

POST Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Guest: Reid Houghey, interested applicant to POST

AGENDA ITEMS

Reid Houghey introduced himself and his background as a Basalt resident. He is interested in joining POST.

Amiee noted that she had sent her thoughts on the budget and wanted to make sure that everyone received them. Susan said that she had read Amiee's comments at the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes

M/S Julie and Paul to approve the minutes from July 14, 2021. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Recommendations on 2022 RFOV Projects

Susan said that the Basalt Mountain trail and wayfinding project is the POST Committee's highest priority. Ponderosa Trail could be extended to the east. She discussed Duroux Park improvements for rafters and a project relating to willows in Linear Park. The Basalt Mountain project is the highest priority, she summarized as the feedback she had gotten. All agreed.

Discussion on 2022 POST Projects

Phase 2 of the River Park project will occur next year. Susan also put a couple hundred thousand dollars toward potential projects in Arbaney Park next year, which will be informed by POST's September site visit. Susan proposed September 8 for this site visit at 4:00 pm, and all agreed.

James updated the Committee that there have been noise issues with the heat pumps at the pool. They are investigating options.

Susan summarized that there would be funding available for bike amenities next year.

Susan said that the amount directed toward updating the POST Master Plan was reduced to \$15,000. Seventy thousand has been put toward signage and wayfinding.

Carol joined the meeting.

Susan reported that Trevor believes irrigation improvements are greatly needed in Willits Linear Park.

Susan displayed the budget spreadsheet.

Julie asked how and why money is moving from Lake Christine, and Susan explained that every year for the last few years there has been a placeholder amount set aside in the hopes of being able to do a project there with CPW.

Susan advised that the budget needs to be finalized in about a month.

Julie asked if they could see a spreadsheet of what was actually spent in prior years for comparison. Susan said that she did not think that would be possible before 2019, but for other recent years she could display the highlights.

Capital Needs Update

Paul said that three projects were forwarded to Town Council: Town Hall, green initiatives, and affordable housing. He reported that the wants of the public were different from the Committee's priorities. Of the Committee's three, they could be funded by money from the existing tax levy amounts. Affordable housing, however, is nebulous, because of the land purchase that would be involved and the unknown details of a public private partnership. Green initiatives are also nebulous. Susan said that solar arrays on picnic pavilions and other areas in parks have been discussed. Julie suggested paying attention to federal initiatives and environment for these sorts of things.

James updated POST on the Arbaney Pool project. They are still working on the mechanical system. The pool will shut down for two days next week for construction. Some of the sod from the River Park has been successfully planted at Arbaney Park. James noted that some improvements to the pool are being left until after the pool season ends, such as the finishing of the floors in the locker rooms and adding partitions to the showers.

James updated POST on the status of the River Park construction. The work is going full speed. A new waterline is being constructed adjacent to Two Rivers

Road and there is also a waterline being constructed across the park to provide redundancy in the water system for this area.

Paul asked about his previous question related to paving on the Emma Trail. Susan said that her contacts she had asked have been out of town or unavailable and said she would follow up about his question as soon as possible.

Adjournment

M/S Julie and Carol to adjourn at 4:50 pm. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

The next meeting will be August 25 (later rescheduled to September 1, 2021). The September 8th meeting will be a site visit to Arbaney Park.