing
- b. Update on map printing - Jeanne

- i. Grant will be meeting with city staff about suggested changes to the map and once he collects that feedback Jeanne will check with Megan on availability for making updates to the map
 - 1. Timing for Megan would be small adjustments in February or major changes at a later date in the spring
 - 2. Possible addition to the map would historical marker sites
 - c. Park Street crossing updates - Tim
 - i. Tim met with the city and said that the city is interested in putting up three crossings, which were estimated to cost between 60-80K per crossing. However, there is a 15% match required to receive the grant funding. This will be pitched to MDT during the Feb 2 meeting ,and the application deadline is April 8th. Kendeda Fund might be interested in raising the matching funds.
 - ii. The two alternatives are: 1.) poles with crossing signs and flashing lights with a button, or 2.) a crossing guard with flashing lights in the middle of the road
 - iii. Tim will follow up with Grant after the MDT meeting and report back
 - d. Arbor Day 2023 - Connor
 - i. April 28 will be Arbor Day in Livingston
 - ii. We will talk with the tree board about what they might be doing on this
 - e. Social and other media - Clay
 - i. Made a post about the Whitefish conference recently but otherwise quiet
 - ii. Sarah H. will be taking over social media from Clay moving forward

6. Public Comments

- a. City updates from Dan
 - i. There has been a big cleanup at Myer's Riverview there to clean up the river debris from the flood. The furthest island from the entrance has been cleaned up, and they have several yards of material that will be taken to the dump. The trail has been graded and smoothed out and rock chips have been placed on the trail. The trail from the hospital to the entrance of the park is being paved.
 - 1. Jeanne said that the hospital is still working for grant-funding for completing that project
 - ii. The sundial was removed in Sacagawea, and he will be adding the sand digger, and there will be a sign added with a dinosaur or something to get kids excited about it
 - iii. Dan is going to remove the concrete foundation of the old digger and tear down the rock chimney
 - iv. Another swing set will be added in Sacagawea to replace another old one
 - v. There is \$20K budgeted per year for Sacagawea (or another park). This money could possibly be used to also support improvements in other parks

1. Dan built a new shelter, will be putting in a fountain, and will put in an outhouse once the sewage work at Green Acres is completed
2. Dan thinks that he can pull out \$5K of the city's budget to put in some equipment at Green Acres A

7. Committee Comments

8. Adjourn Meeting

- a. Clay motions, Tim seconds
- b. Adjourned at 8:00 pm

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