

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee Minutes

Date: August 15, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm

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

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. July 18, 2018 meeting minutes were approved. John made motion to accept minutes. Jerry Seconded. All were in favor.

3. Review of the “Action Proposal” was discussed. Morgan will be adding some slides on the history and purpose of the park. More clean-up on language and combining areas that complement each other will help in make the document more concise.

4. Discuss current Action Items – New Park Signs are up along with the Doggie give and take bag dispensers. Large Wooden naming sign is on Bancroft near 34th street corner. Thank you, Parks Department!

a. Education reach-out to neighborhood schools – Tabled till after school begins. Bancroft Ponds would be the first city park with an outdoor classroom.

b. Review plan for Stephens Street entrance and main pond path or the ADA Project. Discussion was held on financing the Project with applying for the Large Grant this Fall. John and Colleen will attend the Large Grant seminar in September. The Grant would be for ADA trail improvements: re-cutting the old paths, fixing the slopes and putting gravel down. Proceeding with quotes on gravel, cutting trails and labor.

c. Kiosk Design update - Kathleen was not able to attend, though she has contacted the City to check what the city allows.

d. Update on the clean-up efforts: Park looks clean. New doggie dispensers along with the park welcome and regulation signs are up at the Bancroft and Stephens entrances.

e. Raise Awareness – tabled till next meeting

f. Re-scoping small grant: A discussion on the use of the small grant monies (\$500.00) was held. The small grant was covered by funds from the Parks Dept. so we still have the money available for another project. It does not have to be done right now. This will give us time to find another project. Colleen reminded the committee that the grant could not be used as a down payment. There are several ideas for fencing and additional signage with the ADA and Audubon projects that are being developed.

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. Discussion was held concerning the trees needed for the project. When the city orders trees these can be included in the order. Further discussion on additional needs will be at the next meeting. A field trip with Morgan, Jerry and Colleen on Sept. 5.

6. No public Comments were made.

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