

POST Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The POST Committee was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chair Cindy Bruce. Members present included Cindy Bruce, Paul Hilts, and Carol Hawk. Carol joined shortly after the meeting began. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom Conferencing.

Staff present included Susan Philp, Planning Director; James Lindt, Assistant Planning Director; Watkins Fulk-Gray, Staff Planner; and Brian Passenti, Recreation Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S Paul and Jason to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020. Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0.

AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion Regarding September 22 Town Council Worksession

James said he thinks Council is appreciative of POST's work and understands that there are many POST projects that are ongoing. He noted that they did bring up updating the POST Master Plan, but seemed to agree that 2022 would be an appropriate time.

Cindy asked if Lake Christine is in POST's purview. Susan said yes, and said the POST Master Plan has a lot to say about the area. She suggested having a discussion with some of the Town Councilors about Lake Christine, and said she is not sure if POST should lead that discussion. Paul clarified that a Lake Christine discussion would relate to both the lake and the trails to Basalt Mountain accessed near there.

Carol said she thought the meeting went well.

Paul asked if other people thought the worksession was worthwhile, given Julie and Jason's reluctance to have the meeting. Carol said she thought it was worthwhile, though it was too bad there wasn't time for more feedback. Cindy agreed, and suggested Zoom makes feedback more difficult. Carol added that it is good because Town Council should not be surprised about what POST is up to.

Susan said she has on her list to find statistics about how much environmental benefit the Arbaney Pool project will have.

Arbaney Pool Project

Susan said that a pre-bid meeting and site visit took place recently. The bids were originally due on October 16th, but it will be extended to give contractors more time and for refinements to the bid documents. James said there were four large contractors at the pre-bid meeting and site visit. A wall will be added to provide soundproofing to the neighborhood. It was also identified that more grading on the south side of the pool, where the trail will be slightly relocated, will be necessary. The trail also needs to be moved because of the fire hydrant. They are hoping to have the eventual contract for Town Council approval at the first meeting in November.

Susan noted that there is a separate bid process for the PV panels because the panels need to be installed by the end of the year in order to be eligible for a rebate. James said there are two bids for the PV project.

Susan said there will be some trail work and staging in the pool area.

Brian asked about getting electricity to the pool. James said they are exploring the potential for running additional power through existing conduits from an adjacent street, or running power from the existing transformer in the park, which would involve trenching in the lawn.

Park Rules Sign Plan

James displayed maps with the planned location for different park signs. POST approved of the plan for Southside Park, Ponderosa Park

James described the improvements that are being made to Ponderosa Park. Some cut and fill grading will be done to make the grade gentler from the Subway and other stores to Ponderosa Trail. The entry point of it is being moved to the south. Railings will be added to the bridge over the drainage area. A path across the seed garden will be built to the new entry point. Handicap parking will be striped in conjunction with these changes. Susan said there will be a request for more signage on the Ponderosa Trail, which Ascendigo will be working on.

James continued reviewing the sign plan for the Town's parks. The major sign with park rules will be in a different location from what is shown on the plan. POST approved of the plans. James said Staff will now work on getting cost estimates for the total number and bring actual sign graphics to POST to review at a future meeting.

Updates

James met last week with RFOV at Parcel 10 to coordinate additional work in October. RFOV will remove cut vegetation from the area and improve the river view from the bench. Susan plans to order a picnic table for near the boat ramp at Duroux Park. She will also add another bench to the area near Park Modern.

Carol clarified that the new bench would be in the tree area. She noted that the older people wanted arm rests.

Susan noted that they have completed an environmental review for Ponderosa Park that will be completed this fall.

Staff is meeting every three days with the CDC developer or his attorney, and they hope to close in the next three weeks on the park parcel.

Susan hopes the Town will be able to order equipment for the skateboard park revitalization. She noted that the skateboard park rules currently say that helmets are required and that scooters aren't allowed. She asked for POST's opinion about this. Cindy and Paul did not think that this should be for POST to decide, and that it is an enforcement question. Carol asked what liability the Town has. Susan suggested scooters are the same as skateboards, and said there should be a requirement that nothing with a motor be allowed in the park.

James said there is irrigation and revegetation work that has been done on the slope coming down from the gas line.

Susan said that she has been informed by Eagle County that they are internally going to work on a pedestrian plan for Frying Pan Road. Susan said she would keep POST updated on this.

Adjournment

M/S Paul and Carol to adjourn at 4:55 pm. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.