

City of Livingston Parks & Trails Committee Approved Minutes

May 26, 2021

1) Roll call

Members present: Sarah Stands, Jeanne Souvigney, Clay Bolt, Rachael Jones, Carol Goosey, Connor Cavigli, Alison Shannon-Lier; member absent – Dorel Hoglund

Identified guests: Dale Sexton, Kathy Pisa, Debbie, Carla Reichs, Anna Simons

2) Site visit

Committee members joined 5-6 residents at Mayors Landing; two of those residents also came to our subsequent meeting at the City County building.

3) Approval of Minutes

- *Sarah requested we correct the spelling of Karrie Kahle*
- *Sarah motions to approve with correction, Alison seconds*
- *Unanimously approved*

4) New Business

- Mayor's Landing
 - We need to address parking in some way shape or form
 - We also need to improve fencing and signage
 - Questioned status of E coli contamination and wanting clarification from city
 - Ensure multi-use friendliness for the new area
 - Address need for more soil
 - Sarah asked for consideration for the LBC proposal for bike trail features
 - ◇ Public comment:
 - Debbie - suggested adding a fenced in dog area for dogs that aren't under verbal command or need more separation
- Skate Park Ranger Station (Dale Sexton with public update)
 - Basic idea is to use a school-owned trailer at the skate park during the season and off location off-season as a mobile store that sells skate equipment and food as a school-to-work program
 - Dan Bailey's would assist with ordering and payroll and operational concerns but eventually it would be a self-sustaining "store"
 - The goal would be to have it open by spring of 2022
 - *Sarah recommends to write a letter of support for the idea behind the Ranger Station, Clay seconds, unanimously approved*

5) Old Business

- Growth policy next steps
 - Sarah suggests that we express our support for the final growth policy
 - One concern is the fact that most parks and trails planning and execution starts in years 3, 4, or 5 of the plan
 - Sarah suggests committee members familiarize themselves with the plan and review it to ensure our priorities align with it for planning purposes
 - *Sarah motions to write a letter of support for adoption of the growth policy with a a thank you/congratulations, and encouragement for continuing this level of public input for this process, Alison seconds, unanimously approved*
 - Sarah will draft the letter
- Northside trails
 - Connor and Sarah presented their ideas on the HRDC trail easement
 - We need to simplify the document and send to the city for review
 - Also need to clarify that two of the entry points are city/HRDC and the other two are hoped-for future connection points for the trail to other properties
 - *Rachael moves to recommend we send the modified request to Shannon, Clay seconds, unanimously approved*
 - Sarah and Connor will redraft the letter and Jeanne will assist
- No Mow May - Clay
 - All 48 yard signs were given out and the overall impression is that lots of positive conversation has been happening about it
 - Clay would like to create an iNaturalist page for Livingston to allow people to track the bugs they see and track on that page
- Trails & AT Plan
 - Survey is ongoing, second steering committee meeting was this week
 - Next consultant visit is in July, the goal is to have a document produced by September
- Reservoir Park
 - Alison detailed progress to date and plans for moving to public outreach
 - ◇ Public comment:
 - Carla Reichs – asked for clarified on placement of kids structures and size of the dog park
 - Debbie - asked about hours of use and had concerns about the usage up at the octagon house (not at Reservoir), also really wants to see a playground there
 - Anna Simons - has concerns about having public input from the neighbors and ensuring their voices are heard and also wants to make sure that there is sufficient parking for people who drive there
- Branding and signs
 - Commission approved funding the Eubank contract

- Jeanne met with Megan today and she's moving forward
- Wishberry Hollow
 - No updates on this - will start on July 31 and will promote on social and elsewhere
- Jack Weimer Memorial Park
 - Sent a letter to the commission and they gave the signs to the team managers the next day
- P&TC letter of support for TA grant
 - The letter went out
- Flagpole letter
 - Sent on April 30 to commission but has not hit Commission agenda yet
- Pedestrian Bridge over Yellowstone
 - Engineering study is approved and moving forward with a vendor
 - Will be done in August
- Woodlot
 - Meeting about it was today that was not attended by anyone on the P&TC, will be updated next meeting
- Sacket Park ownership
 - No clear record of who owns that land (clerk and recorder)
 - We'll proceed on the assumption that the city owns the land as that is the city's position, which is also reflected in Montana cadastral
- Harvat Flat trails
 - The county and Livingston Bike Club are working together to figure out trails in that area and they will follow up soon once conversations go further
- Funding options
 - The city manager forwarded a suggestion that no more money be spent on new parks and trails for the near term
 - The city is having trouble getting seasonal help
 - Committee members questioned how we could get creative and suggest actions that can save the city money on parks and trails creation and maintenance

6) Public Comments

7) Committee Comments

8) Adjourn Meeting

- *Rachael moved to adjourn, Sarah seconded*
- *Unanimously approved.*