



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular special session on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 3 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

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

**Members Absent:** Lyle Gillette

**County Commissioner:** None

**Staff:** Brian Bender

**Guests:** Jim Anderson, Larry Rennfield, & Bob Toole

#### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Salisbury called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

#### Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

Four Members being present established a quorum.

Vice President Swant introduced Jim Anderson as a potential Board member. He continued by saying Jim is a retired teacher and has used the Park as a field lab.

#### Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

Vice President Swant moved, with Member Finco seconding, to approve the August 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

#### Agenda Item #4 – Public Hearings

None.

#### Agenda Item #5 – Regular Business

a. Financial report

The Park Board reviewed the report showing a balance of \$24,433.70 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>.

b. Approval of expenditures

None.

**Agenda Item #6 – NPS RTC Assistance Program – Update**

Planning Director Bender gave an overview of the recent visit by Gary Weiner of the National Park Service who oversees the program in Montana. Participating in site visit were Mayor Farley, Superintendent Lavelle, Sandy Salisbury, and David Corcoran. The project will lead to the production of a City / County Park and Trail Plan.

**Agenda Item #7 – DNRC Planning Grant - Update**

Planning Director Bender informed the Park Board that the agency approved their application for a Planning Grant. He continued by noting Great West Engineering will prepare the agreement between the DNRC and Park Board in October. The grant will result in a planning document to help guide DEQ's remediation of the Park, compose long-term goals and objectives for the Park, and offer recommendations to DEQ as the agency satisfies the Park's funding requirement as found in the Record of Decision.

**Agenda Item #8 – Signs – Town Pump & Chamber of Commerce**

President Salisbury introduced Bob Toole as she invited him to the meeting to explain the intent of the Chamber of Commerce's sign.

Bob Toole explained the goal of the Chamber is the tasteful promotion of Deer Lodge. He continued by saying the Chamber initial wanted to place two signs – one north of the City and the other to the south, however; the north sign did not occur. He noted the Chamber intends the sign to recognize other community elements such as museums, library, and parks.

Vice President Swant asked if Bob Toole approached the Park Board.

Bob Toole responded by saying he did not discuss the item with the Park Board.

President Salisbury described what she knew of the history of the signs approval.

Member Finco stated Patty Cowan oversaw the process.

President Salisbury explained the Park Board only received one payment from the Chamber back in 2010. She reminded the Board, that the Chamber agreed to pay the Park Board \$300 a year in exchange for having their sign in the Park.

President Salisbury questioned if the Park Board wants to change the agreement.

Vice President Swant agreed there is no need to seek the payment since the Chamber is promoting the community.

Bob Toole wants to see further cooperation between the Park Board and the Chamber relating to the sign.

The Park Board through consensus agreed to work with the Chamber and Bob Toole will report back to the Chamber to produce a written agreement to solidify the arrangement.

Since the Park Board did not received a legal interpretation from the County Attorney regarding how the Board should proceed with Larry Rennfield's request to continue receiving payments from Town Pump for the sign on County property, the Board decided not to discuss the topic until a legal opinion is given.

**Agenda Item #9 – Scheduling of meetings to discuss maintenance / improvements, and required budget**

President Salisbury said the first meeting should take place after the October Board meeting since that is when DEQ will provide information relating to their weed maintenance activities at the Park.

Vice President Swant asked what will DEQ present.

Planning Director Bender explained DEQ will show the Park Board how much they spray at the Park and the costs they incur. He continued by suggesting the Park Board invite Karen Laitala to present at an ensuing meeting to improve coordination between the two spray programs.

**Agenda Item #10 – Board Members & Committee Reports**

The Park Board discussed the need to install the "water sports" signs.

Vice President Swant moved, with Member Krautter seconding, to approve the purchase of six posts and necessary hardware to mount the signs. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

Vice President Swant explained there is an interest in the community to use the old bridge as a performing arts stage.

The Park Board agreed that is a worthy topic for the Planning effort.

President Salisbury noted her efforts to have Montana DOT erect trail signs on Main Street.

Member Krautter asked about trashcans on the north portion of the trail.

President Salisbury agreed there is a need to have trashcans at both the north and middle portions of the trail.

Member Krautter asked is there a need for signs warning visitors of pollution at the Park and river.

Vice President Swant said there is no need for signs as DEQ has sampled the Park and saw no problems.

Member Krautter advised of the need to continue the pruning work on the trails as he put in good amount of work over the recent weeks.

President Salisbury announced this is her last meeting since she submitted her letter of resignation to the County Commissioners.

Member Krautter also submitted a letter of resignation from the Park Board with the October meeting to be his last.

**Agenda Item #11 – County Commissioner’s Update**

None.

**Agenda Item #12 – Staff Reports & Information Items**

None.

**Agenda Item #13– Public Comments**

None.

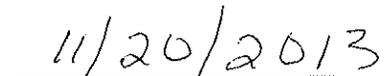
**Agenda Item #14 – Adjourn**

Vice President Swant moved, with Member Finco seconding, to adjourn the meeting. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

President Salisbury declared the meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.

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

  
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Gary Swant, Vice President

  
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