

Palmer Lake Parks and Trails Workshop 7/25/23 Summary, 5:00 - 6:30

Present: Cindy Powell, Mike Pietsch, Phyllis Head, Reid Wiecks, no guests. Ande Furrer excused absent.

1. Discussion of two proposed public information meetings: "Leave No Trace" and "Native/Noxious weeds/plants"

The following is a general agreement of the members on how to go about presenting the topics to the public:

When - it was agreed that timing is important and that Earth Day, April 22, 2024 would be best but since that is on a Monday we would do it on the Saturday before April 20 at the Town Hall and Green (check with Town office for availability). This is also right at the beginning of the growing season and hiking/outdoor season.

What give aways could we obtain for public attendees? Palmer Lake Parks and Trails / Earth Day t-shirts? Sponsor. Ande and Lindsey a logo design?

Native/noxious weeds: Phyllis to research and coordinate. Nick Daniels - contact, Questions to be followed up on: Is he or someone available to do the presentation? How long does he need? What does he need to support the presentation? What "vendors" could support the topic? I.e. Greater Grounds, McCords Nursery, etc. would they be interested in setting up a table?

Leave No Trace: Mike and Cindy and Ande to coordinate. Gillian Rossi - contact. She did about 45 min the first time. Possible donors - REI? Reid to check with them. Possible "vendors" - REI, Creek Week / Fountain Creek watershed - Alli (Mike to check). Same questions as above.

2. Review of there GOCO concept submittals:

Reid outlined the grant and who helped review and support it and that it had been submitted Thursday 7/20 after some last minute edits by Dawn. We should hear back about the concept from GOCO in mid-August and if invited to proceed a much more detailed grant submittal will follow shortly afterwards.

Cindy outlined the GOCO / MHYC grant for trail building help for 2024 and that it was submitted Monday, July 24 after a couple of last minute glitches were resolved.

We discussed the need for matching funds, funds set aside for the turf field replacement down the road, and the planning for "big ticket" items needs for parks.

August 22 Workshop agenda items:

1. Follow up, review, update on the Earth Day - Noxious/Native Weeds and Leave No Trace Day Public Event
2. Discuss Fall Service in the Parks Day
3. Begin 2024 - 26 budget planning for large costly items and money source/savings account.
4. Presentation by representative from Switchbacks - CS soccer/football Club

