

## Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee Minutes

Date: February 21, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room, 3000 S Higgins Missoula, MT 59802

Present: Jane Kelly, Missoula Neighborhood Coordinator, Naomi Alhadeff, National Wildlife Federation, Dave Westfall, Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team, Morgan Valliant, Missoula Conservation Lands Manager, Colleen Biehl, Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team, Lily Haines, Clark Fork Coalition, Pat Collins, Lewis & Clark Neighbor

Dave Westfall - Moderator, Colleen Biehl – secretary

Meeting was called to order.

Agenda:

1. Rules of the Formation of a Steering Committee were reviewed. All residents of the Neighborhood can vote at all meetings.

2. The purpose of the committee is to be an action committee, to guide goals in to accomplishment.

Bancroft Ponds should remain as a unique urban area connecting visitors through peaceful settings for viewing nature and wildlife and engaging the community in ongoing environmental education. The Bancroft Ponds serves as a unique ecosystem in Missoula providing education about flora, wildlife and water management with peaceful seating areas and paths for walking for the Lewis & Clark Neighborhood, including the schools and greater Missoula.

3. “Unchanging” direction of the committee is to proceed with the past plans and to get things done. Through the years the neighborhood has voiced the following as important aspects of the park: Connecting to nature, wildlife, engaging the community, stewardship, education, storm water management, keeping park “wild”.

4. Goals and Objectives

Discussion was held on the park offers education for all in a unique outdoor “classroom”. Education is the main objective. Education signage about the animals, birds and native plants and water system that is being explored. The existing kiosk on 34<sup>th</sup> Street entrance would be made more informative for visitors. An actual outdoor classroom would be built to help the school children with their particular studies or projects.

5. Strategies

To accomplish these goals, we will have invited other entities to be a part of this exciting time. The National Wildlife Federation and Clark Fork Coalition are very vested in the ongoing Bancroft Pond project. Missoula Parks and Recreation has been and is working alongside the Neighborhood. We are and will be seeking grant monies for improvement of the park.

6. Tactical Actions

A small grant will be written to acquire signage for the Park. Large wood naming sign to be placed on the corner of 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Bancroft. Welcoming/regulations signs to be placed at the Bancroft, Stephens and 34<sup>th</sup> Street entrances. PVC Bring one and take one bag dispenser to be placed at Bancroft and Stephens entrances. The Kiosk on 34<sup>th</sup> Street will be revised.

Discussion of how we present the information of the committee at the L&C General meeting on March 21st, 2018 This will be discussed more at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Team Leadership Meeting

Invitation to all neighbors to join the committee and or attend any public meetings

Future meeting schedule - Not set

#### 7. No Public comment on non-agenda items

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