

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council-Bancroft Ponds Steering Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2019

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room 3000 S Higgins Ave Missoula, MT 59801

Present: John Conner, Colleen Biehl, Dave Westfall, Sherry Winters. Karen Gasvoda, Office of Neighborhoods

1. All were welcomed.
2. September 18, 2019 meeting minutes approved as posted.
3. Discuss current Action Items:

Phase 1 - Improved Trails Project- 3 bench stones are being held at Mutual Materials. The Park and Rec Dept. will to pick up stones and set along the service road trail in Bancroft Ponds Park, John Conner reported.

Birding area update – Planting began on September 19 for the shrubs, grass and other small plants. Planting is October, Molly Dillingham will email the volunteers when the project resumes. The gates are up on the fenced area and mulch has been put down.

Phase 2 - Outdoor Classroom Large Grant – Dave Westfall telephoned Morgan Valliant concerning the proposed area for the outdoor classroom as we were about ready to put our grant request in. Morgan Valliant said that the outdoor classroom was not in the 2020 strategic plan for the parks. The Park and Rec Dept. is beginning to use the Open Space Bond money for signage in the parks. He suggested that we do a grant for educational signage. He offered to help the neighborhood put the grant together and Parks will match it. He suggested having a meeting at his office on Monday, Oct.21 at 2pm.

John Conner stated that he has almost completed the grant. Sherry had many letters of support from a variety of educators. She will help John with language on what types of education happens at the park. Colleen had submitted an aerial map and had letters to submit. It was discussed that John send the grant document to Morgan, so perhaps this project would be included in the 2021 plan.

Colleen moved that John send the grant request for the outdoor classroom to Morgan and we meet with Morgan on Monday, October 21 at 2pm for advice on how to proceed with the Bancroft Ponds Park projects. Sherry seconded and all were in favor. Dave, John and Colleen will attend the meeting with Morgan. Grants are due Oct. 29.

5. No public comment on non-agenda item
6. No announcements

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