



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### **ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Trails Sub-Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

**Members Present:** Gary Swant, Marlene Swant, Laurie Duncan, Jeff Johnson

**Members Absent:** Gail Eide, Bob Rase

**Staff:** Carl Hamming

**Guests:** None

#### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Vice President Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and with four members present, a quorum was established.

#### **Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Minutes**

Gary Swant asked for approval of meeting notes from last meeting, October 19, 2016. Marlene motioned for approval and Jeff Johnson seconded.

#### **Agenda Item #3 – Indian Creek Trails**

The committee discussed the history of the Trails and the verbal agreement that Gary Swant had established with Mr. Chilcott to build a trail through the eastside of his property to connect with Mr. Fickler's campground. Carl Hamming is going to do some research through old files to see what the committee had proposed for a trail map and it was agreed that accomplishing something in town would be important and should be a high priority.

Mr. Hamming will join Mr. Swant in the near future for a walk-through of the proposed Indian Creek Trail System to be familiar with the key property owners. It was also discussed that there once had been discussion about a dog park to be included with the Trail System and research should be conducted to determine feasibility and potential funding sources.

#### **Agenda Item # 4 – Prickly Pear Land Trust**

Via Jerry Grebenc, Mr. Hamming informed the committee that Prickly Pear Land Trust is unable to help Powell County acquire the Branning railroad property for the proposed northern trail section. Carl and Laurie discussed approaching Five Valleys Land Trust and agreed that Mr. Hamming will establish

contact with them and gauge their interest in assisting the County with the northern portion of the Clark Fork River trail.

**Agenda Item # 5 – MT DOT – Call for Grants**

Mr. Hamming informed the committee that the State Department of Transportation just released notice that they're now accepting TA grant applications through March, 2017. Mr. Hamming is going to send out the information to the committee and at the January meeting, the committee will prioritize which section of the trail system is most important and should be used to apply for grant funding.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Additional Items**

Mr. Johnson suggested that, similar to the NPS, Arrowstone might be interested in purchasing a trail counter so the Parks Board has an exact figure for how many people are utilizing the Park and this would be good information for future grant proposals.

Ms. Duncan mentioned that the County may be interested in fashioning a Trails survey (similar to Prickly Pear Land Trust) to be included on the County website so that the general public could voice support and offer suggestions. It was agreed that this could be another good tool for future grant proposals.

Pedestrian crosswalks was another item discussed for three different intersections around Deer Lodge. The committee suggested adding crosswalks by McDonalds/4B's, Fairgrounds/Grant-Kohrs, and S. Frontage Road between the two parcels of Arrowstone Park. Additional research is required.

**Agenda Item #6 - Public Comments**

None

**Agenda Item # 7 – Scheduling of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 10:30am on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

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Laurie Duncan  
Trails Sub Committee President