

Parks and Recreation Board

April 6th, 2016
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board members: Martha Miller, Carol Woodley, Cara Mcneely, Robin Ogala; Mike Inman, Lawson Moorman Park County Planning; Mike Gomez, Carol Goosey Livingston Parks & Trails Committee; Shannon Holmes, Livingston Public Works Director; Melody Montgomery, Livingston Grant Writer; Maggie Tarr, Livingston Recreation Manager

Call to Order: 3:01 p.m.; Community Room, County Complex East Room

Review and Approval of Minutes December 2nd, 2015: *Carol Woodley made a motion to approve December Meeting Minutes as presented, Cara McNeeley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Public Comment on items not scheduled for a public hearing: None.

Active Transportation Plan Update, Next Steps Discussion: Mike Inman stated that he had invited the city of Livingston to attend to discuss next steps on the Active Transportation Plan. He gave a brief summary of the process and community involvement in developing the Active Transportation Plan. Mike explained for the City Representatives present the areas of the Plan as well as the public comments gathered during the process that could involve the City of Livingston directly. Mike clarified that as the County moves forward on various projects in the Plan, we want to work closely with the city since there is so much overlap. Mike also informed the City of Livingston representatives that Mark Fenton, a keynote speaker on active transportation, will be in Livingston to give a presentation on May 3rd.

Shannon Holmes provided an update on some of the current projects and grants the City of Livingston is working on and their details, including several trail connectors. Shannon mentioned that he has discussed with the County Public Works Director, Parks Frady, the potential of joining some of these trail connectors to County trail projects. Mike Gomez added that the first priority for the Parks and Trails Committee is the Skate Park. He included that they are also working towards identifying other priorities for various smaller projects throughout Livingston. Maggie Tarr gave a brief overview of the City's involvement in the Trails RX program and gave a brief interview of the specifics of the program and how Livingston has been able to utilize program funding for specific projects in the community.

Mike Inman stated that the County has a trail vision to eventually connect Wilsall to Gardiner. He discussed some potential trails projects that the County is trying to receive funding for and the importance of working with the City to develop connectivity in our trails systems. The City representatives and the County representatives briefly discussed how working together may work and everyone agreed that it would be beneficial to both jurisdictions.

RTP Grant Update: No Update.

TA Trail Extension Project Update: Mike stated that it is still on track for this fall. The only delay might be paving and fall weather. If the weather does not permit paving in the fall it will be done in the spring. Mike gave an overview of the details of the trail design.

Chico/Chicory LE Dunn County Right-of-way Project Update: Mike provided a brief background of the project for the Board. He informed them that the Commission rejected the original proposed MOU and that the landowners still are required to remove the encroachment from the LE Dunn Right-of-way. Mike said the County and land owners are working on a different approach to maintain County access.

Bridal Falls Project Update/Discussion: Mike informed the Board that a grant was not submitted to purchase Bridal Falls. He did state that the landowner has expressed interest to potentially provide an easement to the County which would allow public access to the falls.

Silver Gate Park Plan and Improvements: Mike stated that a Parks Plan has been developed and the National Parks Service and Forest Service are going to provide vault toilets and bear-proof garbage cans and they are currently working with County to develop an MOU for service of the facilities. The County should receive a draft MOU of a maintenance agreement by the 15th of April. There is the possibility that due to ordering and budgetary constraints the Parks Service may not be able to install the latrine this summer. Mike followed by stating that the County has expressed interest in fronting the money financially if necessary to ensure that the latrines are installed this summer and the National Park Service would reimburse them.

Mike also stated that although it is not on the Agenda, Phase 2 of the Gardiner Gateway Project is underway.

Discussion of May Agenda: Mike brought up the importance of getting the public and representatives from local jurisdictions to the Mark Fenton presentation. The Board agreed that it was important and stated they would help disseminate the information. Mike also included that the Agenda should focus on collaboration with the City and how that might actually look.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: 4:31 p.m.

Martha Miller
Chair