

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

Date: January 16, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm

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

Present: Colleen Biehl, Dave Westfall, Kathleen Hanson, John Conner, Sherry Winter, Naomi Alhadeff, Andie Cohlon- AmeriCorps Volunteer for the Wildlife Federation, Beth Seitz, Karen Gasvoda, Neighborhood Program Assistant

1. Welcome to all since the last meeting was held in October. Naomi introduced Andie Colon, AmeriCorps Volunteer for the Wildlife Federation.

2. October 17, 2018 meeting minutes are approved as posted.

3. The Large Neighborhood Grant for the Bancroft Ponds ADA Trails was approved by the Grants Committee then proceeds to the Missoula City Council to be voted at the January 28 Meeting.

- Review Spring Pond work and birding area

- John and Colleen will have a meeting with Morgan Valliant to plan the Work Schedule for the Ponds next meeting.

- Volunteers will be asked for at the March 6 General Meeting for multiple days so that all may participate.

Other volunteers: Boy Scouts, United Way, local businesses

- America Walks grant was not received. There were 600 applicants and only 6 grants. Discussion was held as the trail through the Audubon birding area. Since the equipment for the other trails will be in the park, it makes sense to see if we can at least buy the gravel with the small grant money we received.

4. Re-scoping small grant it was moved by Dave and seconded by John to re-scope the small grant to acquire gravel for the birding trail. Colleen will write the re-scoping letter to the Neighborhood Grants committee. John and Colleen will also talk to Morgan on this. See attached diagram on January 16 agenda of Birding area.

5. Review March 6 General Meeting Pond updates

- Meeting begins at 6PM-8PM

- Bridge Pizza provided

- Meeting at the Lewis and Clark Village Community Room

- Morgan Valliant present Bancroft Ponds ADA Trails and Audubon Birding Area Projects

- Sign-up for Volunteers for park project

- Ben Weiss present Traffic Safety Issues

- City Council Representatives

6. Education reach-out to neighborhood schools/Outdoor classroom – Discussion was held concerning the Kiosk that Kathleen Hanson has designed would be grouped with Education. The intent of the kiosk is to educate about the pond and to be used as a display for the schools.

- Sherry is beginning checking into different styles of outdoor classrooms. She estimates between 20-30 students would use the classroom at one time. Naomi will be assisting her with information.

- Jerry Dirnberger may have a possible donor for the classroom area.

- Raise Awareness Sherry will begin to talk to the area educators about using the park and informing them about the classroom plans.

7. The “Action Proposal” should be fully updated by the February meeting says Dave.

8. No Public comment on non-agenda items