

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Hailey Parks & Lands Board

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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

Attending Staff: Emily Williams, Brian Yeager, Lisa Horowitz

Attending Contractor: Mark Sindell, GGLO

Meeting was called to order at 6:02

Approve Meeting Minutes from March 2024, Lamar Motion to Approve, Kitty Seconds, all in favor.

### Hop Porter Park & Bullion Promenade Master Plan

- The Board walked together through the park to observe current conditions and gain a better understanding of the park space.
- Mark Sindell, Principal at GGLO Landscape Architects presented the master planning process to date:
  - Through a Hailey Park character study, Hop Porter was identified as the appropriate Park for an event venue.
  - During this assessment, it was noted that there is a need to connect Hailey's parks to the downtown core, which has led to the concept of the Bullion Promenade
  - The current timeline for this process is to focus on developing a master plan, Phase I will launch with Stage Construction after the summer concert season has concluded – ideally in 2024
  - Mark presented draft boards for public workshop that will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Hop Porter Park
- Board Discussion:
  - Lamar asked about traffic calming on Bullion/ Croy, mentioned speed of eastbound drivers, Mark focused on creating a change in character of roadway to indicate pedestrian presence. Bob agreed with traffic calming importance, mentioned flashing speed sign.
  - Lisa shared that once a master plan was adopted, the City would identify and pursue funding opportunities to develop thee projects identified in the Master Plan.
  - Mark noted that this is a 10-year plan, there will be phases for each of the identified projects
  - Stage:
    - For the Hop Porter Stage, the City has partnered with Kiwanis on a grant opportunity, and there is funding set aside in City budget, in addition to an in-kind donation from Webb Landscape
    - Penny asked whether 20 x 24 is right sized stage for this location. She questioned whether dance performances or theatre performances would work on a stage of that size. The City perspective is that there is public desire for a stage that fits the current location used for concerts and events, but

emphasized that the City does not want to oversize the stage, but desires a stage that is large enough to fit a band and be multi-purpose.

- Penny brought up location of stage, wonders if due to stage and food trucks being along bullion, asked if stage should be back where pavilion is, create food truck venue in the back of the park, on the north end
- Mark mentioned this was a concept the city had first explored, the main event organizers have expressed support for where the stage is currently because it projects sound toward downtown not to neighborhoods, event set up is easier on the side of the road
- Signs:
  - Karen asked about signage at park and is interested in history of park at this location. Brian shared that Community Development Director, Robyn Davis, is interested in working with the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee on signage project. Mark mentioned the importance of interpretive and environmental signage around park, history should be included in this as well.
- Karen noted that park adopter and maintenance of pollinator garden is important to consider for this Park.
- Existing Play Structure:
  - City staff believes this structure has 5-10 years left, the play structure is going through a maintenance overhaul. Board agrees that park play structure has life left, it is faded but still viable
- Road Access:
  - Board supports vehicular access to back of park, but does not support paving this roadway, speeds should be kept slow.
- Character of Park:
  - Penny noted that words like fancy and promenade don't say Hailey, something more informal and rustic speaks to Hailey better, Hailey's character is more low key. Mark noted that the goal is to develop a cohesive theme for entirety of park, at this point in the process, GGLO is collecting input and then will create a cohesive plan that pulls it all together.
  - Board expressed support for concept of iconic feature at park, want to ensure this feature reflects the character of Hailey
- Restroom:
  - Board expressed support for moving toward a portapotty model, and finding a more productive use of the restroom and volleyball area. Lamar mentioned stage design and tapping into history and working that into design, mentioned pulling in steel of railroads into design
- Multigenerational & Accessible:
  - Penny mentioned importance ADA and senior access, Board agreed that accessibility is important factor to prioritize
  - Lisa noted multigenerational aspect of providing strolling paths in park, Penny noted that this is a passive use park

Bob shared that Kiwanis and the City had been awarded \$25,000 by the Wood River Women's Foundation for the Stage.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45