

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council  
Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee Minutes

Date: July 18, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm

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

Present: Dave Westfall, Colleen Biehl, Jerry Dirnberger, John Conner, Jeff Miller, Naomi Alhadeff, Karen Gasvoda, Program Assistant for the Neighborhoods and Morgan Valliant, Parks Manager

Not present: Kathleen Hanson, Lily Haines, Sherry Miller, Andy Coe

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1. Welcome back and Introductions

2. June 20, 2018 meeting minutes were approved

3. The "Action Proposal" was presented in its 6<sup>th</sup> revision. This is a living document and is updated each meeting.

a. Discussion was held in cleaning up language to be more concise.

4. Action Items

a. Education reach-out to neighborhood schools – Lily was not present as she has been extremely busy at work and felt that it would be fall before anything could be done in regards to the schools and the outdoor classroom.

Sherry and Andy are on this committee.

1. Promote education opportunities: Naomi will help clean up language in the Education portion of the Action Proposal and send to Dave.

2. Schools will be listed local and then include neighborhood preschools

3. Morgan will check out stones and check back in with the committee.

b. John presented on the Stephens Street entrance and main pond path.

1. Take small fence down on south side of large gate.

2. Place boulders on the south side of the entrance - this would help people stay clear of the south deer trail.

3. Improve Path for ADA – A discussion was held of improving the trails to be more accessible for handicap.

a. Re-cutting and surfacing existing trails so that they would accommodate wheelchairs and other devices to help people walk.

c. Kiosk - Kathleen No report except for the arrival of new baby

d. Raise Awareness – Dave Westfall and Sherry Winter – No report.

5. The Five Valleys Audubon Chapter in Missoula is willing to donate initially in matching funds a minimum of \$3,000 to establish a bird habitat in the southwest area of the urban refuge called Bancroft Ponds. The funds will go to the purchase of native trees, bushes, plants, and grasses that provide both food and shelter to resident and migrating birds.

a. Discussion was held concerning water and other infrastructure information.

6. No public comment on non-agenda items

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