

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council - Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee Minutes

Date: June 20, 2018 Time: 4:00 pm

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

Present: Dave Westfall; Colleen Biehl; Jerry Dirnberger; Jane Kelly, Office of Neighborhoods; John Connors; Cindy Waltz, Neighborhood resident; Lily Haines, Clark Fork Coalition

1. Welcome and Introductions were made.
2. May 16, 2018 meeting minutes were approved after correction of Colleen Biehl was not present.
3. The "Action Proposal" was reviewed with more clarification on language and structure of document. The revised version will be put up in 2-3 weeks.
4. Discuss current Action Items
 - a. Colleen Biehl will attend the Moose Can Gully and 39th Street, Joint General Meeting, June 27 at Playfair Park. Jane will put her on the agenda.
When attending the City Forum, the Lewis & Clark representative can give their report with an offer of having a Team member attend their General or Leadership Meeting can be made to help other neighborhoods be aware of process the Steering Committee has been able to do.
No other summer meetings of the neighborhoods will be attended by a Lewis and Clark Team Member
 - b. Education reach-out to neighborhood schools -Lily, Sherry and Andy
-2018 Numbers were gathered by the schools with 500 students from the neighborhood schools were involved in an activity presented at the Ponds. 280 students from Washington Middle School participated in a program presented by Water Shed Education Network. 7 different community entities used the park including Boy Scouts, WORD, daycares/preschools, besides Lewis & Clark Elementary School, Russell Elementary School, Washington Middle School and Sentinel High School.
-Neighborhood Preschools – No report
 - c. Check out the Stephens Street entrance and main pond path - John
 - 1) Improve Path for ADA
 - 2) A pedestrian turnstile and fencing for entrance No report.However, the suggestion of using the cemetery boulders at that entrance to keep people on the safest path of entry.
 - d. Kiosk – Kathleen No report – The Large Neighborhood \$3000 Grant available in the Fall may be a good start on this.
 - 1) Signage consisting of 2 large naming signs and the 3 Welcome and Park Regulation signs are paid for from Small Neighborhood Grant received and are being made and set up in park by the Parks Dept. scheduled for end of July. Includes 2 give and take (used grocery bags) posts paid for by Lewis & Clark Neighborhood budgeted monies.
 - 2) Stones-Colleen will contact Morgan Valliant to see if the Parks Dept. would be able to move the cemetery Stones to the Park in October and any other logistics involved. Lily to checkout a variety of places that have outdoor classrooms to see what may work for the Park to make a plan so they would only be moved once.
 - e. Clean-up – Colleen and Sherry
 - 1) Flyers were distributed to surrounding properties on May 23 to suggest clean-up in area that butts up to their fence.
 - 2) Lewis & Clark Cub Scout Den did a clean-up project to earn their Community Badge on May 8.
 - 3) United Way Volunteers will be helping with shaping up the Park on June 22 from 1-4pm. Team members and residents will be assisting along with Parks Dept. who will provide tools, gloves, bags and guidance on clearing downfall and weed pulling.
 - f. Promote education opportunities – Naomi Alhadeff – No report
 - g. Raise Awareness – Dave Westfall and Sherry Winter- No report
 - h. Water Management – Dave Westfall will begin talking to Morgan Valliant concerning the water.

5. Public comment on non-agenda items

a. Audubon Proposal- Jerry Dirnberger representing the Five Valleys Audubon Society has offered this proposal: The Five Valleys Audubon Chapter in Missoula is willing to donate initially in matching funds a minimum of \$3,000 to establish a bird habitat in the southwest area of the urban refuge called Bancroft Ponds. The funds will go to the purchase of native trees, bushes, plants, and grasses that provide both food and shelter to resident and migrating birds.

b. Fishing Day – Preparing for this event will begin in the winter to be readied for springtime.

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