

POST Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The POST Committee was called to order at 4:06 pm by Chair Jason Groves. Members present included Jason Groves, Paul Hilts, Amiee Beazley, and Carol Hawk. Cindy Bruce joined after the meeting began. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom Conferencing.

Absent: Julie Kolar

Staff present included Susan Philp, Planning Director; James Lindt, Assistant Planning Director; Watkins Fulk-Gray, Staff Planner; and Chris Beiser, Basalt Horticulturist.

Guests: None

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

M/S Amiee and Paul to approve the minutes of March 24, 2021. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Appreciation for Cindy Bruce for her service on POST Committee

Susan said that Cindy is one of the longest-serving POST members.

Cindy Bruce joined the meeting.

POST members expressed their appreciation for Cindy's commitment to POST. She is moving to the Front Range. Cindy indicated that she would tr to make it back for the rededication of the Arbaney Pool.

Appoint POST Member to Capital Needs Committee

Susan said that the firm Cushing Terrell has been authorized to do a two-part study, involving the adequacy of the Town's facilities and implementing projects in the Master Plan. The Town has bonds that are expiring, so one question to be answered is whether to re-up them to invest in new projects or not. Susan explained that the Capital Needs Committee will make a recommendation to Town Council in August and will be made up of representatives of each of the Town committees. Christie Hamrick would like all appointments to be made by 4/23.

They are looking for a member and alternate from POST. By-laws have been approved for the committee.

Amiee said she will be busy with her kids on evenings during the meetings. Paul volunteered to be involved. Jason also volunteered. Carol also volunteered, saying Mondays would work for her if they were virtual. Susan said that they would be doing some in-person meetings, and Carol said she would not be able to participate. Paul volunteered to be the voting member and Jason agreed to be the alternate.

All POST members approved of these assignments by a unanimous vote.

In response to a question from Paul, Susan responded that the By-laws were included in the packet materials for this meeting.

Discussion of Art Base Project for Seed Garden

Chris Beiser said that the signs for plants at the Seed Garden, as well as the larger Seed Garden signs, need replacement. Abby Gierke from the Art Base approached Chris about a possible project with these signs for an Art Camp to be held by the Art Base this summer. He said they are looking at doing a river rock painting for signs. Chris added he would also be replacing plant ID signs and attaching them to plants. He displayed similar photos of painted rocks. He suggested removing the Facebook reference for the Seed Garden since it is not very relevant anymore. Some ideas for the main entrance sign could include a plank with kids painting it. The location could be the same as the current one.

Jason liked the idea and thanked Chris.

Chris asked if there is anything specific POST wants to see on the sign or a specific sign material. Abby has suggested plywood and he said nicer boards could also be an option.

Carol supported the idea. She liked using natural products. Cindy liked the plank signage concept.

Amiee said that there is a Facebook page for the Basalt Food Park that is actually updated regularly. She said it could be on one of the signs, or not. Cindy wondered if the name should be changed to match the Facebook page. Susan suggested talking about this later.

Susan noted BPAC's collaboration with the Art Base and the Library on projects in Town parks.

POST Committee Discussion

Park Entry Signs

Susan said they are working on installing rule signs, which should be delivered this week. A question has arisen of whether to pursue the “monument” type of sign as shown in the meeting packet. Susan displayed these graphics.

Susan noted that Amiee had contacted Public Works about installing more Willits signs, which would be paid for by the HOA. Susan mentioned tying together East and West Basalt with matching signage or sign elements. In the past they have received high bids for the signs.

Cindy said she liked the signs the POST has worked on.

Amiee said she is not in favor of the signs because they are too big and expensive for Town parks. Carol suggested something smaller but consistent. She likes the gabion baskets.

Susan said that the previously-designed Arbaney Park planned sign was very massive. Watkins noted that the mockup was so large that Julie Kolar thought the dimensions were typos.

Jason said he would like consistency, but does not want to revisit the sign’s designs and the approved sign plan. James noted that Julie created some designs with a reduced magnitude, still involving gabion baskets and platforms for graphics. Susan suggested bringing back the signs, including the Arbaney Park proposed sign.

POST Logo

Susan displayed the logo proposed by Julie which uses the existing logo as requested until a new town logo is prepared, marked up with Parks Open Space & Trails. Ryan Mahoney supports it. Susan asked if POST supports using it on an interim basis. Carol asked if there should be another year for POST’s creation, in addition to 1901 from the Town’s incorporation. Susan estimated POST was formed informally in 2007. Susan suggested taking off “1901.”

Amiee suggested a trail and a river being added to the logo. Susan wondered if Ryan Mahoney would support changes to the actual Town logo’s part of it. Jason also expressed caution about changing the Town logo without a bigger discussion on rebranding.

Susan expressed that she would talk to Ryan and then would circle back with POST.

Other Updates

Skateboard Park

Brian said the replacement pieces in the center of the skateboard park have been ordered. He showed plans and renderings of skatepark elements. The cost totaled \$46,000. The Town is in the queue to get them built, within 120 days. Brian noted that there has been quite a bit of use at the park this spring, including kids shoveling snow off it. Paul complimented Brian for working with the actual users. Brian thanked Chris for clearing low-hanging branches.

Arbaney Pool

James said the fence posts are being installed. The transformers have been delivered, so there is a lot of activity at the pool. There has been difficulty getting the tile due to manufacturing issues, but they are hoping it will arrive this week. There have also been difficulties with the slide manufacturer. The Town is hoping to open the pool by early June. James said perhaps they could wall off the area where the slides will be if the slide cannot be delivered.

Basalt River Park

Town Council approved a resolution to put the project out to bid. Their questions involved seeding the great lawn before the end of the year. Susan and James are meeting with the Sanitation District at 5:00 pm after the POST meeting to discuss their access and concerns. James said the Town should be able to bid the project shortly.

Park Rules and Regulations

Susan said they will go soon to Town Council for code amendments about park rules. The skateboard park rules are in the code. The Town may adopt rules instead by Ordinance. Susan said POST has reviewed individual pieces of the proposed rules and asked if it is ok for them to not bring the full rules for POST to review. Jason asked if there are any substantive changes. Susan said no, that a discussion item is that they are considering removing helmet requirement for the skate park. Amiee asked if removing the helmet requirement has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. She said it is nice as a parent to be able to point to the sign and saying kids have to wear them. Susan responded she had only talked briefly with Jeff Conklin. Cindy said she assumes it is because it is hard to enforce. Paul reiterated this but suggested the Town may have more liability if it is on the sign but not enforced.

M/S Cindy and Carol to adjourn at 4:58 pm. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.