

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council-Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee Minutes

Date: August 21, 2019 Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room 3000 S Higgins Ave Missoula, MT 59801

Present: John Conner, Colleen Biehl, Kathleen Hanson, David Westfall, Karen Gasvoda of the Office of the Neighborhood

1. Welcome to all present.

2. June 19, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as posted.

3. General Meeting Update – Neighborhood postcards are mailed. Morgan Valliant will be at the meeting.
-Meeting is Wed. Sept 4 at Playfair Park Pavilion from 5:30-8. Pulled Pork Dinner provided, meeting to follow

4. Discuss current Action Items:

Phase 1 - Improved Trails Project: Items to be completed – John Conner explained the expenditure the project and that the stone benches along trail and border stones at the Stephens Avenue entrance. John will get in touch with Morgan Valliant to see how we should proceed in obtaining the stones. If money is not entirely used, it will be rescoped to another project, such as gravel to put in to failed trail areas, to help with stone benches for the classroom area or educational signage in the park.

Birding area update – Morgan Valliant was contacted and the timeframe of late September/mid-October for the tree and shrub plantings. All the materials are here.

-Karen will let the Parks or Storm Water Departments that they need to remove the rusted drudging bucked from the north end of the creek when the equipment is in the park to put in the trees.

-Dogs off Leash and other animal safety matters – Tabled

- Phase 2 - Outdoor classroom – Discussion was held concerning the beginning the outdoor classroom project. A conversation with Morgan Valliant and Bob Hayes is needed to see where their vision and direction is. Past discussion called for 15 adult size stone benches with a stone bench/desk for the instructor, located in the SE triangle where you enter across Bancroft bridge, between the service road path and the y to the pond.

5. No public comment.

6. Announcements: Large Grants class is September 16; Deadline is October 29. Grants request maybe \$501 and up to \$6000. The Grant budget of \$18,000 is as it has been for many years.