

Trails & Parks Committee Meeting

Minutes of April 27, 2021

6:00pm Midway City Offices

6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Call to Order

- Welcome and Introductions; Opening Remarks

Regular Business

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Minutes from March 23rd: Approve? Yes 1st: Fakler 2nd: Coleman

1. Review Proposed Budgets for Parks, Trails and Trees
 - JC Simonsen briefly discussed the status of the redesign of town square.
 - Amanda Peterson discussed implementing a trail maintenance fee that could be included in HOA fees.
 - Wes Johnson addressed the costs for the Homestead Drive Trail project and how improvements this year would be phase one of a two year/phase project.
 - Committee discussed the proposed park maintenance budget
 - Motion: Ken Fakler – Recommend budget as presented, which included the parks maintenance component at \$50K.
 - o Seconded: Paulette Tilman
 - o Aye: Bouwhuis, Coleman, Fakler, Peterson, Tilman

- o Nay : Mickelson
- Ken Mickelson (hadn't been able to talk due to technical difficulties), shared concerns with budget.
- o Maintenance dropping from \$50k to \$45k
- o Adequate money for CIP improvements to Hamlet Park
- o Need to set aside money for future CIP
- o Generally concerned that inadequate money is being proposed for City parks.
- Wes Johnson commented that he is extremely comfortable with the \$45k proposed for trail maintenance for 2021.
- Shane Lott explained in additional detail about the parks and trails budget.
- Paulette Tillman commented on a need to budget for improvements at Valais Park near dog park.
- Rob Bouwhuis would like to focus on creating a new master plan for Valais Park this year.
- Ken Mickelson had submitted park maintenance standards and is concerned that the budget does not reflect these standards.
- Sheila Siggard would like a higher priority to put on equestrian trails.
- After discussion, the committee decided to cancel the previous motion.

Motion: Sheila Siggard suggested recommending approval of the budget as proposed.

Second: Ken Fakler

Aye: Siggard, Bouwhuis, Tillman, Peterson, Fackler

Nay: Mickelson

- JC Simonsen asked committee to specify what needs to be added to the budget.
- Rob Bouwhuis commented that we need to identify/adopt park maintenance standards.
- JC Simonsen recommended that we create a parks maintenance schedule similar to what has been created for trail maintenance.
- Rob Bouwhuis commented that we need to prioritize getting standards and maintenance in place. Ken Mickelson needs to help establish.

2. Review Trails Map

Rob Bouwhuis asks that the map be emailed out and committee could provide email comments by 5/3.

3. Review/Recommendation for trails/sidewalks in Saddle Creek subdivision

- Paul Berg discussed the applicant desire for keeping the trails as asphalt.
- Rob Bouwhuis discussed that he is not comfortable with privately owned and maintained public trails based on lack of maintenance in some developments such as Dutch Fields.

Motion: Amanda Peterson recommended approval of trails remaining asphalt, as proposed by the applicant due to safety, connectivity and width.

Second: Sheila Siggard

Aye: Mickelson, Siggard, Fakler, Bouwhuis, Peterson, Tillman

Nay: Coleman – Would like to see sidewalk on east side of 175 W. as asphalt as well.

Rob Bouwhuis after the vote asked the City Council and Developer to discuss making all trails public and developer/HOA contributing money annually to City to add to our maintenance schedule.

4. Discuss Summer Celebration to be held June 5th – Amanda Cruz to attend and coordinate.

- Amanda Cruz discussed a few ideas for the summer celebration. Discussed how we need more time in order to plan, probably a minimum of three months.
- Sheila Siggard to get information on trails cleanup program in Poway, CA.
- Amanda Peterson commented on Park City adopt a trail program.
- Committee discussed breaking the celebration apart from the cleanup and flower planting and holding Arbor Day, Trails and Founders day in late June (~6/26)
- Amanda Peterson concerned about gathering people amidst COVID 19 concerns.
- Committee discussed additional ideas: 5K, geocache, scavenger hunt, kids craft table, ask an arborist, meet at town square, mini tree giveaway, support local restaurant week, use the Mayors of Midway pictures along trails for scavenger hunt.
- Committee suggested we print 1,000 maps for distribution. Wes Johnson offered to have Horrocks print and fold maps.
- JC Simonsen commented that we would need to consult with the county health department on our plans.

Ken Mickelson made a motion to adjourn.