

Minutes of the Silver City Parks and Recreation Board
March 7, 2011 Silver City Public Library

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:40 PM by Chair, Mary Ann Finn.

Members Present:

Cameron Martin
Jesse Hargrave
Gail Stanford
Cindy Neely
Mary Ann Finn
Jamie Thomson, Ex officio

Members Absent:

Jim McIntosh
Elizabeth Baxter
Henry Rhone
Alex Brown, Town Manager, Ex officio

Town Staff / Members of the Public Present:

Michele Giese
Nancy Cliff
Walter Szymanski
Nick Seibel
Regina Willis
David Menzie
Marcia Stout
Bob Schiowitz
Bruce McKenny

Next 2 meetings set: April 4, 5:30 PM at the Library, and Monday, May 2 at 5:30 PM at the Library.

Approval of the January 13, 2011 minutes: Motion to approve made by Cindy Neely, seconded by Cameron Martin and approved by the board unanimously.

Public Input: Regina Willis of the Trails Group, Nick Seibel of Mainstreet Project and Michele Giese of BAG WAAG made a presentation of the current state of the River Walk Trail and requested the board to recommend that the town purchase the land behind Border Area Mental Health noted on the map presented as Tract "B", an area of 1.954 acres that goes across the ditch to Mill Road. The price at this time is about \$6,300. Board Chair, Mary Ann Finn, advised the group that the Town Manager, Alex Brown is in the process of making this purchase and is awaiting more information on possible mill site contamination on the property. The survey and appraisal have been done. At the next P&R meeting this item will be on the agenda for a vote by the board, as a previous recommendation to the town from P&R questioned the value of this

purchase because the area on the east side of the ditch is steep and questionable for trail use and conservation of funds was of concern. It was clarified by the presenters that the property goes across the ditch to the Mill Rd and would allow a trail along Mill Road to be constructed to help people access the trail and improve safety along that part of the trail.

Bruce McKenny and David Menzies (NM Environmental Dept.) – reported that the tailings study on the property owned by McKinney and proposed for part of the San Vincente Trail has been received and the area may be eligible for Super Fund cleanup funding for a reclamation project.

Report from the chair regarding meeting with Town manager, Alex Brown on 2/28/11.

Penny Park – Hope to have construction completed by Spring. There is more work being done on the design due to loss of shade from the big trees. Looking at putting in a shade structure. Meeting with engineers on 3/1. Hopes to then have a time frame for putting the project out for bid and see if the shade structure could be included. Hopes to have the pump track set up by the contractor at the same time the equipment is out there for the rebuild. Concerns about work to be done by volunteers: only 2 volunteers showed up for the last sealing.

Land: Looking at buying the land behind BAMH which extends all the way across the ditch. The survey and appraisal have been done, there is an old mill site there which needs to be evaluated for toxic materials. Price is around \$6,000. Mr. Brown can make this decision without council vote.

Bruce's property: easements and rights of way still in progress.

Baseball fields near Ben Altamirano Complex on 32 St.: Still in progress.

Issues: Pool sustained many broken pipes and leaks to the locker room in the cold snaps this winter – repairs under way.

Requests: Would like P&R to connect with the MRAC murals project to learn more about their plans. They are looking for matching funds from the city. Pool white walls inside could use murals. (Cindy Neely to contact Diana Leyba Ingalls.)

ICIP list will be for the fall. P&R could present a list of priorities.

P&R priority list could be presented at town budget time in Spring.

Funding: waiting to hear about funds but feels that more revenue will be incoming due to mining operations. Is evaluating where and how to apply for additional funding, such as the NM Finance Authority.

From FANC meeting: TWC is putting the signs up on Boston Hill. The YCC is also working on the trail at Signal Peak.

Unfinished business:

Penny Park Update – see above.

Subcommittee report on the ICIP: Cameron Martin spoke of the process which has begun for the year. The Town manager meets with town department heads to prioritize and pool requests for a 5 year plan. Each year the list is reviewed and reprioritized. Public input is taken at the end of the process.

Subcommittee on new member packet: Jesse Hargrave presented the finished product for review – will discuss next meeting.

Time line:

Interact with Public at Celebration of Spring – date has changed for Celebration of Spring and may be at less useful time as it will be during the Tour of the Gila and have many out of towners present. Mary Ann Finn to check into date for Earth Day Celebration as it should be more of the appropriate public. Will email board re date of Earth Day and see who will be available to man a table.

Pump tracks – see Penny Park update above.

Get material ready for the ICIP: Discuss more with Mr. Brown at next meeting.

Input on Sample solution matrix for difficult trade off decisions: Tabled until next meeting.

Plan for 2011:

Jesse Hargrave attended the BAG WAAG group.

Development of list of projects: Tabled to next meeting.

Directory development – sent to subcommittee of Mary Ann Finn, Gail Stanford and Cindy Neely

New Business:

Banner – to be ordered. Mary Ann Finn will ask for adjustments to banner so purpose will be easier to read.

Reports from Board Members: None.

Adjournment: 7PM.

Submitted by Mary Ann Finn, chair