

Livingston Parks & Trails Committee Minutes - DRAFT
May 22, 2019 City-County Building, Community Room

Present: Jeanne Marie Souvigney, Gavin Clark, Kate McInnerney, Carol Goosey, Greg Oyler, Dorel Hoglund, Alison Shannon-Lier, Rachael Jones, Greg Oyler

Absent: none

Guests: Sarah Scofield, Mike Gomez, Mark Adams (Friends of Moja), Lauren Dalzell (M Street Bridge/GS negotiations).

Minutes from April 24: Souvigney opened the meeting, and asked for a motion to approve the 4/24/19 minutes. Motion from Clark, seconded by Goosey. Motion passed unanimously.

G Street Park Improvements - Sarah Scofield and the Rotary discussed current and potentially future improvements to G Street Park. The Rotary has the opportunity to apply for matching funds annually, although they do have projects beyond G Street Park. They communicate with the City regarding needs for features and infrastructure, as well as design. Scofield stated that the City assumes responsibility for contacting neighbors regarding changes, though park neighbor Rachael Jones noted that has not happened.

Maps/GS Trails - The Girl Scouts have requested that City maps be revised to exclude the trails on Girl Scout property. Mike Kardoes has suggested we either remove the trails entirely from the map, or show them as a future/proposed trail, also indicating the need for an easement in a footnote. The latter option would also need to note that this is a correction of maps published earlier. This change would also be a change to the Parks & Trails Master Plan as well. Gavin proposed keeping as much of the trails represented on the Master Plan as possible, but that user maps not include the GS trails on maps intended for visitors/users. McInnerney moved that the M Street Trail be designated as proposed, with a footnote noting that it is a change from earlier maps, and that there is a need for an easement. Clark seconded. Hoglund abstained from voting. All other members approved the change.

Mayors Landing - Mike Kardoes has given preliminary approval to the new wooded area. Two junk vehicles need to be removed, and the standing water needs to be tested. He will also need to discuss changes to the existing lease with the Roping Club. Access to the woods along driving range is still a question, as the current lease reserves use of the access road for the GS and Golf Course.

Dalzell and Adams presented the proposed easement document. They began with the 2008 proposed easement, and added some revisions to enable use during wet periods. The easement is for 10 years, with renewal options. In the proposal, they have offered to pay for and install a bridge over the stream; signage; fencing around lodge and fire rings, with gates for access to the trails, and privacy fencing in the section between the lodge and trailer court. There would be a leash requirement for the trails. Leash laws could not be enforced unless the property was annexed into the City.

Dalzell has had some communication with GS regional property manager Stefanie Harrington. She has reached out to other Girl Scout moms. Many will not discuss the conflict with her, though one was excited by the prospect of fencing as it would protect girls from getting injured in the creek. Another mom shared an incident report from the past 10-15 yrs, documenting vandalism and dog/people/children conflicts. Adams noted that Girl Scouts membership is open to all. Souvigney clarified that this is relevant because any GS member walking on the property is covered by GS liability insurance. Were there an easement, insurance liability would shift to the City.

Shannon-Lier suggested that Adams and Dalzell compare the cost of fencing with the cost of a boardwalk along the creek, since it is possible that the latter would be more affordable. Jones made a motion to endorse the easement proposal and to forward it to City Commission. McInnerney seconded. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Lagoon Rehab. The City is looking at measures to address the algae blooms and sediment in the Lagoon. One option is a "floating island" (<http://www.floatingislandinternational.com>). The City will keep the committee informed of progress. Jones noted that it would be good to be able have input on design once things progress.

UPDATES:

Rec/Wellness Center. Clark reported that several options were presented at the Rec/Wellness Center Open House. Not all options were feasible for the city's budget. At the City's direction, the only location that is being considered is the current Civic Center. Souvigny noted that the water table could prove to be an issue for that site. Next step is a feasibility study.

Easement at Emigrant Lane. A resident has suggested a trail easement along the Michael Chappell property where it borders the Martha Brown Trust property. The trail would begin on the City property near the water tower.

O Street. Bid opening is June 13, and the project is still set to start mid-August. After the conflict regarding fencing, a suggestion has been made to propose to the City that Wildlife Friendly fencing be considered first for any future fencing projects. No action was taken by the committee at this time.

Middle School Cougar Friday. Clark had offered to participate on behalf of Parks & Trails but all spots were taken for the current year. The committee will plan to participate moving forward.

Parks & Trails Map. The Park Community Foundation funding application was not approved, however, the Lore Kann Foundation (Rob Forstenzer) and Keneda Fund (Tim Stevens). Funds will be directed through PCEC, and because they are a partner in the map project, they will waive all fees.

Openings/Committee Needs:

- **Committee Opening.** Souvigny has notified the City that McInnerney will remain on the committee through the June meeting, or until a replacement has been found. Two of three prior applicants are still interested in being considered in consideration, and the position will also need to be advertised.
- **Secretary/Social Media.** McInnerney encourages committee members to not do both Secretary and Social Media given the time commitment of both positions. Shannon-Lier is considering one of the positions.
- **ATC Liaison.** ATC meets on the second Monday of each month at Neptunes. Due to other commitments, no P&T committee members are available to attend this meeting.

Adjournment: Souvigny asked for a motion to adjourn. McInnerney moved, Clark seconded, passed unanimously.