

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Hailey Parks & Lands Board
Hailey Native Plant and Shrub Arboretum
Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Attending Board Members: Lamar Waters, Bob Wiederrick, Karen Daly, Kitty Miner, Penny Thayer, Darin Sales

Attending City Staff: Emily Williams

Council Liaison: n/a

Absent:

Attending Public: Jim Rineholt and Melanie Paisley (on behalf of Hailey Tree Committee), Kris Stoffer on behalf of the Arboretum

Call to Order:

Call to order by Waters 6:00

Approval of Minutes:

Miner moves to approve minutes of the August 17, 2022 meeting, seconded by Sales, passes unanimously.

New Business:

Jim Rineholt and Kris Stoffer presented on the history and current status of the Arboretum. The Arboretum was started in the early 90's by Linda Ries and other dedicated volunteers with BCRD funding. It was established to profile native perennials and drought tolerant trees.

- Current Needs:
 - Drip irrigation system
 - ADA Compliant Pathways
 - Publicize to increase visitation
 - Increased signage

Board members discussed researching potential grant opportunities to fund above improvements including the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grants. Board members agreed that this is an important resource for the community, and could serve as a demonstration garden for drought-tolerant landscaping. Other local resources that the Board discussed reaching out to include Sawtooth Botanical Gardens, University of Idaho Master Gardener Program, and Idaho Department of Lands.

The board unanimously approved a recommendation to fix the irrigation and install ADA complaint pathways.

Board expressed interest in continuing to work with the Tree Committee on the Arboretum. There is interest in increasing pollinator habitat, adding additional seating areas that are senior and kid-friendly.

Old Business:

Skatepark

Lamar and Emily shared information about their meeting with Tal Roberts who was fundamental in Ketchum's recent Skatepark expansion. Tal gave feedback on the maintenance work and potential new features that could be built in the center of the park. He has a contact that he will reach out to about a quote on maintenance and the potential new features at the park. Ana Wiederrick has been caulking the coping at the edge of the park to seal the top edge of the concrete before the winter.

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:

Next meeting will be on September 28, in person at the Hailey Native Plant Arboretum
Discussion of ADA Complaint paths at Arboretum

Adjourn:

Waters moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm, second by Penny, passes unanimously.