

77 Acres of Park Land Donated to Hailey by Friedman Family

Mayor Susan McBryant and the Hailey City Council welcomed Bill Simons of Boise to their last meeting to hear Simons offer a gift of 77 acres of land just west of Lion's Park to the City of Hailey.

Bill Simons is a member of the Friedman family, which operated the Friedman Company in Hailey and donated land in 1931 to the City of Hailey for use as an airport. He hoped that his donation would continue his family's legacy in our community.

The 77 acres lies adjacent to Lion's park and extends westward along Della Mountain and encompasses the wetlands area at the mouth of Croy Canyon. Although deeds have not yet been drafted and signed to finalize the gift, those deeds will restrict the area to its natural state to be used for passive recreation.

Simons noted that such areas are widely used in Boise, and referenced Camels Back Park, located on a hill in Boise's north end neighborhood, full of hiking trails used by children, bicyclists, equestrians, and dog enthusiasts. As he graciously outlined his vision of the Croy Canyon land, he brought to the council chambers the warmth of days gone by.