

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council-Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee Minutes

Date: March 20, 2019 Time: 4:00 pm

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

Present: Dave Westfall, John Conner, Colleen Biehl, Shelly Winters, Naomi Alhadoff, Andie Conlon, Jane Kelly, Neighborhood, Coordinator

1. Welcome and Introductions were made.

2. The Feb. 20, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

3. Review March 6 General Meeting – Colleen Biehl reported over 40 people attended. Morgan Valliant talked about implementing the Bancroft Ponds ADA Trails and Birding Area this spring. Ben Weiss talked about the neighborhood safety issues. Jeff Miller showed a PowerPoint of the 10 yr. history of traffic in the neighborhood. City Councilman John Dibari and Jesse Ramos did a Q and A.

4. Discuss current Action Items:

Review Spring Pond work and birding area -John Conner

- Plan Schedule for Work Days Volunteers Mid-April-May – No definite schedule has been set yet. Morgan Valliant will notify the neighborhood.

Birding area: The trees will be planted by the Parks Dept. using machinery to assist with the large trees. A small group of volunteers will be called upon by Morgan when the shrubs and other plants will be planted. Fencing will be set up by the Parks Department.

Trails: When the city is ready to cut the paths, volunteers will be notified. The high school along with adult supervision will work one day with the city crew. Friday and Saturday workdays will follow for neighborhood volunteers to finish laying the gravel. City crew will pack the gravel.

High School Students: It was noted that the high school scheduled to help is Hellgate, not Sentinel. Colleen will check with Ted Fuller at Sentinel to clarify whether Sentinel High School is scheduled.

United Way Clean Up day June 21 - Dave to call United Way to set time of day.

Education reach-out to neighborhood schools

- Outdoor classroom has become Phase 2 –Sherry Winters will have a complete report for the May 15 meeting: Cost of 10-15 boulders, possibly including delivery and placement, 3 possible locations in park. There may be a donation for this. Phase 2 completion mid - August.

- Signage and Kiosk update – This project has become phase 3. Naomi Alhadoff talked a bit about the variety of path signage needed explaining what you see. The large kiosk needs some clean-up for now. The plan is to begin work on phase 3 in the Fall of 2019

5. Raise Awareness no report

6. Review the “Action Proposal” no report

7. No public comment on non-agenda items

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