

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HAILEY PARKS & LANDS BOARD
Held Tuesday, July 7, 2009**

Present: Board members Tom Downey, Dean Hernandez, Kathy Noble and Cheryl Kramer; Becki Keefer and Tom Hellen, Staff. **Not present:** Janet Fugate, Darin Sales & Jill Swanger, Board members; Fritz Haemmerle, Council Liaison.

Vice-Chair Tom Downey directed the meeting as the Chair was absent.

New Business:

Report from Ruscitto/Latham/Blanton on Rodeo Grounds Master Plan

As there was nothing new to report, Nick and Michael did not attend.

New Business:

Colorado Gulch Preserve Annexation

The Board reviewed the staff report and maps as provided by the applicant (who did not attend). The discussion was brief: angler access along the Big Wood River is provided by State code, so the public will continue to access the river below the mean high water mark. Discussion focused on the trail as proposed on the map; the Board preferred a more direct access from Heagle Park to Colorado Gulch, and did not want to direct trail users back to Broadford Road to access Colorado Gulch. Members also discussed whether to pursue donation of open space lands to the city; what would we do with land across the river, especially when we don't want to maintain the bridge (currently maintained by the County). We would like to see a trailhead with public parking near the bridge that would connect back to Heagle Park, as well as to Colorado Gulch Road. Dean asked if the internal trails depicted in the applicant's proposal were mandatory, and felt that they were for the benefit of the residents and not the general public. Members also discussed that the land below the bench in the flood plain east of the river could be a public asset, but not if it was donated in lieu of a public park. The Board would prefer in-lieu parks contributions rather than that property. Otherwise, it just doesn't present much value to the city.

Members reviewed the points made, and Dean moved to include them in the Board's recommendation; Tom seconded the motion and all voted in favor. (Please see the attached Memo summarizing the Board's recommendation to the Planning Department.)

Draft Budget Recommendations:

Dean asked if this draft included replacement trees for Hop Porter Park. Becki said that the Hailey Parks Foundation and Denise Jackson Ford were going to purchase two replacement trees, and the Woodmen of North America had also offered to plant two trees. Those plantings were planned for Saturday, July 18; all Board members were encouraged to attend. But in answer to the question, the Tree Committee's budget request was for a Tree Inventory in order to properly prioritize hazard trees and replacement trees needed. As far as Hop Porter Park, Dean and Kathy felt that trees that used less water were more important than native trees, and suggested ash, elm or maple as appropriate species for parks.

Old Business:

Hailey Trails Master Plan:

The members present had printed the draft trail maps provided earlier, and asked why we would be working on this. Becki explained that trails depicted on the Trails Master Plan would have to be

provided by development applications, and we should be planning for future recreation connectivity. It was decided to defer this discussion until the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

There was not a quorum available to approve the minutes from June 2nd, so that item has been moved to August.

Reports:

None.

Adjourned.