

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Hailey Parks & Lands Board January 23rd, 2019

Attending Board Members: Sara Gress, Nancy Linscott, Lamar Waters, Bob Wiederrick

Attending City Staff: Stephanie Cook, Brian Yeager

Council Liaison: n/a

Absent: Mark Spencer, Darin Sales, Henno Heitur

Attending Public: Gadrie Edmunds, John Hall

Call to Order:

Call to order by Gress at 6:01pm.

Public Comment:

Speaking on behalf of Kiwanis, Wiederrick says Kiwanis is fund raising for an additional structure for older kids for Keefer Park. The current structure is designed for younger kids. Their goal is to raise \$20,000 for a new structure by spring. Kiwanis has received a grant, which a portion may go to this structure. Wiederrick is still collecting cans as a fund raiser; they are half way to their \$20,000 goal, Wiederrick confirms. As Kiwanis gets closer to reaching the goal, Wiederrick will have options of what Kiwanis would like to donate for the City to review.

Approval of Minutes:

Linscott moves to approve meeting minutes from December 20th, 2018. Wiederrick seconds, passes unanimously. Linscott moves to approve meeting minutes from November 14th, 2018. Waters seconds, passes unanimously.

New Business:

Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Gress said the last year has flown by and went well, and she is willing to chair another year. Linscott nominates Gress to be chair, Wiederrick seconds; approve unanimously. Waters nominates Spencer to another year as vice chair, stating he did a fine job over the last year. Linscott seconds; passes unanimously.

The 2019 City budget and capital improvement plan has been opened for amendments.

Discussion of park in-lieu fees to determine allocation of these funds in parks; consideration of in-lieu fees toward construction of South Woodside Park. Cook explains that when the Lupine Subdivision was developed, the Parks and Lands Board never voted to allocate those funds to any project. Waters agrees that these in-lieu fees could help with construction of the South Woodside park. Wiederrick is concerned that if Kiwanis purchases this structure for Keefer Park, will the City have funds for the installation. Yeager states that the installation of a play structure is not currently budgeted, but if Kiwanis puts forth the effort to fund raise any purchase a structure, then the City will make the install happen; no one wants to discourage that. Yeager says the anticipated cost is approximately \$75,000 for construction of the park and due to budget constraints, the City is working on cost effective designs and is planning to do much of the work in house. Yeager concludes saying that the City has \$32,000 and is needing approximately \$40,000 more. Waters moves to allocate these in-lieu fees to go towards this park development, Wiederrick seconds; passes unanimously.

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. Yeager explains that the board has already seen a conceptual plan, but the goal is to make that space as cool as possible- to take that park and make it as nice as possible. Yeager had ideas and would like to see a stellar park that is desired by the community. He explains that irrigation design and project management will be done in house. Yeager says the goal of the design is to be cost effective and will have an active area where kids play, a passive area where neighbors can have lunch, and a natural area that will transition into the hillside. Having a smaller footprint, Yeager explains that there can be more detail per foot, for example a raised bed garden, see if the community embraces and takes it over and if not, then the planter areas will be replaced with shrubs and flowers. Yeager says another goal is to eliminate maintenance. Linscott explains the Owl House as a “kids wonderland”, having raised beds and ziplines, being a garden integrated with play. Linscott also mentioned there needs to be consideration for critters and keeping them out. Waters suggests enhancing the bus stop since it is in front of the park, describing a mining portal leading into a shade structure. Yeager cautions conversation about the bus stops due to their funding, no alterations can be made. Edmunds encourages talking with the Hunger Coalition and says the park space will be shade a lot of the day. She also expresses concern about a dirt single track path washing out and being damaged due to the drainage issues. Hall mentions growth would take place at the front of the park in the evening. He mentions the path and if it is along the northern property line, the snow will stay longer since it will be shaded by the neighbors’ fence. Hall says the park needs to be family friendly, a place where families want to go and can have outdoor parties. Edmunds states that there needs to be a drinking fountain and dog waterer. Gress states her preference is to integrate the garden and path like a maze so that the opportunity to stop at the garden is there. Wiederrick says he has a connection with High Country Solution, may be getting large piping from them to create tunnels under the raised beds. He also stated there is a need for picnic tables and shelter. Hall states there needs to be dog station. Linscott mentions having irrigation or some type of fire break. Cook says she will take the ideas and comments and create an updated design to bring back at the February meeting. *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.* Linscott moves to table this item until the February meeting, Waters seconds; pass unanimously.

Board/Staff Reports:

None

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:

Park identities

Adjourn:

Linscott moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm, second by Gress; passes unanimously.