



Parks, Art, &
Beautification Committee

City of Star Parks, Art & Beautification Committee

Monday, November 21, 2022, 6:37 PM
10769 W State St, Star, ID 83669 @ Star City Hall

1. Roll Call

Gerri McCorkle: Chairwoman (Present), Arlene Nelson: Secretary (Absent - excused), Councilwoman Jennifer Salmonsens (Present), Stacey Camera (Absent - excused), Chris Cox (Present), Marilyn Jensen (Absent - excused), Vicki O'Keefe (Absent - excused), Cecile Porter (Present), Claudia Sanders (Present), Sue Speer (Present, taking minutes)

Kaden Barnes, Bill Fenn, Hudson Merrill, and Donna Nuzzi (guests)

1A. 10/17/2022 PAB Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion by Arlene to approve, seconded by Chris, vote was unanimous.

1C. Committee Recommendation (Stephanie Cooper)

Stephanie has attended a few recent PAB meetings and events and expressed interest in joining the committee. She is an employee of the city in providing daycare. There was a concern from city hall staff that it would be an issue with FLSA labor law if she served as both a city employee and a volunteer. The committee discussed how that might restrict her ability to participate in PAB, given that daycare was outside of the committee's mission. Additional research may need to be done.

2A. City Council Update, Jennifer Salmonsens

1. Christmas/Holiday Banners Design

The fall banners are currently installed. The person who will be working on the holiday banners is out of town until after Thanksgiving but will start working on designing them next. Jennifer said the previous Lions president moved out of town and Chip Sitton is the new president. It is still anticipated that the Lions will donate their banner inventory to the city and request that we take over this project, but that has not happened yet.

2. Dog Park

Jennifer said the city has not officially signed off on the dog park with the contractor. They are working with the landscape rock contractor to get the required rebar support and the rock installed. Dana has ordered the bricks.

3. Misc. Council Updates

- a. Jennifer, Sue, and Vicki attended the transportation committee meeting and Freedom Park walkthrough on 11/2. Jennifer said the contractor is currently working on the shade structure for the dock.
- b. A contractor is also working on the shade structure for Hunters Creek. The playground equipment is still on order.
- c. The city council approved a treehouse between the Riverhouse and the barn that will be created from a historic tree.
- d. Jennifer met with Compass and the city has received a grant for a greenbelt development plan including research on estimated costs and routes between Highway 16 and Star Road.
- e. Jennifer requested help from the committee for a memorial bench program. She said that the city has had a few requests from citizens who would like to honor loved ones at area parks. Preliminary discussion was held re: the design of existing benches and if we could identify a style that might be used going forward.

2B. Chair Report, Gerri McCorkle

1. January Collaboration Meeting

Gerri suggested that we have a planning meeting to discuss collaboration with the other committees before the January meeting (see #5).

2. Riverwalk Sign Discussion

Gerri will bring sign design and price quotes to the next meeting.

2C. Vice Chair Report, Chris Cox

1. BMX/Mountain Bike Park discussion

Chris invited guests Kaden Barnes and Hudson Merrill to present their idea for a mountain bike park in Star. The boys are members of the Eagle High School mountain bike team. They said that they practice at the Eagle bike park (200 acre park that is a joint effort by Eagle and Ada County) and compete at local ski resorts. They said most local high schools have mountain bike teams. They said that they travel at least 15 minutes to go mountain biking, and they proposed that Star consider developing a 1 mile short track loop, a pump track for skills development and exercise, and a terrain park including technical features like rocks and wood jumps. They said Emmett has trails but they were not aware of any resources in Middleton. They mentioned that NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Association) and SWIMBA (SW Idaho Mountain Bike Association) could be resources for information and potential strategic partners. Sue said that she would like to see

additional research on the demand for a mountain bike park, considering it would serve a narrower subset of Star residents compared to other park amenities.

2D. Member Report, Sue Speer

1. Traffic Box Art

PAB held a short reveal event on 11/16 attended by the mayor, Jennifer, members of the PAB and selection committees, and artist Beth Jepson and her husband. Posts were made to the PAB Facebook page with positive feedback. Sue will write an article for the Courier and Star Spirit magazine.

Jennifer said that she has contact information for the officials we would need to talk to for permission in wrapping future boxes. Possibilities include boxes by Star Elementary, Albertson's, and at Highway 16 and Beacon Light. We discussed scheduling the next traffic box art contest approximately 1 year from now.

2. Make Star Shine

Approximately 125-150 volunteers served at Make Star Shine, raking up 25 locations and picking up trash along State Street. Refinements have been made to the homeowner application and post-mortem planning document for next year.

2E. Member Report, Cec Porter

1. Holiday Lighting Contest

The lighting contest was recently advertised in the Courier, Facebook, and on the city website and TV feed. Cec said that she has received 3 applications so far. Applications are due to her on 12/14. We discussed whether there should be a restriction that would prevent previous year's winners from applying again. Since 2022 is only the second year of the contest, we tabled this idea for now and could revisit later as needed.

Last year we rode in a van that could accommodate the judging committee. The owner of that van appears to be unavailable, but a question was raised about whether we could use the senior center bus.

Sue said Heron River recently advertised a subdivision lighting contest and she will reach out to the property manager to share the information about our contest too.

2F. Member Report, Claudia Sanders

1. Walking Path Equipment Update

Claudia said that she researched equipment options and liked the vendor Exofit based in Florida. They offer "scratch and dent" pricing on some equipment that is significantly less than the price for new equipment. She thought their customer service personnel were responsive. She had a preliminary price quote for 6 pieces of equipment, some ADA compliant, for \$26,750 including freight and installation that expires 12/31/21.

She contacted local gyms re: sponsorship and they either passed or did not return her messages.

Questions were raised about the expected useful life of the equipment and whether there may be additional maintenance requirements for “scratch and dent” pieces like powder coating, etc. to protect the equipment from the elements. (It was noted that a Florida company should have experience with harsh weather conditions.) Claudia will re-visit these questions with the prospective vendor and report back. She suggested possibly requesting community feedback at the city’s New Year’s Eve event. Jennifer said that depending on the expected useful life, if approved by city council they may be able to use capital improvement funds for the equipment purchase and/or the site preparation.

3. General Discussion

If the mountain bike park idea is developed, it was mentioned that the 60 acre future park near Trident Ridge could be a good location for it because it has access to BLM land and will be a more natural environment than some of the other landscaped parks.

4. Action Item for Next Committee Meeting on Monday, December 19th / Time: 6:30 PM / Location: Star City Hall

Motion by Sue, seconded by Cec, vote was unanimous.

5. Action Item for Next Special Meeting on Monday, December 12th / Location: Star City Hall

Motion by Sue, seconded by Cec, vote was unanimous. (Meeting was later cancelled).

6. Adjournment at 8:45 PM.