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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 3 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Jim Anderson, John Porter, Bob Rase, Bob Stone, & Gary Swant

Members Absent: None

County Commissioner: None

Staff: Brian Bender

Guests: Todd Fickler, & Sally Birdghan

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Swant called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

Five members being present established a quorum.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

a. January 14th

Member Stone moved, with Member Porter seconding, to approve the January 14th Minutes as prepared. The Board approved the motion through a vote of five to zero.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Hearings

None.

Agenda Item #5 – Regular Business

a. Financial Report

The Park Board received no Report.

- b. Approval of expenditures
None.

Agenda Item #6 – Todd Fickler & County Park

President Swant gave an overview of the previous trail proposal to place a trail from City property across Chilcott's property to the County Park.

Planning Director Bender highlighted the different mapping exhibits and plats of the area.

President Swant described how he just walked the Johnson Creek Trail and the proposed alignment.

Todd Fickler noted on the aerial where he would like to see trail access on his property (Indian Creek Campground).

President Swant explained there is now interest to revisit the proposed trail concept.

Planning Director Bender noted how the project changed since 2011 as a means to close out the Grant Agreement.

Todd Fickler described how a trail system would benefit campers.

President Swant introduced the prospect of a Trails Committee.

Planning Director Bender provided additional information of how a proposed committee could function. He continued by noting the importance of having City representation.

Todd Fickler expressed an interest to serve.

Member Rase moved, with member Porter seconding, to have a subcommittee formed to focus on trails, their planning, and securing the necessary funding. The Park Board approved the motion through a vote of five to zero.

Member Rase agreed to serve alongside President Swant.

Agenda Item #7 – Land Swap Update

Planning Director Bender explained County Attorney Smith has not provided any legal guidance.

Agenda Item #8 – Board Members & Committee Reports

- a. Gateway Sign Update (Bob Rase)

Member Rase presented the photos of examples from area communities. He continued by summarizing his recent discussion with Grant Kohrs staff regarding the amount assistance they can provide.

President Swant asked if he identified any possible locations.

Member Rase mentioned several locations including the Park.

b. Native Plants (Jim Anderson)

Vice President Anderson described his review of the list prepared by Great West Engineering.

The Park Board discussed the list, and the importance of creating a reference guide for the Plan.

c. Picnic Tables / Benches (Bob Stone)

Member Stone noted there is a difference between concrete and plastic units and gave a summary of various specifications and prices.

The Park Board discussed the benefits of using recycled materials, and the need to install handicapped accessible picnic tables.

d. Storage Shed at MT DOT Facility (Gary Swant)

President Swant gave an overview of the situation as the local staff has no problems with the shed but the Park Board must obtain supervisory approval. He continued by saying the supervisor has not returned any phone calls.

Member Stone described his conversation with the locksmith and his recommendation to use a lock lubricant to prevent icing.

Agenda Item #9 – County Commissioner’s Update

None.

Agenda Item #10 – Staff Reports & Informational Items

a. Master Plan Update

Planning Director Bender noted Great West Engineering is interviewing three candidates for the Planner vacancy.

b. Park Maintenance

Planning Director Bender explained how Zac Tindal was somewhat delinquent in cleaning the restroom.

President Swant described the problems of having an employee that needs reminding of their responsibilities.

The Park Board discussed ways of how to staff the position.

Planning Director Bender noted the Sign Shop prepared a draft sign to advise contractors to contact the Planning Office before working at the Park.

President Swant advised to proceed with the signs.

Agenda Item #11 – Public Comments

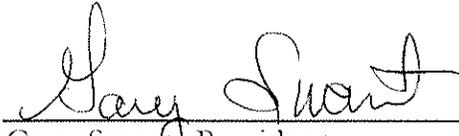
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Agenda Item #12 – Adjourn

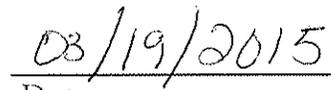
Planning Director Bender noted he is unable to attend the March 18th meeting. The Park Board agreed to meet on the 19th at 3 PM.

The Park Board through consensus adjourned the meeting with President Swant noting the time as 4:31 PM.

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



Gary Swant, President



Date