

## **Parks and Lands Board**

**1/29/25**

**Committee:** Bob Wiederrick, Penny Thayer, Karen Daly, Lamar Waters

**Staff:** Emily Williams, Amy Bain

**Called to order:** 5:04 pm

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve meeting minutes from November:** Penny made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob seconds. All in favor.

Penny made a motion to approve Bob Wiederrick as Chair of Parks and Lands Board, and Lamar Waters as Vice Chair. Karen seconded. Passes unanimously.

## **New Business:**

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

The Board acknowledged Darin for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Parks and Lands Board. Bob will contact Amanda Houston to discuss potential board membership. The Board also suggested reaching out to landscape architects to see if any would be interested in joining. Amy will follow up with Ruby to gauge her interest in serving on the Board.

### **REVIEW OF BCRD SURVEY RESULTS**

The Board reviewed the BCRD survey results and noted the absence of any mention of an indoor pool for the South Valley. Karen emphasized that an indoor pool would be a valuable asset to the community and should be a key consideration moving forward.

### **KIWANIS PARK TREE PLANTING GRANT**

Emily introduced the Park Planting Plan and highlighted the importance of community engagement as a component of the grant. The Board suggested several ways to involve the community, including working with schools before summer break or when they return in the fall, engaging Boy Scout troops, and offering volunteer opportunities for Sage School students. They also discussed involving students and other volunteers in digging holes and planting shrubs. Bob noted that Kiwanis members are interested in participating in the shrub planting. Additionally, he suggested using larger river rocks, bark or mulch under trees, a ground cloth, and a pliable irrigation solution. Emily will reach out to Alpine to explore the possibility of securing bark chips for the project. However, it was noted that funding for this project is currently frozen, and its approval remains uncertain.

### **KIWANIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Bob proposed adding outdoor exercise equipment near the playground, ideally in shaded areas. He will research different equipment options and determine the best placement for installation. Emily will update the park map to reflect the new tree placements for review at the next meeting. The Board also discussed featuring Kiwanis Aluminum Cans in "Our Town" as a promotional initiative.

## **FUNDRAISING FOR HOP PORTER PARK STAGE**

The Board explored various fundraising strategies for the Hop Porter Park stage. Bob suggested implementing a “round-up” donation program at local grocery stores, potentially in partnership with Kiwanis. He will also check with the Wood River Women’s Foundation (WRWF) to determine whether they are eligible to reapply for funding. The Board discussed the possibility of working with Keefers Foundation either to secure funding or to serve as a fiscal sponsor for donations. Amy proposed creating a paver sponsorship program, allowing donors to sponsor engraved pavers at the base of the stage.

## **SKATE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

The Board discussed obtaining an updated estimate from McDowell Concrete for necessary skate park repairs. Bob suggested installing solar-powered lighting to avoid the need for electrical trenching, with an automatic shut-off at 10:00 PM. The Board also considered pouring concrete bases for the lights at the same time as other concrete work. Proposed improvements include a flat central area and a north-edge metal curb that is narrow on top and wider at the bottom, similar to parking barriers. The design will remain simple and functional. Emily will contact the Hailey Parks Foundation (Keefer) to explore options for installing a shade structure at the skate park.

## **PRIORITIES FOR 2025**

The Board identified key priorities for the upcoming year, including the installation of swing sets at Cutters Park and Curtis Park, updates to the skate park, and organizing a workday to remove barbed wire fencing at Curtis Park.

## **CURTIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Bob made a motion to replace the existing swing set at Curtis Park with a properly installed four-seat swing, which was seconded by Lamar and approved unanimously. The Board discussed having a workday in the spring to focus on Curtis Park improvements. Can the city provide clippers and gloves for volunteers, and ask Brian to mark the property line on 7th Ave ROW? The Board also inquired about the deadline for Goitandia to remove his items from the south side of the park.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Lands Board meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2025. Agenda items will include reviewing the proposed location and cost estimates for a shade structure at the skate park. Emily will also provide Bob with photographs and measurements of the designated paver area at the skate park.

**Meeting Adjourns at 6:15 pm**