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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Trails Sub-Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

Members Present: Marlene Swant, Laurie Duncan, Jeff Johnson, Bob Rase, Gary Swant

Members Absent: Gail Eide

Staff: Carl Hamming

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Laurie Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:30am and with five members present, a quorum was established.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Minutes

Laurie Duncan asked for approval of meeting notes from last meeting, January 18, 2017. Member Johnson motioned with Member Marlene Swant seconding to approve the Minutes as presented. Vote passed 5-0.

Agenda Item #3 – Old Milwaukee RxR Property Update

Mr. Hamming updated the Committee regarding the current attempt to work with NRDP to acquire the property. NRDP is limited to paying fair market value, but is going to proceed with hiring an appraiser. The process will take time, but the County will proceed with attempting to push the project along.

Agenda Item #4 – Trail Counters for Arrowstone

Mr. Hamming got a Task Order from DEQ to proceed with the purchase of three Trail Counters for Arrowstone Park. The Committee discussed where to locate the counters, how to protect them, how the data is collected and determining a multiplier for the number of people per vehicle. The Committee thinks it would be good to install one at each parking lot entrance and third on the bridge by Conley Street. The counters should arrive in a few weeks.

Agenda Item #5 – Trail Surveys for County Website

The Survey is posted on the County website and is live for members to publicize and send to other members of the community.

Agenda Item # 6 – Other Items

The City/County submitted an application to the BACI workshop in Butte in May. They should hear back by the end of February if Deer Lodge/Powell has been selected.

Laurie and Jeff raised the question whether the Committee should have someone speak at the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club regarding the ongoing work and objectives of the Committee. The Committee may pursue this, but may decide to wait until after the BACI selections have been announced.

Carl will send out a link to the Headwaters RC&D CEDS survey that was recently posted and relates to the challenges and opportunities of Deer Lodge and Powell County.

The TA grant is due on March 31st. The County plans to submit a grant application with a request to fund the trail connector for Arrowstone Park underneath the Frontage Road. The County will also add additional language to include funding for three pedestrian walkways across Main St. Ideally, they will be located for the Medical Center to cross Main St, a walkway between the Fairgrounds and Grant-Kohrs, and for one to be located from the Arrowstone Parking lot to the frolf course across the Frontage Road. They may consist of painted lines, crosswalk signage and potentially a blinking light that pedestrians could utilize.

Bob asked Carl to search the old files to see if there are pictures of the fly-fishing targets that are being used in Bend, Oregon. It could be a good idea for the eastside of Arrowstone Park and a good way to attract more people in the summer.

Earth Day awareness walk will be taking place at Grant-Kohrs on April 22nd, details are still being established.

Agenda Item #7 - Public Comments

None

Agenda Item # 8 – Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:30am on March 15th.

Agenda Item # 9 – Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

X 

Laurie Duncan
Trails Sub Committee President