

City of Hailey
Parks & Lands Board

Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2016

Attending Commissioners: Lamar Waters, Phil Rainey, Janet Fugate, Darin Sales, Dean Hernandez, Mark Spencer, Pat Cooley

Absent: Terry Clark

City of Hailey: Stephanie Cook, Pat Cooley

Guests: Michelle Griffith, Becki Keefer, Steve Keefer

Call to Order:

Call to order by Waters at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes for June 29, 2016 by Sales; second by Rainey; passed unanimously

New Business:

South Woodside Lot – Michelle Griffith with ARCH Housing spoke regarding adding housing to the vacant lot at south Woodside. Council has allowed her to submit grant. Currently there is less than 1% housing vacancy, which is catastrophic. She is proposing 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ bath homes. City maintains ownership of land; ARCH would own structures.

Steve says parks are expensive and housing is good/needed. Signs and paths are needed to direct people to Toe of the Hill Trail.

Becki says the city needs workforce housing and the recreation benefit would be a connection and access to the trail.

Michelle clarifies that if signage is a condition of the recommendation, it will be beneficial to receiving the grant.

Darin wants to see lot, sleep on it and not make recommendation tonight.

Pat reminds everyone the recommendation is acceptance or denial and constituents regarding recreation only

Janet says housing is an immediate use, ARCH is a good program and the city doesn't need another park. The decision is for now, what could options/needs/possibilities down the road be?

Mark says grass/green space accessing the trail could be equally valuable. Great opportunity if funding would allow connection and signage leading to other recreational areas.

Michelle reminds everyone to add public access to recommendation – including request to fund trailhead and signage.

Phil asks if the lot will ever be a sign. He thinks it will not. Any use will cost the city and will not be affordable. There will be other opportunities as other areas are developed.

Darin suggests units in back and park area at front of lot.

Mark asks if park is appropriate at a heavy trafficked area that is hard for kids to access. Being at the edge of a light industrial area may be appropriate for housing, not park.

Becki says Echo Hill is a small green space. Silver Stone housing has green space that is open to public but isn't welcoming. She thinks having public green space will not be welcoming and therefore not used.

Motion by Darin to table until next meeting; second by Dean; passed unanimously.

Dean says once it is gone, then it is gone. We do not need to make any rash decisions. Housing is needed now, what about in 10 years.

Steve suggests that a condition of the recommendation be that if housing does not go in, the zoning returns to green belt.

Old Business:

Memory Tree – Becki is concerned that since a 5"x7" plaque is the same size as a greeting card, it is so small that it will become lost or overgrown. Becki says if Keefer family pays \$3,000 she will be disappointed with a 5"x7" plaque. As people age, their eye sight becomes worse and she wants plaque to be visible. There is a difference between overtly and discreetly visible.

Lamar says overall size will be 9"x11", including concrete. The footprint can stay about the same size if concrete border is smaller and plaque stays the same size. He says the plaque will be raised and in the tree well.

Janet asks the price difference between smaller and larger plaque.

Steve thinks price won't matter to tree donors. If they want to take part in the memory tree program, they will pay whatever the cost is. Steve wants plaque size and placing to be appropriate as the tree grows over time. Steve is really excited about the momentum the program has gotten so far and happy with the decision of the Board regardless of what it is.

Lamar wants to know what 8"x10" plaque costs with smaller border, also if there are standard sizes available.

Motion by Lamar to change from 5"x7" plaque to 8"x10" plaque with smaller border; second by Phil; vote fails.

Mark states that the tree is the memory, the plaque is secondary.

Phil agrees with Mark, it makes sense. Multiplying trees and plaques in a park will make it look like a cemetery.

Commissioner/Staff Reports:

Pickleball Update - pickleball community is excited for Balmoral location. They will present at August 15 council meeting.

WRLT Viewing Platform – at Draper Preserve, flood plain changes that will be made by Galena Engineering.

Lions Park Update - changes made by Galena Engineering could allow the softball league to move the outfield fence back.

Croy Nordic MOU - has been renewed for 1 year.

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:

Janet asks when Quigley needs to be at the board meeting. Pat says staff will set that, let it ride.

South Woodside Lot – Lamar suggests everyone look at it.

Balmoral Grant – Stephanie will bring layout of ideas

Adjourn:

Motion by Lamar to adjourn the meeting; second by Janet; adjourned at 7:51 p.m.