Livingston Parks and Trails Committee Mission, Priorities for 2018

Adopted by Livingston Parks & Trails Committee, 29Nov2018

The mission of the City of Livingston Parks and Trails Committee is to advocate on behalf of the public to create and maintain park, trail, open space, and other outdoor recreational opportunities that help to enhance the quality of life for all of Livingston's residents.

Priorities for 2018 include:

- Improve connectivity, safety, access and public use throughout Livingston:
 - Support the construction of a sidewalk along Park Street between O Street and Veterans' Bridge with connecting sidewalks along O Street, across Park Street and along Bennett. This provides connectivity to the Meyers River View trail, the hospital, and to neighborhoods on the northeast side of town.¹
 - Expand opportunities for public use of the Mayors Landing and Moja Dog Park area by improving connectivity, access and maintenance. Actions include:
 - Supporting the proposal for development of a pedestrian bridge across the Yellowstone River to access Meyers River View Trail;
 - Improving access along the north channel west of Moja Dog Park to M Street and providing a permanent bridge across the channel at M Street to neighborhoods to the north;
 - Adding shared roadway markings on View Vista Road; and
 - Approving an Adopt-A-Trail team to help maintain the area.

There is also consideration of adding a trail extension around the Park County Fairgrounds or continuing the levee trail along the river to Mayors Landing.²

- Provide for public use of the public area east of the City Transfer Station, including Sackett Park. This is forested public land that is generally inaccessible to the public but which could provide much-desired natural habitat parkland, trails system and river access. A pedestrian bridge to the island to the east would provide additional recreational use opportunities.³
- In response to citizen requests, pursue opportunities for a new neighborhood trail in the **N. 10th Street area** that would improve connectivity in the north side neighborhoods. Part of this trail between N. 11th Street and N.9th Street could align

Note: All LP&TMP page numbers correspond to online version.

¹ See LP&TMP, KPRK Trail (p. 105), map (p. 75) and cost estimates (p. 107) - \$88,459; see also Green Acres Park (p. 44-45) regarding need to connect the neighborhood to other areas of town.

² See LP&TMP, Moja Park @ Mayors Landing (p. 28-29), Moja Park Trail (p, 48-49), Sacajawea Trail (p. 50-51), Livingston Trail Improvements (p. 104-106), and cost estimates for Moja Park new levee trail (p. 86-87) - \$30, 000, and other trail improvements (p. 107) – levee trail (\$88,030), Sacajawea-Mayors Landing River Connection (\$86,900) and bridge (\$900,000). See also LPCT&GP proposed Yellowstone River Southwest, Yellowstone River Southeast and Girl Scout trails.

³ See LP&TMP, City Water Plant Trail (p. 106), map (p. 75) showing potential trail and cost estimates for trail only (p. 107) - \$21,800. See also LPCT&GP (2007-2008), City Water Plant pathway, extending from Veterans Bridge to Garnier Avenue at Grandview.

with the Livingston ditch access and would establish a safe route to connect Front Street and Washington School to N. 9th Street and the upper north side neighborhoods, the soccer fields and the Bitterroot and Summit trails.

- Continue to recruit volunteers for the **Adopt-A-Trail** program.
- Respond to **citizen requests** for park or trail development or use.
- Develop stronger communication and working relationships and **cooperative efforts** with City and Park County staff and other city and county boards and committees on issues of mutual interest so that parks and trails priorities are integrated into city planning.
- Plan for the future as we **advocate** for improved trail connectivity, safe and accessible streets and well-maintained and improved parks throughout the city.