

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Hailey Parks & Lands Board
March 27th, 2019

Attending Board Members: Sara Gress, Nancy Linscott, Bob Wiederrick, Henno Heitur

Attending City Staff: Stephanie Cook

Council Liaison: n/a

Absent: Mark Spencer, Darin Sales, Lamar Waters

Attending Public: Dave Keir, Steve Crosser, Moghan Lyon

Call to Order:

Call to order by Gress at 6:03pm.

Public Comment:

Steve Crosser at 431 Aspen Drive in China Gardens wants to give the Parks and Lands Board a heads up about what is happening with the connection between China Gardens and Sherwood Forest. Crosser states that the developer did not originally want to give up a 60' road, but Sherwood Forest needs an emergency access. Crosser says the City is looking at this easement to be a park-like space, possibly with trees, shrubs, screening, without bollards, keeping in mind a 20' width must be plowed in the winters.

Approval of Minutes:

Wiederrick moves to approve meeting minutes from January 23rd, 2019. Gress seconds, passes unanimously.

New Business:

Review the new project, Skyview Townhomes Subdivision Preliminary Plat, to be located on Lots 1-7, Block 86, Woodside Subdivision #25. The Hailey Parks and Lands Board will consider the subdivisions park dedication. Cook explains that this new development, Skyview, is proposed to look similar to Silver Stone just to the south on Winterhaven Dr, having an open space along Woodside Boulevard in the middle of the development. Heitur states the proposal meets the listed park requirements in the code but is concerned that the developer will not fulfill their promise of adding the landscaping and amenities. Linscott is concerned with the developers follow through and whether there will be enforcement to ensure the fulfilment. Linscott is also concerned with budget and lack of manpower. Gress wants to know who will be responsible for maintaining the proposed park area; maybe the board recommends in lieu fees. Heitur wants to know whether it will be private or public. Linscott asks what Silver Stone's status is- whether it is supposed to open to the public and have amenities. Linscott asks how much open space there would be in Woodside at build out; more information and guidance are needed before a recommendation can be made.

Review signage and entry landscaping for current Balmoral Park Improvements Project (new Kiwanis Park). Once decided, a recommendation will be made to Council. Cook presents a proposed landscape and sign design for the entry of the new Kiwanis Park, having boulders, vinca and kinnikinic and the sign mirroring other park signs throughout the City. Project contributors will also be recognized on the entry sign, along with the park adopter landscaping

company, G&G Landscaping. Linscott is concerned with kinnikinic due to its high acidic soil requirements. Wiederrick suggests a banner sign across the top of the entry sign and a bigger name. The board will consider additional options and let Cook know; the board will discuss in April.

Old Business:

Discussion 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. In August, 2018, a preliminary design was voted on and approved; a more complete design will be looked at and discussed. Cook shows three different conceptual designs that Lyon Landscape Architects drew and introduces Lyon to the board. Cook asks if anyone has thoughts, questions or suggestions regarding the three designs. Linscott likes a hybrid of the curved path and play berms. Wiederrick likes the play area and tunnel at the back. Cook explains additional ideas to option drawing number one, boulders toward the front of the park as a play area, moving the gathering area to the play area, adding berms to the south natural area, continuing the natural area around the entire perimeter, and having a continuous lawn in the middle of the space. Keir says people will mingle at the bus stop and he likes the vegetation. Heitur likes the distinct areas and having a distinct lawn area. Linscott suggests a peninsula berm and tunnel in boulder area with an integrated zip line. Gress moves to recommend drawing option number one with amendments to council; amendments being logs, stumps, boulders, tunnel in kids' area, berms, shifted seating area, adding natural area adding zip line if space allows. Wiederrick seconds, passes unanimously.

Continuation of previous agenda item. Discussion of park specific planning effort and objectives, to determine a list of amenities, needs, the purpose and future use of each individual park. The first 3 parks that will be looked at are Hop Porter Park, Old Cutters Park and Hailey Skate Park. Cook will compile suggestions for each park and present that to the board at the April meeting.

Board/Staff Reports:

Sage School will be tackling park projects this spring. A group of middle school kids will help to paint restrooms this spring, beginning next Tuesday and a group of high schoolers will help to work on the sanding and finishing updates to the Hop Porter play structure, beginning in May.

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:

Park identities

Adjourn:

Linscott moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm, second by Heitur; passes unanimously.