

City of Livingston Parks and Trails Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes

October 27, 2021

The Parks & trails Committee met over Zoom video conferencing.

1) Roll Call

- Connor Cavigli, Sarah Stands, Jeanne Souvigney, Rachel Jones, Alison Shannon-Lier; Dorel Hoglund arrived late; Clay Bolt, excused; Carol Goosey, absent
- Public: Hayes Goosey

2) **Agenda Review** – Clay will present the No Mow May update at a future meeting.

3) Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from September meeting minutes: *Sarah Stands motioned to approve, Connor seconded, unanimously approved*

4) New Business

- Status of Bitterroot Trail
Jeanne noted public comments and questions about damage to Bitterroot trail by developer and City response; Sarah will draft a social media post to share about trail closure and send to Jeanne for approval.

5) Old Business

- Recommendation to City Commission on Reservoir Park
 - Alison described the expressed public priorities, concerns about traffic safety, triangle space and other items noted in the document.
 - Hayes Goosey provided comments including supportive of native space and native gardens, pollinator species, kids play area; still doesn't like dog park idea.
 - *Alison motioned to make a multi-year recommendation to develop Reservoir Park along the lines of the feedback that was collected from the public (with details about priorities, amenities, concerns, etc.), Connor seconded.*
 - Committee discussed drafting the proposal and communicating with city staff to ensure we're following the right process and then PTC holding a subsequent special meeting to review and approve the final recommendations in November. Dorel contacted the City Manager, who suggested a straightforward recommendation, i.e., 'here's what we would like to see in developing Reservoir Park....' Rachael suggested something short. Jeanne suggested modifying the recommendation to the City Commission to simply direct the city to develop the park with consideration for the feedback and priorities shared in our summary

document, over a multi-year period, with special attention paid to areas of concern as raised by the public.

- *Rachel offered a substitute motion based on Jeanne's suggestion, accepted by Alison and Connor, Sarah seconded, unanimously approved.*
- PTC priorities for 2022 budget cycle
 - January meeting will include a discussion of the priorities with consideration of the Trails and Active Transportation Plan, which should be completed by then.
 - Sarah described Park County's addition of a trail bridge over Fleshman Creek to the Yellowstone River Pedestrian Bridge PER as a possible priority.
- Annual Report to Commissioners - Jeanne will draft, hope to have something for November meeting
- Open seat - Applications are due by October 31, recommendation from committee will be made in November for December Commission consideration.
- Updates:
 - Summary of No Mow May - Bumped to next month
 - Logo design – Megan is moving forward with logo design
 - Commission decision on Summit Street abandonment request – failed on 3-2 vote
 - Status of Trails and Active Transportation Plan – No meeting in October, plan moving forward
 - Commission discussion of City Communications Policy – rescheduled for next week
- Decision on alternate dates for November and December meetings – We'll meet on November 17 instead of at our regular meeting time, which falls on the day before Thanksgiving; no meeting planned for December.
- Reminder that new officers will be selected in January
- Social and other media – Bitterroot Trail post planned

6) Public Comments

7) Committee Member Comments

8) Adjourn meeting - *Sarah motioned to adjourn, Alison seconded, unanimously approved at 8:01 pm.*