

POST Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The POST Committee was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chair Cindy Bruce. Members present included Cindy Bruce, Paul Hilts, Julie Kolar, and Amiee Beazley. Carol Hawk joined 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; Brian Passenti, Recreation Director; and Chris Beiser, Basalt Horticulturist.

Guest: Elyse Hottel, Connect One Design

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

M/S Amiee and Paul to approve the minutes of January 13, 2021. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Arbaney Pool

Tile and Coping Selections

James reported that he sent out information about pool tile color options prior to the meeting. He displayed tile samples. He noted that the tile samples change color when wet and displayed comparative photos.

Elyse noted differences between the options for the tiles used for the pool and presented the design team's recommendation. She said they were gravitating toward "blue quartz," because of the shimmer that appears. James said that the cobalt blue will be the vertical tile in the robot pool. The horizontal tile, with less of a slick finish, will be on the steps of the robot pool. Another option for vertical tile is "mottled blue." Elyse added that the design team thought the cobalt blue would be a cleaner look once additional colors in the pool are added.

James displayed color options for the coping and arm of the robot pool. Elyse said that the orange coping recommendation is a safety concern, delineating the edges of the pool. Elyse said the pool deck will stay the same color that it is now. If there is additional funding in the future, a new treatment would be considered. Elyse

noted that whatever color decisions are made will be the same in the lap pool for consistency.

Cindy said she agreed with the recommendations as presented. Amiee agreed. Julie agreed, and said they all seem cohesive together. Paul said it would be nice to see the selected colors in a model or rendering of the pool but emphasized he does not want to hold up the process.

Julie wondered if choosing a dominant color like orange for the coping would present problems with other color choices later. Elyse said their decision was based on “leading” with the pool and choosing the slide and shade sail colors later. She said there is a large color palette available.

James displayed a slide of the robot pool, pointing out the coping and arm color elements.

Elyse said the shade sails have been ordered; the color palettes are red rust and blue. Cindy indicated that the gray/orange/blue would go well with that.

All agreed that the recommended colors were good.

Elyse said they would purchase an extra 10%-15% of materials in order to make repairs with the original colors as needed in the future. She added that the robot pool’s arm would be covered in the winter to protect it.

Lockers

Elyse said the locker colors would match the other colors in the locker rooms and were selected by their interior designer. The lockers will be in the same color scheme as the tile. James displayed three locker types, with the metal ones being the cheapest. The wood lockers may be difficult to obtain on their timeline.

Julie said she is concerned about bright blue lockers. Colored lockers feel cheaper than lockers of plain colors. However, she said, blue tile can be beautiful because it takes on glazes and other colors. She suggested that bright colors may also make spaces feel more constricted. Her conclusion was that we should not go with the blue locker color and should have a color more inherent to the material, natural hues such as grey, or beige.

Amiee stated that she feels similarly about the blue color. She said she would be afraid the veneer lockers would peel. She favors the gray plastic option.

Cindy noted the large price difference. Julie agreed, but said she believed they could find different colors for the metal lockers. Amiee favored the gray plastic lockers, even at their price tag. Elyse said there are other locker brands they could explore. Susan asked when the lockers need to be ordered. Elyse said they would be one of the last things installed. Susan noted that there is more project money

because of the COPs and suggested that we might not have to pick the cheapest option.

Elyse displayed aqua colors for treatments in the women's locker room.

Elyse said that the final price tag that the COPs were based on included value engineering for the lockers. The allowance given for the locker was not for that full amount included in the request for bids. She said there have been a few unexpected expenditures, and some things like toilets that have proven less expensive. Elyse asked if the metal lockers came in a nice, muted color, if POST would prefer this. Amiee prefers the look and longevity of the plastic lockers. Cindy suggested that the budget would help them answer this question. Elyse asked if there are concerns about environmental issues with the plastic lockers. Julie said the plastic lockers could be recycled milk jugs.

James suggested circling back to provide the most up to date budget figures for the lockers, as well as the locker room tile colors.

Paul asked who the locker users would be and if this impacts their locker choice.

Brian said that the lockers are not utilized as much as may be imagined. They are not rented seasonally; they are only for day use. They may be more utilized if they are nicer, however. Cindy said that women typically use the lockers after aerobics classes and is unsure if kids ever used them. James said he thinks the Glenwood Springs community centers uses plastic lockers and said they could check to see how they have held up.

Chris asked if there are dividers in between the lockers and the showers. He has seen lockers get rusted and paint chipped quickly. He suggested plastic is better when there is water and humid air. Elyse responded that the metal lockers are powder coated, so they would have to be chipped all the way down to the metal. Brian said there is an open breezeway in between the showers and lockers. Cindy indicated that she had not seen rust on the old lockers.

Paul asked what the locker materials are for the other facilities around the valley. Brian said the hot springs lockers are plastic. Susan said the Snowmass Club lockers were wood. Watkins added that the Carbondale Rec Center's lockers are plastic.

Carol joined the meeting.

Cindy stated that combinations of two- and three-layered locker sizes would be best.

Elyse said she would check on the budget for lockers and investigate a recycled plastic option or whether the option they have selected uses recycled plastic content. She will make sure that whatever they select has muted color options, allowing the flooring to be the color pop.

