

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council-Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee Minutes

Date: April 17, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room 3000 S Higgins Ave Missoula, MT 59802

Present: Colleen Biehl, John Conner, Dave Westfall, Sandy Miller, Karen Gasvoda, Office of the Neighborhood

1. Welcome to Sandy Miller. a Lewis and Clark neighborhood resident.
2. January 16, 2019 and March 20, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as posted.
3. Discuss current Action Items:

Schedule for Work Days Volunteers Mid-April-May

Birding area planting: We have not heard from Morgan Valliant when the planting will begin for the birding area trees. Followed by the plants and seeds to be hand planted and fence installed.

Trails gravel hauling and spreading: Have not heard when this will commence Work TBA

- Tyler Decker, City Volunteer Coordinator, has contacted Dave Westfall with a possible 120 volunteers from Washington Middle School on the morning of May 17. Discussion was held and an email will be sent to Tyler asking for more specifics.

- High School Students from Hellgate High School
- Neighborhood Residents

United Way Clean Up day June 21 (Time?) - Dave Westfall to see if the morning time slot could be for Bancroft Ponds as the afternoon gets very warm with fewer trees for shade.

Education reach-out to neighborhood schools

- Phase 2 - Outdoor classroom – Discussion was held on the possible location of the “classroom” on the northside of the large pond in the meadow.

3 ideas were:

- directly behind the bench at the pond using the middle of the meadow with students facing south.
- west of the bench nearer the “Y: in the path that turns north and connects to road. The path is too steep to be ADA compliant and would be away from where the geese feed in the middle of the meadow.
- the knoll near the Bancroft bridge entrance.

Sherry Winters to report at May 15 meeting.

- Large Kiosk update –Colleen Biehl has not been able to work with Kathleen yet. Kathleen has drawn a different look to the present kiosk with an additional lower viewing level. Randy Biehl checked out the kiosk’s current structure and found it to be solid with a good metal roof. Some painting and work on the display cases needs to be done. Colleen has suggested that the small grant money could possibly be used on this. The committee felt this was a good use for the small grant. She hopes to have all the information for the May 1 Team Leadership meeting.

5. Raise Awareness – Discussion was held this item could be moved to the Team Leadership as the Bancroft Ponds projects are winding down. This will be presented to the Team Leadership Meeting on May 1.

6. Review the “Action Proposal” – Dave Westfall felt that this document has served its purpose for now.

7. No Public Comments on non-agenda items

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