

**City of Hailey  
Parks & Lands Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2018**

Attending Board Members: Lamar Waters, Sara Gress, Dean Hernandez, Nancy Linscott, Henno Heitur

Attending City Staff: Stephanie Cook

Council Liaison: n/a

Absent: Darin Sales, Mark Spencer

Attending Public: Michelle Griffith, Pat Cooley, Shelly Rooter, Dave Keir, John Holen, Kirstin Coltman, Gadrie Edmunds

**Call to Order:**

Call to order by Gress at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Bob Wiederrick, representing Kiwanis, presented a picture of handicap accessible picnic tables to the Board. The Kiwanis would like to purchase tables, one for each pavilion in Hailey's parks. The cost of each table is just under \$800. The Kiwanis is willing to purchase the tables if the City is willing to accept them. Wiederrick also mentioned wanting to move forward with getting the pavilion for the Balmoral improvement project.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes for the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 meeting by Gress; second by Linscott; passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

*Discussion of possible names and desired amenities as part of the park development of the currently empty lot at 3920 Woodside Boulevard, Hailey, Idaho; Lot 14, Block 46, Woodside Subdivision No. 11. This discussion will only include the portion of the lot not being utilized by ARCH Community Housing Trust.* Griffith explains that the plan for the homes is approved, as a result of public meetings for orientation and layout. Griffith also explains that ARCH Housing Trust (ARCH) will install a wooden split rail fence with mesh between the homes and park, nine trees on the park portion of the parcel, and access to Toe of the Hill Trail with wayfinding. Griffith says the building crew can leave dirt for fill or berms, or haul it off. Rooter states berms are costlier to maintain and asks if drainage design for houses works for a park; she asks if there is a fence on the east side of the park as the park gets a lot of runoff from the hillside. Griffith states the site plan is approved and the design review is next. Cooley is curious what the park would look like; there are many businesses and people have lunch at those businesses. Cooley states the Mayor says parks should have purpose and this would be well used. Keir asks if in-lieu fees will pay for development. Cook replies, saying this park is not in the capital improvement plan, so currently, the park will not be funded that way. Holen is concerned of irrigation costs, saying native and natural landscaping is easier to maintain. He encourages logs for kids to sit

climb and step on and a picnic area; this area has easy access to the Toe of the Hill Trail and will be quite a journeyed place, neighbors find it very valuable. Rooter states dog poop bags will help encourage the park to stay clean, suggests donations for bags. Coltman says to keep children in mind as they use the park as part of Spirit 'n Motion and Syringa Mountain School uses that area. She said driving is dangerous and many kids cross the street; this is a safe opportunity for kids. Coltman states logs, rocks and swings would be cool, but a zipline would be awesome. Holen suggests a visible play structure and safe environment where there are no hidden spaces. Edmunds states Spirit 'n Motion and Syringa Mountain School will use the space and encourages turf grass for people to sit and use; currently, people use Power Engineer's lawn and it is a liability. Linscott encourages a fire-wise buffer between the park space and hillside. Rooter mentions a speed bump on Woodside Boulevard due to people driving fast in that area. Linscott states any kind of play structure for kids will draw them into the park. Holen suggests picnic table near the road. Cooley suggests benches and table with low maintenance bunchgrass, for example, that will use a lesser amount of water. Cooley asks about a timeline for handing off irrigation responsibility from ARCH to the City. Griffith says there is no timeline, but is thinking maybe a year or so. Hernandez notes the species on the plan are probably not ideal choices, but the spacing and location look ok. Hernandez also adds that there will likely not be lighting. Keir suggests considering doing this project right; if done right, kids and workers will use the space and it will be really nice.

#### **Old Business:**

*Discussion of park specific planning effort and objectives, to have a plan in place before the first park discussion. The plan was to have the first park discussion in February, but this meeting time will be used to finalize the public outreach survey, before the park discussions begin.* Gress says one question needs to be rephrased so that it is clear and precise. Cook will send the survey out for updates and suggestions.

#### **Commissioner/Staff Reports:**

*Staff looks into possible upgrade options to the ballfield at Lion's park as a result of community interest through comments submitted for the Hailey Greenway Master Plan.* Cook explains that there is a lot of interest in making updates to the ballfield at Lions Park. City staff met representatives from the local softball group at Lions Park and discussed moving the field, necessary distances within the field and the work that would be involved. The City has reached out to Harmony Design and Engineering to complete studies to determine the impact, if any, of moving the ballfield at Lions Park and is waiting to hear back before any further decisions will be made.

*Colorado Gulch Subdivision has an amendment to their application, requesting fewer units and increasing open space.* Cook explains that the Parks and Lands Board has seen and commented on this plan. The developer has reduced the number of units to be built, resulting in more open space to be donated. Cook is unsure of the reduction in unit number and increase in space as of this meeting.

**Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:**

Next meeting: March 6<sup>th</sup>

Finalize survey for park planning

Finalize strategy for park planning

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Heitur to adjourn the meeting; second by Waters; adjourned at 7:45 p.m.