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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in special session on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 3 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Dennis Finco, Martin Krautter, Sandy Salisbury, & Gary Swant

Members Absent: None

County Commissioner: Donna Young

Staff: Brian Bender

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Salisbury called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

Four Members being present established a quorum.

Agenda Item #3 – Long-Range Planning Session

The Park Board reviewed and discussed the prepared SWOT form.

The Board acknowledged the following three issues with the Park: (1) Visual elements; (2) Onsite signage; and (3) The need for signage in Deer Lodge to increase awareness for the Park to city visitors.

Member Swant commented on the importance of connecting the two sides of the Park either with an underpass or with markings / striping of Main Street.

Member Swant continued by identifying three critical elements: (1) Internal and external signage; (2) Connectivity of the two Park areas; and (3) Placement of a pavilion / outdoor stage as a venue for public functions.

President Salisbury informed the Board that she spoke to Sherm Anderson regarding the crossroad and there is still uncertainty with its origins and legality.

Member Krautter described a list of items he considers are important for the Park's future.

1. Decorative plantings at the Park's entrance.
2. Website to release information to the public.
3. Need for a plan.
4. Long-term maintenance including culverts.
5. Better signage.
6. Install historic interpretation signage.
7. Construct an Interstate 90 west bound on-ramp.
8. More emphasis on the Boat launch.

President Salisbury stated there is a possibility that MT DOT would reduce the speed limit on Main Street.

Member Swant proposed the installation of a temporary trail by cutting the grass to gauge public reaction for further trail development. The Park Board agreed to the idea.

President Salisbury stressed there is a need for better signage, especially along Interstate 90 to attract visitors to the Park's access to the Clark Fork River.

President Salisbury continued by saying the community could install *gateway signage* at the Park as well.

Commissioner Young stated there is a crucial need for informative signage at the Park.

Member Swant noted the importance of assigning tasks to ensure of their completion.

The Park Board agreed there was an urgency to check with MT DOT regarding the feasibility of installing a crosswalk before the Board spends too much effort on the task.

Commissioner Young said she is going to attend a meeting with MT DOT officials and will introduce the topic with them.

The Board entered into a general discussion regarding the Outdoor Education Center Park.

Commissioner Young conveyed to the Board the value of connecting the numerous public features throughout the community.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Comments

None.

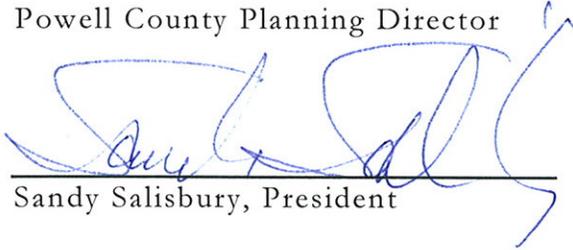
Agenda Item #5 – Scheduling of a Second Planning Session

The Park Board agreed to meet at 3 PM on September 19th and keep the meeting's agenda light as a means to have time to continue the discussion of planning themes.

Agenda Item #6 - Adjournment

The Park Board adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian P. Bender, AICP
Powell County Planning Director



Sandy Salisbury, President

19 Sep 2012
Date