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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Trails Sub-Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 10:30a.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

Members Present: Bob Rase, Marlene Swant, Gary Swant, Andy Fischer

Members Absent: Patrick Moody, Jeff Johnson, Laurie Duncan

Staff: Carl Hamming

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Hamming called the meeting to order at 10:35am and with four members present, a quorum was established.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Minutes

Member M. Swant motioned to approve the meeting notes from last meeting, February 21, 2018, with Member G. Swant seconding the motion. The Members approved the minutes by a vote of 4-0.

Agenda Item #3 – Old Yellowstone Trail

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the Old Yellowstone Trail. There was some discussion about the name of the trail with Mr. Fischer stating that he's not completely sold on the title, but does like the idea of connecting it to the Valley's history. For now, it is a working title. Mr. Hamming informed the Board about the positive meetings with the DNRC and NPS. Mr. Hamming has a meeting scheduled with Rock Creek in early April. Mr. Swant volunteered to attend if needed and Mr. Hamming will follow up with Mr. Smith.

Mr. Swant asked about the equipment still on Mr. Branning's former property and Mr. Hamming said he had contacted his agent, but hadn't heard back yet. Mr. Hamming will continue to inquire.

Mr. Hamming is also working to establish the funding agreements between Great West and NRDP so that the conceptual design can begin as well as the public outreach and trail improvements.

Agenda Item #4 – Johnson Creek Connector

Mr. Fischer updated the Committee on the fencing work and coordination with the City so that the trail flows smoothly across Aspen Lane. Mr. Fischer talked about the different concepts discussed with the fencer and the thought that setting the blockade further back might allow easier access for Mr. Chilcott as well as more room to be off the road and away from private property. Mr. Swant asked about garbage

cans and the Committee decided that they would monitor the trash levels and determine if cans are needed, but hope that they won't be required. However, the Committee thought it would be prudent to install a doggy bag dispenser for the trail walkers.

There is hope to have the gravel laid down before the High School workday when five students will be dedicated to the Johnson Trail, but that is weather dependent since everything is still frozen and will soon turn to mud. Mr. Hamming has also renewed conversations with Mr. Fickler concerning the easement language and public access across his campground for the trail. Member Rase will walk the trail with Mr. Hamming and Mr. Fischer in the near future to talk about cleanup ideas for the high school students.

Agenda Item #5 – PCHS Day – April 16th

Member Rase has fifteen students for Arrowstone Park and five for the Johnson Creek Connector trail. Mr. Lewis, who is donating the trees through the gift certificate from Northwestern Energy, will attend the Parks Board meeting on March 28th to discuss the types, number and location of the new saplings. There is potential that the high school students may be able to assist with the plantings. Mr. Hamming will contact DEQ about the digging.

Agenda Item #6 – Wish List

Mr. Hamming stated that as the Parks Board and Trails Committee continues to establish the Old Yellowstone Trail and utilize funds earmarked for the Trestle Park concept, they should continue to brainstorm and prioritize other recreational ideas and parks-related projects.

Mr. Fischer is going to contact M&P before the Parks Board meeting (March 28) to get a quote for re-graveling and grading the main parking lot at Arrowstone.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments

Mr. Swant asked about the padlock at Arrowstone and Mr. Hamming said that Tammy had purchased a new one and established the new combo, but was not sure if it was being utilized yet. Mr. Swant also asked about the City not closing and locking the main Arrowstone gates at night and the Committee thought it would be a good idea to remind the City about the issue as the weather warms up and the potential for people to visit in the nighttime increases. Member Rase continues to call Mr. Hamming: Brian.

Agenda Item # 8 – Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th.

Agenda Item # 9 – Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29a.m.



Laurie Duncan
Trails Sub Committee President