

POST Meeting Minutes May 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The POST Committee was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chair Jason Groves. Members present included Jason Groves, Amiee Beazley, Paul Hilts, and Carol Hawk. Julie Kolar came to the meeting late. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom Conferencing.

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

Guests: None

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

Carol said on page 2 the word “signs” should be replaced by “dogs.” M/S Carol and Amiee. Motion to approve the minutes as revised passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Discussion on Midland Park Improvement Recommended by Library

James displayed photos of Midland Park and described potential improvements in the area of the ditch near the Story Fort. One is to formalize a ditch crossing. RFOV has stated they could do this project. The second is related to soil around the story fort. The Library and RFOV think it would be good to stabilize the soil and prevent further sloughing of the soil and removing the tripping hazard. He asked if POST is ok with doing these.

Chis Beiser said that additional trash containers might be advisable. Carol agreed.

Susan asked about the use of mulch. Aimee indicated that Roaring Fork Conservancy should be consulted. POST members thought that you need to match goal with the materials and noted that this is not an accessible area anyway.

Susan suggested that they may need to check in with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), because they might not be in favor of the steppingstone concept formalizing the ditch crossing. James noted that Rick Lofaro had been consulted, and he agreed to consult CPW and circle back with POST.

Amiee and Carol said they were in favor of these improvements. Rick Lofaro had stated that the logs in other places should not be removed from the ditch but was

fine with removing the ones used for the informal crossing. Jason said he believes this ditch may be useful for trout spawning and said he has seen small trout. He prefers a smaller bridge.

Susan provided history on how the wetlands were established as part of the effort to reconfigure river and redevelop the Pan & Fork Mobile Home Park.

Chris suggested adding more designated pathways.

Discussion of Park Signs

Catherine summarized how they left it at the last meeting to look at pricing for the gabion basket sign and the rule sign. After talking with Julie, Staff needed to do more design work to get an idea of costs. She said there is a need a designer to be a liaison between the sign and the metal fabricator. Staff acknowledged that we need someone help with the lingo and graphics. Catherine outlined the different signs and locations.

Julie said that certain components could be priced. Some of the items. She looks at this being different parts.

1. Structure of sign-- Best sign for the purpose. Can we combine signs. For example, the gabion basket can service as many functions as possible. Could include.
2. Design of sign - Integrate graphic design where the maps, name of parks, color. It is highly detailed informed.
3. Fabricator – could be two kinds, one for structure and for panel.

Susan asked for the steps to get off center.

Form needs to follow function. We need to decide what is on the sign. What is the priority of the information? What are the components of the sign - Such as name of park. What is the detail and order of priority?

There is a legend icon? Need the raw content. What are the rules. What is the order of priority? We have x number of square feet. What is the Structure to hold the information?

From there we know the size and we can get much more specific to work with graphic designer, then structural designer (Nick?), and then coordinate with fabricator.

Aimee prefers something less cluttered.

Jason asked if we should find a graphic designer. Julie suggested parallel tracks. While sign being designed could work with the fabricators.

Next step is to engage a graphic designer and the circle back with Nick.

Amiee and Susan both threw out a couple names. Susan asked if folks had any other ideas on designers to let her know.

Other Project Updates

James provided an update on the pool. Robot arm is being poured. Cold Climate heat pumps are in Tile was delivered. Replastering of the pool is scheduled. Looking for a mid-June opening of the pool and are looking for ways of phasing the opening.

Brian Passenti updated that they hired a pool manager and have taken the necessary tests to operate the pool. They are hiring staff for the pool.

Regarding the Skateboard Park improvements, Brian showed a slide of the factory where the skate facilities were being made. They were hopeful of getting pictures of the features being added but he was not successful with that. The features should be in late June.

Jason urged that we communicate to the public when the pool was going to be opened. POST members urged that the stories for the pool and Skateboard park be made public.

Chris indicated that he is watching the health of some of the trees around the pool.

Susan summarized a citizen objection to the porta pottie. Staff feels it is important to keep a porta pottie at Linear Park. Future hope is to have one ADA/family-friendly single restroom with running water Susan asked what folks were hearing. POST members agreed that a facility needs to be there. Carol noted that the sewer line was there and a restroom is needed. Carol liked a permanent restroom where porta pottie is. Susan asked how we could better job of locating a restroom. Amiee thought that potentially about electricity to the shelter.

Amiee asked about why compostable bags are not used. Susan gave her take, but later folks said they would like to talk more about it. Carol asked about the status of all the cords. (Staff understands that the cords have now been removed). In response to Amiee, James said that they were monitoring the reseeding and Chris thinks it will need to be reseeded. Chris said that he was planning on putting in some more vegetation, but he was waiting to see if seed was taking.

Paul made some brief comments about the Facility Needs Committee. Most of the work to date has been introductory and organizational wise and the upcoming meeting on June 8th.

In response to questions from Paul, Susan said that Boyd was working on the bike lanes and that the sign at Riverwalk belonged to the Riverwalk HOA but that Staff would contact them to get it moved.

Susan noted that the next meeting would be at the same time as POST. POST agreed to meet Tuesday June 8th at noon instead.

Check-in on Park Rules

Susan indicated that the packet included the proposed ordinance and highlighted some of the provisions. She asked if there were any items that POST wanted to talk about.

Jason noted the general provision jumped out at him about not allowing angling and casting in Town Parks in a River Park. Susan agreed and indicated that that rule was being removed. There were no other comments.

POST Member Comments and Questions

James indicated he would look into the lights on Lewis Lane for Carol.

M/S Paul and Carol to adjourn at 5:27 pm. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.