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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Trails Sub-Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

Members Present: Marlene Swant, Laurie Duncan, Jeff Johnson

Members Absent: Gail Eide, Bob Rase, Gary Swant

Staff: Carl Hamming, Chris McKee

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Minutes

Laurie Duncan asked for approval of meeting notes from last meeting, December 21, 2016. Member Johnson motioned with Member Swant seconding to approve the Minutes as presented. Vote passed 3-0.

Agenda Item #3 – Indian Creek Trails

Mr. Hamming conducted research regarding the original plans done by GWE. Mr. Hamming met with Mr. Swant to tour the trails and meet Mr. Todd Fickler. They discussed the current status and condition of the trail. Mr. Fickler is likely still interested in having a trail connection to town that he can promote at the Indian Creek Campground. Todd seemed willing to have parking and access to the trails. The status of Mr. Chilcott's attitude toward a potential easement through his property is currently unknown. Mr. Chilcott needs further contact concerning the lot pavement and wheel chair access. The Committee stressed that accomplishments need to be made in the short term to show productivity. Funding for the trail will continue to be sought.

Agenda Item # 4 – Branning RxR Property

Mr. Hamming had a conversation with Mr. Branning and he seemed to have a strong need to sell the property. Mr. Hamming also spoke with the real estate agent who is in control of the listing and she seemed willing to work with Mr. Branning to negotiate and help him close a deal. Mr. Hamming provided an update on NRDP and the possibility that they may need to re-scope the Milwaukee Roundhouse work after the pedestrian bridge idea stalled. It is a possibility to work with NRDP to re-scope the work and invest in the Branning property. But it is very early in the process and only a concept to explore further.

The Whites' are not interested in granting access. Clark Fork River Restoration of NRDP thinks the purchase of the Branning property could benefit them when they are working on that stretch of the river. The access to the trails would be better through the Branning property. Five Valley Land Trust is a potentially good resource and initial contact has been made.

The TA grant will be for a paved connection under the Highway Right of Way and, if funded, hopes that pedestrian lights and crossing areas can be added at the northern end of town from the Fair Grounds to Grant-Kohrs parking area and from the medical center across Main to access the Indian Creek Trail or alternative routes near the center.

Agenda Item # 5 – Trail Counters for Arrowstone

There are 2 counters currently on sight at Grant Kohrs. No vandalism to the counters. There was an issue with some cattle but the counters were cleaned and moved. No other issues have risen. Mounting the counters where they are not visible maybe an issue but Members will take a look at potential spots for next meeting.

Agenda Item # 6 – Trail Surveys for County Website

The Committee looked at Prickly Pear Land Trust's online survey and believe that Powell County can have a similar survey on the Trails webpage. A couple of adjustments were discussed. Having the Trails listed in Helena would be beneficial if the City or Medical Clinic became a member of Bike Montana.

Agenda Item # 6 – BACI – Joint City/County Application

All expense paid workshop in Butte. Applications due 2/10/2017. Workshop is in May 2017. Good idea to brainstorm with people to see what has worked and been successful for a community as well as what has not been successful for various communities.

Agenda Item #6 - Public Comments

None

Agenda Item # 7 – Scheduling of Next Meeting

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

Agenda Item # 8 – Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

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Laurie Duncan
Trails Sub Committee President