

Parks and Recreation Board

May 14, 2014
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board members Cassie Burns, Martha Miller, Robin Ogata, Mike Inman, planning; Jerry Brekke, historian; John Mueller, minutes clerk

Call to Order: 3:09 p.m.; City-County Complex East Room

Review and Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from the April 2, 2014, meeting. *Robin Ogata moved to approve the minutes. Cassie Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Public Comment: None

Poor Farm Signage Update: Historian Jerry Brekke said the 3'x4' poor farm sign is nearing completion. It will be mounted on a steel pedestal, which is under construction.

Review/Consideration of Impacts to Arch Park by Gardiner Gateway Project

(GGP): Mike Inman, planning, said the board has been asked to review impacts on Arch Park from the GPP and determine whether they will negatively impact the park. Proposed work includes, in part, improved sidewalks, re-grading work, a retaining wall structure in the form of a stage area, lighting, and a new fire hydrant. *Robin Ogata moved the board agrees with a statement that the GGP will have a de minimus impact to Arch Park. Cassie Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Update on Fort Parker Interpretive Area: Brekke said Park County ended up with maintenance responsibilities of the Fort Park Interpretive Area when the MSU Undaunted Stewardship program said it would no longer maintain the site. Brekke said he is seeking to move Fort Parker to the forefront of prospective historical projects in Park County with an overall area cleanup and creating a park area at the site with restrooms and picnic tables. Currently, many passer bys relieve themselves under the I-90 underpass. He would like a recommendation for appointment of a committee of interested stakeholders, to include Paul Shea (YGM) and Brekke, to establish a needs assessment of the area and would like it done in time to budget for the next fiscal year.

Inman said it would be nice to have the experts involved recommend improvements in harmony with the adjoining landowner. Such would enable the county to appoint responsibilities for phase work, such as consulting Nittany Grantworks for possible funding, and then a presentation could be made to the Commission.

Chico/Chicory Trail Update and Discussion: The MACo attorney would like to conduct a site inspection. Inman said Hank Rate (surveyor) needs to be present for that visit, and he also would like to have a board member present.

Discussion on Attending City Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting: A city Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 28.

Development of a Park County Trails Plan - Update: Inman said he would like to work with the county GIS Department and Brekke in-house to create a sophisticated GIS depiction of existing and future trails to include county road rights of way, connections, etc. He would like the board to take that product to the public to get public buy-in and sentiments on the issue. Brekke agreed to help identify county rights of way that may be appropriate for trails. Inman said he would like the product completed and to the public one year from now. In conjunction, he would like CTA Engineering to conduct a full blown feasibility study on connecting Old Yellowstone Trail to Yellowstone National Park.

Discussion of June Agenda: More updates

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 4:29 p.m.

Martha Miller
Chair