

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council-Bancroft Ponds Steering Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2019 Time: 4:00 PM

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

Present: Dave Westfall, John Conner, Colleen Biehl, John Wilkins, Jane Kelly, Office of the Neighborhoods

1. All were welcomed.

2. October 16 minutes were approved as posted.

3. Discuss current Action Items:

Phase 1 - Improved Trails Project-John Conner reported that the Parks Dept had picked up the 3 stone benches from Mutual Materials today. Morgan Valliant has not said when the "benches" will be set along the improved service road trail.

- Rescoping Letter for left-over gravel from Trails Project – While visiting with Morgan in October, he was in support in a trail to the birding area from Stephens entrance with the left-over gravel from the Trails Project. Colleen will work on the re-scoping letter.

Birding area update – Colleen Biehl had reached out to Molly Dillingham, who was in charge of the birding area planting. All plants have been put in the ground with additional seeding and mulch applied. She will have volunteer days for late spring weeding and fall supplemental planting. Buckets for the water will be put inside the gate near the creek in the spring along with a information sign she will post.

Phase 2 – Bancroft Ponds Interpretive Signs Large Grant Update- the grants committee had awarded our neighborhood with the highest ranked application for the Large Grant of \$6000. Community Forum will vote on the finalists in December and then the applications will be sent to city Council in January for their approval.

Jon Wilkins relayed that he voted for monies for signs years ago and wondered what became of it. Jane will look into the matter for us.

Phase 3 - Outdoor Classroom Large Grant Update – John Conner has the application nearly done. We need to have the classroom put on the strategic plans for 2021. With the advice from Morgan Valliant, we need to first present the Outdoor Classroom to the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee (CLAC which meets the first Monday of the month from 4-6pm. A discussion was held as how best to be placed on their agenda. Dave will contact Morgan for advice going forward. Some of the committee will attend the Dec. 2 meeting of the CLAC and introduce the Lewis and Clark Neighborhood and our plan for the classroom. We would hope that they will have us do a presentation at a later meeting and then proceed to the Parks Board. John will put together a short piece on the classroom for our use at the Dec. 2 meeting.

5. No Public comment on non-agenda items.

6. Announcements - No December 18th Meeting for the Lewis & Clark Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee

Respectfully submitted,

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