

## Parks and Lands Board May 9<sup>th</sup> Notes

Attending: Penny, Darin, Bob, Lamar, Karen, Kitty

Staff: Emily, Lisa, Brian

Contractor: Mark Sindell, GGLO

Public: Kate Driscoll, David Antilla

Public Comment: Kate Driscoll, interested in planting a tree in Foxmoor Park on East side where one died and needs to be replaced.

Kiwanis Club: Bob shared that Kiwanis is interested in putting \$5,000 toward Park Workout Equipment, and is looking to fundraise additional monies to purchase equipment

Bob moves to approve meeting minutes from April, Darin seconds, all in favor.

### GGLO PRESENTATION:

- Working on draft master plan for some time , presented at public workshop in April
- Overview of timeline of planning and potential implementation
- Goals:
  - Create a permanent outdoor event venue
  - Connect downtown to Hop Porter park
  - Capitalize on park's unique attributes
  - Maintain and Upgrade Facilities
  - Provide Traffic Calming on Bullion St
  - Provide Environmental Benefit
- Public Engagement summary:
  - Detailed layout of park, noted discussion with Sawtooth Brewery, primary event host at Hop Porter Park
  - Highlighted that public who attended workshop felt strongly about play component of park, and were in support of maintaining and upgrading existing facilities including pavilion and playground
  - Discussed most popular park amenities suggest for Hop Porter: have a major play feature be a consistent part of the park, interest in stage, support for interactive play feature, strolling paths, and pollinator areas
  - Character study noted that public is in support of interactive outdoor sculptures, outdoor concert venue and shade structures and seating areas, community interested in a little bit whimsical, natural, not too fancy, more informal vibe, want to maintain small, mountain town feel
- Bullion Promenade:
  - Connectivity, pull bikers and pedestrians from roadway, specialized pathway that has distinctive surface
  - Penny expressed support for changing name of promenade to something less formal, Mark expressed that it needs to convey a different type of pathway from

wood river trail, Penny suggested “Bullion Connecto”r – word that conveys more than bike path but not downtown city vibe

- David noted that Hailey Tree Committee supports having more natural feel of trees along path, wants more loose and natural look, supports adding in tree diversity or only having trees on one side of pathway
- Mark notes that the goal is to create piece of bike and ped infrastructure that is as important as a roadway, noted that this is first draft of plan, Mark suggested potential for community naming competition, Board is in support of this concept
- Lisa suggested Hop Porter Way – tie to place.
- Bathroom Discussion
  - Proposal is to pull volleyball and permanent restroom, with the option to create new permanent restroom or create new hidden portapotty location
    - Kitty noted that kids need restroom, Penny noted that if too far away from view may cause vandalism issue
    - Question about removing existing permanent restroom, Mark noted in an inconvenient place for most useful functionality of the rest of park
    - Brian explained plan for larger event toilet access as well as need for permanent restroom structure, whether they are brick and mortar or portapotties
    - Portapotties are lower maintenance
    - Penny noted desire for aesthetically appealing shelter for portapotties
    - Benefit of gravel and parking along north road is to have restrooms along it during special events
- Parking
  - Provide handicapped parking adjacent to pavilion, provide handicapped signage and gravel parking along north road, Penny questioned having handicapped parking along Bullion frontage, want to provide accessibility for elderly in pavilion and throughout parks
  - Lamar wondered if there could be two smaller areas instead of one for handicapped
- North side roadway and parking
  - Karen in support of parking and access along road, adding parking and cleaning up roadway
- Trees
  - Do not plan to remove any trees, would like to add signature shade trees throughout park
  - Mark recommended getting arborist report before doing any larger work, plan for succession of large trees, unless negatively impacting plan, would like to work around trees to create plan
  - David noted that there are Colorado spruce on Bullion and Aspen trees, interested in preserving large established healthy trees along the Promenade route
- Pathways
  - Penny expressed support of pathways and access, interested in incorporating seating areas around shade trees

- Walkways provide areas to offer seating for parents while children play, this will be next level of detail
- Seating
  - Board noted importance of providing picnic tables throughout park
  - Picnic tables in entry plaza, near food trucks, and under trees
- Overarching Plan
  - David commented that park spaces are compromising one another, desired more connected park, currently meadowland is on north edge of park, Mark suggested mounding or creating depth within park for visual preference and connectivity
  - Board expressed support for graded landscaping in front of stage to facilitate view of stage
- Pavilion
  - Karen asked about accessible pathway into pavilion, Brian noted we cannot place pathway off of our property

Meeting adjourned 8:00PM