

Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2016

Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board Members: Martha Miller, Cara McNeely, Cassie Burns, Robin Ogata; Michael Inman, Lawson Moorman, Park County Planning; Steve Caldwell, Park County Commission

Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.; East Room, City/County Complex

Review and Approval of Minutes November 2nd, 2016: *McNeely made a motion to approve the minutes. Ogata seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Public Comment: None.

Active Transportation City/County Subcommittee Discussion: Inman updated the Board stating that all of the members have been identified from both the City and County but they were postponing arranging a meeting until after the holiday season. Inman stated that goals had been identified by Staff and the first meeting would discuss goal assignment and timelines.

Inman gave an update that the Planning Department had heard back from the Livingston Trails Committee identifying several members willing to participate in a joint working group that will be tasked with tracking on joint projects such as active transportation initiatives. Inman went on to state that in the coming weeks the Planning Department would set up the first meeting for the subcommittee and determine goals and objectives.

Discussion/ Recommendation of Special Events Application for County Parks and Public Space: Inman informed the Board that due to improvements to County Parks such as Silver gate and the Gardiner Gateway there has been increased demand from the public to hold special events in the parks. Mike continued informing the Board this poses a liability issue that is not currently addressed by any regulations and we currently have no tools to limit or guide what can and cannot be done at these events, requiring the creation of this application. Mike continued that while there are some administrative details that need to be worked out surrounding administering the application, the County has expressed a desire to have a regulatory framework in place sooner rather than later. Miller stated she had reviewed the document and pointed out several grammatical errors and minor changes. The Board discussed the necessity for the application and discussed Miller's proposed changes. Ogata and McNeely raised the point that a large birthday party or a tour bus stopping for lunch could trigger a requirement to fill out this application and wondered if there should be exemptions for family events and unplanned stops.

McNeely made a motion to modify the draft to reflect Miller's changes and to alter the application criteria to exempt small family events and unplanned group stops, and then forward the modified draft to the Commission. Miller seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: Inman updated the Board that the Carter's bridge trail expansion project is underway. The base had been laid and the bridge and trail surfacing will be installed in the Spring.

Caldwell requested an update on the Chico/Chicory right-of-way issue. Moorman informed him that we were waiting to hear back from the Homeowner's Association on recommended way finding improvements. Caldwell said he would try to contact him to see where they are at on that.

Inman stated that he had not brought up the Board's recommendation for vault toilets at Green Acre Park to the Commission yet, but intended to. There was some Board discussion on what that recommendation should look like.

Discussion of January Agenda: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 3:37 p.m.