

# Livingston Parks & Trails Committee

## 2017 Year in Review

### Select Livingston Parks & Trails Committee accomplishments

- Advocated for funding for the **O Street Connector**, wrote letter of support and letter to the editor (project received MDOT funding);
- Addressed access, connectivity, safety and maintenance issues at **Mayors Landing/Moja dog park**:
  - Recruited and approved an Adopt-A-Trail team and identified safety and maintenance needs for city staff;
  - Participated in a site visit and supported Park County's proposal for a pedestrian bridge over the Yellowstone River at **Mayors Landing**; and
  - Met with Property Director for the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming regarding public use and potential opportunities to address conflicts near their property;
- Reviewed possible opportunities for public access to public lands **east of City Transfer Station**, including **Sackett Park**, conducted a site visit and met with city and county staff about options;
- Responded to a citizen request regarding designating public use of an area at **N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**: Met several times, including three site visits, with citizens interested in developing a trail and pocket park in the **N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street** area as well as with the Livingston Ditch Association and city and county staff (proposal has changed to include only a potential trail);
- Implemented the **Adopt-A-Trail** program with four teams now in place that have received orientation to maintain Moja Dog Park/Mayors Landing, M Street Park and the Highway 89 trail through town, and this year, the Alpenglow and Myers River View Trail;
- Recommended an **off-leash area** on the north side of town (Bozeman Trail Connector) to complement the existing off-leash east- and west-side areas at Moja Dog Park and 9<sup>th</sup> Street Water Park, in response to a request from City Commissioner James Bennett and after recruiting public comment and conducting media outreach (city commission adopted the recommendation);
- Received regular updates and provided support for ongoing fundraising and planning efforts for **McNair Skate Park**, including both Phase I and Phase II which would involve sidewalks in the area of the skate park, ballfields, school and civic center;
- Responded to citizen interest in developing the **Bozeman Trail**, including a presentation a site visit with a supporter, and reached out to other potential supporters;
- Participated in and promoted the city's **Parks & Trails Day cleanup**;
- Assisted with the **Katie Bonnell (M Street) Park** dedication and landscaping, funded by a DNRC grant, as part of the Parks & Trails Appreciation Day and Arbor

Day celebration, both led by Mike Gomez, committee member and chair of the Tree Board;

- Assisted with maintenance of the **Hopa Mountain Trail**, with the re-gravelling of paths and installation of a new picnic table;
- Built and installed **new picnic tables** at three grills sites in the park, with materials donated through Community Closet and Livingston Ace Hardware, and Mike's labor;
- Facilitated some **maintenance and building projects** completed by the volunteer Legacy of Faith Ministries:
  - They built 10 redwood picnic tables at Sacajawea Park, with materials they provided as well as Ace Hardware; and
  - Restored the Parks & Recreation ticket booths.
- Supported the ongoing **band shell restoration**;
- Promoted **cooperation, safety and access** with local governments, civic groups, schools, citizens and developers:
  - Met with **city and county staff** and held joint meetings with the **Park County Parks & Recreation Board** about committee priorities and parks and trails maintenance needs;
  - Participated in **Active Transportation Committee** meetings with **Park County**;
  - Supported a proposal of the ATC for changes in transportation access at the **Farmers Market**, which was adopted;
  - Met with the **Tennis Association** about their interest in a potential building near the tennis courts;
  - Met with David Pettit to advance **Safe Routes to Schools**;
  - Met with the Livingston Planning Board about its recommendation to change the **parkland dedication requirements**;
  - Accepted responsibility for oversight of the **Sacajawea Statue fund**;
  - Met with **NorthTown** developers about potential trail development/maintenance near proposed project.