

## POST Meeting Minutes October 28, 2020

While waiting for more members to join the meeting and before calling the meeting to order, Cindy and Carol began discussing updates with Staff. The Town is looking to close on the River Park parcel shortly after November 11<sup>th</sup>. Staff has been hosting design team meetings regarding the site and continues considering the best way to seek proposals from contractors for the park improvements. The work on park improvements will hopefully begin next spring.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Jason Groves entered the meeting. Cindy Bruce called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm. Members present included Cindy Bruce, Jason Groves, and Carol Hawk. Staff present included Susan Philp, Planning Director; James Lindt, Assistant Planning Director; Watkins Fulk-Gray, Staff Planner; and Brian Passenti, Recreation Director. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom Conferencing.

M/S Jason and Carol to approve minutes. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

### **Review and Approval of Referral Letter Regarding Glassier Open Space Management Plan**

Susan read comments from Julie that she had sent, asking for them to be added to the letter. Jason and Carol agreed.

Carol asked about housing on the homestead, and Susan said that the plan currently lays out alternatives, rather than the adopted plan. Susan suggested POST authorize the letter included with the packet, with Julie's additions, and Staff might send another more detailed letter that is not on behalf of POST. She wants to check in with Paul Holsinger regarding agricultural issues. She wondered about giving priority for historic crop production, such as potatoes. Philp suggested sending Staff's comments to POST to see if there were objections before the staff letter goes out.

Cindy suggested making the property more family-friendly by creating a "family" parking spot. Philp suggested there was a lot of neighborhood pushback to having any parking except at the existing area. Carol wondered if there would be space for two or three cars to the right of the house, off the street. Jason said he is not opposed to the idea but thinks there are many other family trails that are already logistically easier. Passenti suggested adding a bike rack and dog poop station. Cindy said they ride bikes to the trailhead and hike from there, locking the bikes to each other or to the fence posts. Carol and Jason were fine with the idea of bike racks at the trailhead.

M/S Carol and Jason to approve the letter as presented with the additions discussed in the meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

### **Discussion of a Name for Parcel 10**

Philp said RFOV had a workday on October 16 to clear more brush and open the views on Parcel 10. Park furniture was placed there, moved from other parks. Philp said that more park furniture was ordered but has not been received yet.

Regarding park names, Philp said they try to steer away from people's names. Town Council approves the names of parks. Philp offered some history of how other parks and open spaces were named.

Cindy suggested Evans Park, since it is at the end of Evans Road, though she does not know where the street name came from. Philp said many of those names were named after family members of the original owners. Susan summarized some of the history informing that the Gillespie family, who were Aspen silver miners, owned much of the area. Cindy said she would like to learn more about the history and possibly open the name up to citizens. Philp recommended against asking citizens unless the Town was committed to using the name that citizens recommend.

Carol suggested the Willits River Park, but Cindy suggested this might be confusing since there are many river parks and Willits parks. Philp suggested finding out more about Evans and throwing the question out to the Basalt Historical Society. Cindy suggested Gillespie Park. Susan said she would talk to Michael Lipkin about where the name Evans came from.

Carol wondered what the purpose was of certain old rock walls. Susan thought they came from work the developer did in the mid-'90s to protect Willits Lane.

Cindy agreed to ask Janice Duroux about Evans and if the Historical Society has any ideas.

### **Updates**

#### **River Park**

Philp said they are working on the RFP for the park improvements and the closing for the park purchase. Cindy suggested having some sort of celebration when it happens, such as a bonfire or fence-tearing-down celebration, or other positive acknowledgment. Cindy suggested at least putting a positive advertisement in the newspaper.

#### **Skate Park**

Philp said they are unsure if they will be able to pour concrete this year. Passenti said the skate company does not know if they are going to raise the rates for their

materials next year. Cindy asked if there is a reason not to buy the materials this year, and Philp replied that there is a procurement policy to work through. POST members acquiesced to whatever works best.

### Sign Plan

James said Julie is working on the plan and hopes to order things in a week or two. Temporary signs are in place.

Suzanne Jackson is under contract to work on the Ponderosa Trail and will incorporate elements of the other park signage concepts being developed. RFOV is also coming up with furniture and amenity concepts in order for the trail area to be compatible for many types of disabilities. The signage should be ready to be presented at the next POST meeting.

### Arbaney Pool

Request for bids are out and are due on Monday. Philp hopes to have a selection approved by Town Council soon.

### “Low Hanging Fruit”

Philp asked if there are any “low-hanging fruit” projects, such as park furniture, that POST can think of. Passenti said he did not get good feedback from an online tradeshow for park furniture and encouraged POST to use the types of picnic tables they have purchased in recent years.

Regarding low-hanging fruit projects, Philp reported that POST had identified better lighting along Swinging Bridge trail and improvements to the adjacent park area. She also suggested adding a dog poop station on Evans Road, as Carol has requested before.

Cindy asked if improvements to the boat ramp across from Duroux Lane could include steps or fill where dirt is eroding away. Philp said Public Works did add some fill early in the year and that it may be a yearly erosion occurrence. Cindy thinks they added dirt to a different area. Philp said they could put pavers or steps from the sidewalk. Lindt added that fill and rocks were used to fill in holes in the trail near the boat ramp. Cindy said that by Hooks Bridge there are some two by fours and plastic that needs to be cleaned up. Lindt said they would have Public Works check it out.

Cindy said there is a trail near the boat ramp that fishermen use that is very steep and slick. Philp gave history of one of the culverts in the area and the question of whether to put a grate on the culvert. She said she does not want to bring more people to this area by improving the trail. Lindt suggested speaking to Rick Lofaro about it and reporting back to POST. Philp suggested planting something that would dissuade people from going near the culvert. Philp discussed the boat ramp itself, and POST’s prior conversation about whether or not to improve it.

Carol said the ditch trail near Valley Pines could be a nice loop trail, and it connects to the bus system. She noted that there are a lot of crosswalks that do not go anywhere in the Town. Susan asked Carol to take some pictures.

Cindy asked about the lake in Willits that cannot be used. Philp said there are 153 more units that are planned to be built near the lake. She said the Town has agreed that it owns the lake area and recently resurfaced the trail. One resident is not happy with the maintenance and wants more of a view plane. Staff is working on the plan for maintenance for next year. Nothing has happened with regards to grading of the lake.

Cindy asked why the playground by Basalt Vista was taped off two weeks ago. Lindt said they are not quite finished with the park and this may be the reason. A playground inspector has to do a final inspection. Philp confirmed that the park will be open to the public, and Cindy asked if there will be a sign saying this. Philp said she does not think so. Lindt added that the developer of Basalt Vista does not want this to be a big public attraction, but if they put up a sign saying the park is not open to the public, the Town would have a conversation with them.

Carol said there is a culvert that is grown over near the new townhomes and said this would be a good place to clean up. Carol also asked about the brush and sight planes at the bridge at Parcel 10.

Jason said he took his kids to the Light Hill Trail and that it is a good project. Cindy said she had the same experience.

## **Adjournment**

M/S Jason and Carol to adjourn at 5:05 pm. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.