

**City of Livingston, City Parks and Trails Committee
Agenda**

January 8, 2020

This special meeting of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6 pm in the Community Room of the, City County Complex. This meeting will be facilitated by Jeanne-Marie Souvigney.

Approval of Minutes

NA

Old Business

NA

New Business

Discuss and approve recommendations to be included in a report of topics to propose to the City Commission for inclusion in the 2020 Livingston Growth Policy Update.

Public Comments

Committee Comments

**DRAFT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PARKS &
TRAILS COMMITTEE**

MEMO TO: Livingston City Commissioners

FROM: Livingston Parks and Trails Committee

RE: Proposed recommendations and topics for inclusion in the Growth Policy

DATE: January 10th, 2020

The Livingston Parks and Trails Committee provides the following recommendations for the 2020 Growth Plan.

Recommendations are supported by Addendum I: Parks and Trails Committee's 2019 Strategic Plan and Addendum II: Supporting Information.

Recommendation 1: Foster a culture of community collaboration involving parks and trails.

Strategies:

- Update the Livingston Parks and Trails Master Plan with set priorities and create S.M.A.R.T. goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely)
- Establish regular and transparent communication between all stakeholders.
- Parks, trails, open spaces and recreational fields should be kept in mind as the city continues to grow and expand
- Increase community participation in parks and trails related activities
- Promote parks and trails as community assets
- Maintain an up-to-date PTC webpage
- Explore public/private partnerships in developing, maintaining and revitalizing (supporting?) parks and trails
- Provide opportunities for deeper city/county/community relationships, events, and projects
- Educate and involve the community to drive support for parks and trails in Livingston
- Maintain an open community process and outreach for addressing parks and trails priorities; provide opportunity for involvement of all segments of the community and acknowledges and responds to community demands

Recommendation 2: Maintain and improve existing city parks and trails

Strategies:

- Increase resources (adopt a trail program, volunteers, grant writer, volunteer coordinator, etc.)
- Make parks and trails accessible to citizens of all ages, physical abilities, neighborhoods and incomes
- Acknowledge and incorporate the importance of urban agriculture in the parks and trails network
- Ensure that the City does not remove from public ownership and use corridors and lots that might be needed for neighborhood parks and interconnected trails.
- Safeguard and enhance natural habitat
- Provide for a variety of recreational spaces, including natural areas, open space, playgrounds and sites for special events. These areas will be inviting and safe, offer a sense of belonging and incentivize green infrastructure

Recommendation 3: Plan for an expanded network of parks, trails and other outdoor recreational areas.

Strategies:

- Ensure that new developments include parks and connecting trails that maintain Livingston's historic, natural and cultural attributes
- Make parks and trails accessible to citizens of all ages, physical abilities, neighborhoods and incomes
- Have a well-distributed, connected and sustainable network of parks and trails that will provide people throughout the community with an opportunity to experience and explore nature, engage in physical activity, increase fitness and socialize
- Create a multi-faceted fundraising plan that includes grants, donors, sponsorships and events that support outreach efforts
- Provide for a variety of recreational spaces, including natural areas, open space, playgrounds and sites for special events. These areas will be inviting and safe, offer a sense of belonging and incentivize green infrastructure
- Increase opportunities for non-motorized – walking, hiking, biking – and public transportation access around town and to community parks and trails
- Emphasize safe and maintained travel routes, trail and sidewalk connectedness within the city and into other parts of the county
- (Prioritise) free or affordable public transportation

Addendum I:

Livingston Parks & Trails Committee 2019 Strategic Plan

Introduction

The purpose of the Livingston Parks and Trails Committee (PTC) is to assist the Livingston City Commission (Commission) in the long-term planning of parks and trails. The major themes of this three-year strategic plan is to (1) build community support, (2) create a solid base for effective communications, and (3) cultivate resources to create a sustainable and interconnected system of parks and trails.

Mission

To advocate on behalf of the public to create and maintain parks, trails, open space and other outdoor recreational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all of Livingston's residents.

Vision

Enhance community through a system of interconnected parks and trails that offer diverse, healthy outdoor experiences within a rich variety of landscapes and natural habitats.

Values

- Collaboration
- Environmental stewardship
- Commitment to the public good

Goals

- Actively engage with the Commission, primary stakeholders and city departments to ensure that parks and trails are regularly considered and addressed in their decisions, including through the City's Growth Plan.
- Educate and involve the community to drive support for parks and trails in Livingston.
- Expand and improve the current network of parks, trails and other outdoor recreational areas.

Strategies

1. GOAL: Actively engage with the Commission, primary stakeholders and city departments to ensure that parks and trails are regularly considered and addressed in their decisions, including through the City's Growth Plan.

Strategies:

- Design and implement a communications plan to communicate to stakeholders and enable outreach and cultivation of partners.
- Increase presence in all forms of local media

- Participate in relevant community and civic organization events and meetings, attend pertinent Planning Board and City Commission meetings
- Invite City stakeholder employees to attend PTC meetings on a regular basis
- Work with the City to maintain an up-to-date PTC webpage

2. GOAL: Educate and involve the community to drive support for parks and trails in Livingston.

Strategies:

- Create community partnerships and make explicit connections to the Active Transportation Coalition, Bike Club and Park County Parks & Recreation Board
- Provide opportunities for deeper city/county/community relationships, events, and projects
- Engage the community including conducting a PTC survey

3. GOAL: Expand and improve the current network of parks, trails and other outdoor recreational areas

Strategies:

- Collaborate and provide input to long term city and county planning processes
- Identify and promote potential new and existing parks and trails projects
- Create a multi-faceted fundraising plan that includes grants, donors, sponsorships and events that support outreach efforts
- Partner with the community in development of a new wellness center and/or pool

Outcomes

By 2022...

- PTC will regularly consult with and be consulted by the City regarding matters affecting parks, trails and open space, including outreach opportunities.
- Citizens of Livingston will be able to clearly identify PTC and its efforts on behalf of the city.
- There will be a strong coalition of coordinated and active supporters of parks and trails in Livingston.
- The Livingston City Growth Plan will reflect the vision of the PTC.
- Sackett Park exists and a 7-8 mile loop trail connects the existing city parks and trails.

Addendum II: Supporting Information

Center for Disease Control and Prevention Parks and Trails Health Impact Assessment Toolkit

https://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/parks_trails/

Metrics for creating healthy communities, American Planning Association, May 2017, Anna Ricklin, aicp | Sagar Shah

<https://planning-org-uploaded-media.s3.amazonaws.com/document/Metrics-Planning-Healthy-Communities.pdf>

Improving Public Health through Public Parks and Trails: Eight Common Measures

<https://www.americantrails.org/resources/improving-public-health-through-public-parks-and-trails>

Missoula Growth Policy:

https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/34746/OurMissoulaGP_full?bidId=

Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan

<https://beta.portland.gov/comp-plan/2035-comprehensive-plan-and-supporting-documents>