

POST Meeting Minutes May 12, 2021

Before beginning the meeting, Catherine displayed pictures and updates from the Arbaney Park pool project. A concrete pour is scheduled for Friday. The men's locker room tile has been delivered and is being installed. Susan noted that Covid impacts have been a concern with regards to on-time deliveries on all the Town's construction projects.

Catherine reported that the Town is making final details on the park design for the River Park. The project has not been bid yet.

Chris discussed Arbor Day. New trees were planted around Town. He worked with middle school students for a project in East Basalt. The students were not able to work in West Basalt because of transportation challenges.

Carol thanked Chris for his work. Chris said he would be looking at the fence area by TACAW and Ski Co to see if the vegetation could be improved. Carol asked if the painting on those fences is finished. Susan said that it is, and that it was a BPAC project. There was a significant time constraint for the project, with a predetermined planting date for the vegetation, and many fence panels to paint.

Susan discussed the planned new facility for Public Works and the trail/sidewalk connections to adjacent areas. There are plans to increase a sidewalk width in this area and improving a crosswalk.

CALL TO ORDER

The POST Committee was called to order at 4:19 pm by Chair Jason Groves. Members present included Jason Groves, Amiee Beazley, and Carol Hawk. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom Conferencing.

Absent: Julie Kolar and Paul Hilts.

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

Guests: None

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

M/S Carol and Amiee to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Discussion of Park Signs

Catherine displayed illustrations of the different categories of signs and photos of existing signs. She displayed locations of future “major” signs. She displayed estimated costs for the gabion signs.

Amiee asked why it is necessary to have park signs.

Susan explained some of the history and said they are having issues with the lack of park rule signs. She advised that the Police Department is requiring more signs than originally envisioned by POST. Julie Kolar had worked with James and Sara to develop signs that could combine purposes and would be less expensive than the 2015 Terrain signs but still carried forward the basic design principles and materials of the Terrain signs.

Amiee said she does not believe parks like Linear Park and Arbaney Park need signs as big as the ones displayed. Susan showed the Terrain sign plan which showed larger monument signs and more upright signs for rules. Jason noted that signs can accomplish wayfinding, functional, and branding goals, but agreed that neighborhood parks may not need these signs. Jason said it is good to have some signage to announce Town-owned public spaces. Amiee agreed, but said the size and cost seem like too much. Carol said having dog signs is important for visitors.

Susan suggested getting cost estimates for the gabion signs and the 2015 Terrain rule signs and marking up the signage map. Amiee suggested having rule signs by dog poop bag dispensers.

Carol recounted that she had heard the signs have arrived but not been put up, and Susan clarified that the signs Carol is mentioning are different than the signs being discussed. Those signs are to advise where dogs can be on leash and off leash.

Jason suggested continuing gathering more information, especially about cost. Chris noted that landscaping and true-size mockups make a difference in how big they look.

Other Project Updates

Catherine displayed a vicinity map of a waterline replacement project on Swinging Bridge Lane. An irrigation line will be put in place to support future plantings. She said she believes more permanent lights than the small solar lights are warranted. She said one approach to this project could be to put out a request for RFQs for landscape designers to try to have someone on-call for the variety of smaller projects in the area.

Susan said that landscape firms are very busy right now, and it would be good to have a list of smaller firms that are nimbler. Chris agreed, saying that having a professional landscape designer would be best, though he said he could try to put something together himself. He and Trevor sometimes do not have the time to create irrigation and landscaping designs. Susan noted that they are also looking for wayfinding signage. Jason added that parking at the school is a way to alleviate parking congestion downtown, whereupon people would walk downtown using this trail. He praised the trail and bench area alongside it as a nice area that does not have very much landscaping or plantings.

Chris said he believes the large cottonwood has some life in it still.

Amiee asked if the two mailboxes are on Town property. Susan said she believes at least one might have a license agreement to be there but she would have to research it.

Carol agreed with seeking on-call landscape professionals to improve the Swinging Bridge Trail and park area.

Chris said the path itself needs attention and improvement. Susan suggested having a sub-group talk about vegetation for this project. She said they have had complaints about increased use of the trail, particularly as a result of the small lights that have lead to more nighttime use.

Susan discussed the new Public Works facility and displayed a vicinity map. The Town will be organizing the intersection/entrance and will begin allowing legal egress as two-way traffic. She noted the location of a trail through the area adjacent to a ditch. A sidewalk on the perimeter of the Town's new property will be expanded.

Susan noted that the Ponderosa Park workday is June 12th. James has been working with the HOA, which has concerns about traffic near Harry Teague's building. There will be some additional trailhead improvements at the trailhead between the Seed Garden and the emergency access near the Teague building in order to encourage use in that area in instead of the area by the Teague building.

Carol said that she and Amiee walked around Willits to determine a recommended location for a new dog poop station. She suggested near the corner across from TACAW on the Town parcel.

M/S Amiee and Carol to adjourn at 5:04 pm. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.