

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council-Bancroft Ponds Steering Meeting Minutes

Date: January 15, 2020 Time: 4:00 PM

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

Present: John Conner, Terri Conner, Colleen Biehl, Dave Westfall, Marley Merchen, Office of the Neighborhoods, Naomi Alhadeff, National Wildlife Federation

1. All were welcomed.
2. The November 20, 2019 minutes were approved as posted.
3. The final re-scoping the remaining 2019 Trails Grant money will be used to improving the footpath from Stephens Ave to new Birding Area away from the wetlands and exact location will be finalized when the interpretive signs are ready to be put in the park so that the path runs by the sign in the SW Corner where the birding area is. This is per Morgan Valliant's advice. Members are in consensus of the plan.
4. February 3rd at 4-6pm at the Currents Aquatics Center, 600 Cregg Ln, the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee (CLAC) presentation for proposed Outdoor Classroom project. John Conner and Colleen Biehl, along with Dave Westfall will attend the meeting. John to present document that Colleen has put together with the park design on one side and the budget for the Classroom Project on the other. All committee members have been sent notice of the meeting and are encouraged to come. The CLAC 2020 meeting is the beginning of getting the classroom on the 2021 Parks project list. This committee does not meet in the summer.

If the Classroom Project is endorsed by CLAC, then the project moves to the Park Board. The first meeting to be able to be on the agenda is March 10 from 12-2pm in the Currents Building. Plan of action will be made at the Feb. 19 Steering Committee meeting.
- 5 & 6. Summer 2020 future planting, weeding and watering, a schedule for new Birding Area plantings: Molly Dillingham is the master gardener in charge of the Birding area "garden". She is on furlough from the city until March. When she is back in the office, The Steering Committee would like to invite her to come and address the summer care of the "garden". The Wildlife Federation, Naomi Alhadeff and the Clark Fork Coalition, Lily Haines, are able and willing to help particularly with the watering. Clark Fork Coalition has help with watering trees in the Park some years ago, they have tanks and pumps along with campers and volunteers to assist. Nothing much can be done till weather permitting.
7. No Public comment on non-agenda items.
8. Announcements There will not be a Spring General Neighborhood Meeting. A Newsletter will be sent out this Spring.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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