Elyse said she hopes to be able to provide the full color palette for interiors at the next meeting.

James said at a site visit this week they are finishing forming out the robot pool and they are working on the mechanical system. The new boiler is in and the area has been marked out for the heat pumps. He said there have been some setbacks, including one with a dry well, but the contractor is close to being on schedule.

Discuss and Recommend Name for Parcel 10

Susan noted that Amiee had researched potential names, and each POST member had been asked to come up with two recommendations. She displayed a tally of votes for five names: Sunset, Little Bear, Buck Point, Osprey Landing, Pioneer Park. Sunset had the most votes (4 votes) with Little Bear next (3 votes) and Buck Point and Pioneer Park following (2 votes).

Carol said she liked Sunset, but she feared that calling it Sunset Park might attract a lot of people. She would like it to stay rustic and remote.

Paul thanked Amiee for her work. He said the name should be short, sweet, and not offend anyone.

Cindy said she still favors Pioneer Park to honor the history of settlers in the park and likes Sunset Park as a name too. Amiee said she likes Sunset fine, though it may be boring and unimaginative.

Julie indicated that she likes Sunset because it is how people have enjoyed it. She suggested calling it Point, Overlook, or something other than Park. Carol agreed. Cindy said she did not favor Overlook. Chris suggested Clearing. Amiee suggested Notch. Paul agreed with avoiding the name Park. Carol, Paul agreed with Point. Cindy requested it not be spelled "Pointe."

M/S Paul and Julie to recommend naming Parcel 10 "Sunset Point" to the Town Council. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Chris said he visited the park today. There are some hazardous stumps he will clear out. He described some piles of brush had not been cleared out and offered to do that around the larger trees and shrubs to improve visibility. He noted their previous request to keep it rustic. He said he thinks there should be a split rail fence to mark where the park is and offer some protection from traffic. He suggested a crosswalk sign, because the cross walk on the pavement is not so visible in the winter. Cindy thanked him for his work and agreed.

Project Updates

Basalt River Park

Sopris Engineering and Connect One are under contract to create final construction drawings that will be put to bid in the spring. The Consultants are meeting with referral agencies like the Fire District, Sanitation District, and RFTA to talk about how they would service the park.

Signs and Banners

Susan displayed a sign that has been put up at the pool that states Parks, Open Space and Trails funding has been used for the park and that financing is being provided by Alpine Bank for the project. Brian reported that extra banners were ordered so that they can replace them when they get ratty.

Susan said we are talking about signs/banners at the River Park for a similar purpose.

James said that temporary signs regarding dogs were put up in Linear Park and other some of the other parks. More signs are on order. Staff is working on ordering permanent signs as previously approved by POST.

Susan said some shade trees would be planted around Old Pond Park. Chris said they may do an Arbor Day event and will meet soon to figure this out.

Cindy wondered if the signs should include the acronym POST, since POST is usually referred to that way. Susan said that the funding source was being emphasized and not POST, but that they would think about this more. Cindy asked if there had been clarification from Town Council that if POST would be allowed to have their own communication channels. Susan suggested this was identified as one of the items POST could talk about with the Council at their upcoming meeting.

Susan reported that the POST members were officially reappointed by Town Council at the last meeting.

POST Committee

Susan summarized that POST was scheduled to electing a Chair and Vice Chair at this meeting as outlined in the POST Bylaws. Cindy will be leaving so it makes sense to appoint a different chair. The Chair helps Staff set the agenda. Julie volunteered to step out of being Vice Chair. Amiee indicated she does not want to be Chair or Vice Chair. Julie suggested Jason as Chair and Paul as Vice Chair. Carol volunteered to be Vice Chair. Paul noted that he is not in Basalt all year and supported Jason and Carol.

M/S Julie and Paul to appoint Jason as Chair and Carol as Vice Chair for 2021. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Preparation for future Town Council meetings:

Susan noted that POST and P&Z are invited to a worksession with the Council on February 23rd for the Basalt River Park and suggested that could also be the date for POST check in with the Council.

Julie stated that if they pushed the meeting out, she volunteered to create a POST logo. Amiee offered to write a short description of communication strategies that POST could pursue. Responding to Susan's question, Watkins noted that BPAC has not done very much with social media yet but has a colorful logo. Julie suggested POST getting on the same page about what they think is appropriate and important. She said she wants to be conscientious of how they do it.

POST discussed creating social media accounts and doing communication work. Watkins said that he handled BPAC's social media and website.

Julie said she would need ample time to create a logo and identity. Susan thought the latest date to go to Town Council would be 3/23. She suggested instead doing a check-in with them before going all-out.

Amiee asked if BPAC got permission from Town Council to have social media and a website. Susan said no, but that the context with BPAC and its creation and purpose was different. She reminded POST of the example of the proposed Memorial Garden a couple of years ago, where Town Council perceived that POST had gone too far down a path that they were not in agreement with. She suggested POST is different because of the magnitude of the funds that POST works with. Susan suggested proposing ideas to Town Council before going forward with them.

Adjournment

M/S Julie and Amiee to adjourn at 5:57 pm. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.