

Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: March 6, 2017

Time: 4-6pm

Headwaters meeting room, 600 Cregg Ln., Missoula, MT 59801

Committee Members Present – John Pierce, Karen Sippy, Kevin Verlanic, Terry Carlson, Beverly Dupree, Giles Thelen, Chris Ryan

Others Present – Corena Maurer, Administrative Assistant, Morgan Valliant, Conservation Lands Manager, Chris Carlson, Conservation Lands

Minutes

- Public/Guest comments on items not on the Agenda - None

Action Items:

- Approve minutes from [February 6, 2017](#) meeting – John Pierce moved to approve the minutes as posted. Kevin Verlanic seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review South Hills Spur Recreation Plan and provide comments. Make recommendations to the Missoula Park Board for soliciting public comment on, and the adoption of the South Hills Spur Recreation Plan as an amendment to the Conservation Lands Management Plan – Morgan Valliant reviewed the plan with the committee. Several features of the plan were discussed including: possible trail names, presentation of trail names on signs and the trail system in the plan. Bicycle vs. pedestrian use and gate installation was presented and discussed. Recommendations from the committee included: no events held on the knoll and to not allow non-motorized vehicles (bicycles) on the trail from the Sousa trailhead to the Barmeyer trailhead until the trail is complete.

Chris Ryan moved the committee send the plan to Park Board, Neighborhood Councils, and interested organizations and ask them to open up a public comment period. Giles Thelen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- [2016 Seasonal update on research](#) and monitoring efforts on Conservation Lands Management activities. Chris Carlson presented a breakdown of conservation lands management activities and research data for 2016. There was discussion and question and answer throughout the presentation.
- Update on Park board actions to confirm parcel designations on the [South Hills Spur](#) and Clouse Properties and to change CLAC by-laws. Chris Ryan provided a brief update to the committee.

Future items - None

Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer, Administrative Assistant