

Lewis & Clark Leadership Team Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2021  
5:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting

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Colleen Biehl moderated the meeting.

1. Roll Call: Colleen Biehl, Terri Conner, James Walters, Susan Schott, Kathleen Hanson, Dave Westfall, John Conner. Kelly Elam, Missoula Neighborhoods  
Introduction: Jeff Gicklhorn, new Conservation Lands Manager

2. The November 4, 2020 Leadership Team Minutes were approved as posted.

Jeff Gicklhorn told the members about himself and his work for various municipalities and other work he had done on open space. Jeff is interested in native species and habitat. He is up to speed with the Bancroft Ponds issues. There was a discussion on the ice skating over the winter on the pond. This has been in discussion with the parks department for a solution to this.

3. Bancroft Ponds Projects

-Status of Interpretive Signs – Jeff Gicklhorn said he and others will be meeting tomorrow, April 8, to begin the planning of the signs. The money is still in the account.

-Left over gravel from Trails Project –There is \$1,203.9 left from the Trails Project. This has been earmarked for the Birding Trail and maintenance for the trails in Bancroft Ponds. Colleen Biehl was told that the money will stay until used. Work is planned for the trails this summer.

-Grant Application for Outdoor classroom (due April 30) – John Conner has been working on putting the Grant application together. He has asked the Membership Team and committee members to answer an email with 3 questions from the grant application concerning community support. Just a sentence or 2 for each question. You may pass it on to neighbors and friends. Application is due April 30.

4. Budget Information with possible opportunities for expenditures – Colleen Biehl reported the neighborhood has \$767.84 in their general fund. This money must be used or contracted for by May 31. Suggestions for use: Newsletter-about \$660.16, Postcard – \$400.00, gravel for maintenance of trails, 2 garbage cans one for entrance at Stephens and Bancroft \$40-\$50, covers made by the parks dept. This was tabled till May 5 meeting when a vote will be taken on the expenditure. A mailing would have to be contracted for as the neighborhood addresses are being updated.

5. Joint Traffic Safety Committee Update – Terry Conner reported that Jeff Miller is out of town. No one from the city has gotten back to the Lewis & Clark/Rose park Traffic Safety Committee. Inquiries have been made, but to no avail. The committee is very disappointed but will continue to see this very important endeavor through, especially after the fatal accident at Lowell School.

6. Clean-up Day – Saturday, April 24 – After some discussion, it was a consensus of the Team to participate in the April 24<sup>th</sup> Clean-up Day sponsored by the Office of the Neighborhoods from noon – 2pm. Members want to keep this small due to Covid. Colleen will place flyers on the residents that

border Bancroft Ponds Park. Dave will check with Susan Hay Patrick concerning the usual June United Way Volunteer Day.

7. Forum Report – Colleen Biehl reported that the Office of Neighborhoods had hired 2 graduate students to comply the Neighborhood Surveys. The Grants Committee met several times to revamp the Grant Application. It is a much more concise document.

8. Office of the Neighborhood Report- Kelly Elam reported they are gearing up for the Clean-up Day. On May 19 the Grants Committee will go through and decide on the grants. The office is working on getting mailing lists up to date.

9. No public comment.

10. Announcements: Next Team Leadership meeting will be May 5 at 5:30 via Zoom.  
Terri Conner will be the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,  
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