



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES

### ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Trails Sub-Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 10:30a.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

**Members Present:** Bob Rase, Marlene Swant, Patrick Moody, Jeff Johnson, Laurie Duncan, Gary Swant

**Members Absent:** Gail Eide

**Staff:** Carl Hamming

**Guests:** None

#### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:30am and with six members present, a quorum was established.

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

Member Johnson motioned to approve the meeting notes from last meeting, November 21, 2017, with Member G. Swant seconding the motion. The Members approved the minutes by a vote of 6-0.

#### Agenda Item #3 – Membership

As the last meeting of the year, Mr. Hamming thought it was an ideal time to visit the membership and vacancies. Member Rase mentioned that he knew of a possible candidate who was retiring at the end of the month. Mr. Hamming and Member Rase will reach out to the individual and invite him to attend a Trails Committee meeting. Everyone is satisfied with the work that President Duncan is doing and the way she runs a meeting and no one expressed a desire to change the Committee Chairperson.

#### Agenda Item #4 – Old Milwaukee Railroad Property Update

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the potential acquisition. The Restoration Council meeting has not been scheduled, but Mr. Hamming is still anticipating the meeting will take place in January. The Buy/Sell agreement has been signed and runs through December 31, 2017 with a possible 60-day extension.

Member Johnson and Mr. Hamming discussed the upcoming meeting between the County and NPS to determine the status of the Old County Highway that connects into Grant Kohrs. They will try to determine what is known, unknown and how best to proceed to establish a management and operations plan. The status of the road will also need to be determined for the negotiations with the DNRC

concerning Section 16, the School Trust land. Once some of the road questions are answered, the County will be better equipped to approach Rock Creek Cattle with a complete trail management plan.

The Committee also discussed the need for a special meeting to be called at which trail specifics will be discussed to form a unified vision for the Trail. Mr. Hamming will send out possible dates for a meeting to occur in the first half of January. Mr. Hamming will also discuss it with the Parks Board at their meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Johnson Creek Connector**

Mr. Chilcott met with Lewis Smith and the Commissioners and the easement and agreement was signed and recorded. Mr. Fischer ordered signs from the prison and should be delivered in the next few weeks. The Trail should be pretty well established and ready for travel by the spring. Mr. Hamming still needs to work with Lewis Smith to draft language for Mr. Fickler to sign as well for access and parking. In the spring, the committee and County will need to work to promote the trail and increase awareness.

The Committee raised a concern about needing rails or guides for the segments of trail with culverts to help people know where the trail is located and keep them safe.

#### **Agenda Item #6 – BACI 2018**

The Committee discussed their desire to submit an application and try to include some new attendees. One focus may be implementing the Main Street Master Plan and coordinating with MDT to get a pedestrian crossing on the northern side as well as one near Grant Kohrs and the Fairgrounds. BACI prefers new applicants, but they do accept some returning teams as well. The Committee can discuss further at the next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments**

None

#### **Agenda Item # 8 – Scheduling of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17th.

#### **Agenda Item # 9 – Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45a.m.

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Laurie Duncan  
Trails Sub Committee President