



City of Star Pathways
and Beautification Committee

City of Star Parks, Art & Beautification Committee

Monday, May 16th, 2022, 6:35 pm

10769 W State St, Star, ID 83669 @ Star City Hall

1. Roll Call

Gerri McCorkle: Chairwoman (Present), Arlene Nelson: Secretary (Absent), Councilwoman Jennifer Salmonsens (Present), Marie Anderson (Absent), Stacey Camera (Absent), Chris Cox (Present), Cecile Porter (Present), Claudia Sanders (Present), Sue Speer (Present, taking minutes)

2. Welcome Visitors

Guest Speakers: Green Heart Rescue (GHR) a 501(c)(3) non-profit
Founder Shannon and volunteer Ashley, greenheartrescue.org [Green Heart Rescue](https://greenheartrescue.org)

Shannon created GHR in June 2018 to help care for special needs, senior, and hospice dogs. Shannon lives in Star. The organization has assisted 124 dogs since inception or approximately 30 dogs per year. Sometimes the dogs are local; sometimes they receive dogs from out of state. GHR has worked with St. Luke's in the past in taking care of patients' dogs when the patients are no longer able to take care of them. GHR has volunteers that foster the dogs, with 10 regular foster families (including Ashley's) and a few others. Shannon explained the multi-step vetting process. GHR provides medical care, food, beds, and toys. The minimum cost is approximately \$1,000/dog because the dogs usually have unaddressed medical issues. Shannon said they always do bloodwork and a veterinary exam, often dentals and surgeries too. The dogs are occasionally adopted out to permanent homes (62 to date). Shannon said that her long-term goal is to have a physical location. Green Heart Rescue participated in the 4/30 pet fair. Shannon will email GHR's 501(c)(3) certification to Gerri.

Visitor: Marilyn Jensen

3. 4/18/22 PAB Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion by Sue, seconded by Claudia, vote was unanimous

4. City Council Update, Jennifer Salmonsens

- Jennifer said the Hunters Creek playground preparation work will begin soon. Installation is scheduled to begin after Hometown on 7/4 and should be finished in August/September. Consider planning an opening event.

- The West Ada School District owns approximately 8 acres off New Hope for a future elementary school. Construction is not expected for many years, so Mayor Chadwick is working with the district on a memo of understanding that could allow Star to use the land until then for a possible park with the first right of refusal for a future sale. Since the future of the parcel is uncertain, the city is considering a use with limited construction/maintenance costs like sports fields.
- A potential donor is considering donating a parcel near Can Ada and Foothill for a future park.
- The Council is requesting a letter from the PAB committee with recommendations for future amenities at Waggin' Tails Park. Ideas mentioned include basketball courts, pickleball courts, and/or a splash pad.
- The City Code is changing the width of pathways. The width for combined pedestrian and bike lanes for arterial roads will be 10'. The width for sidewalks on collector roads will be 7' and the width for neighborhood sidewalks will be 5'.
- There will be a new fire station at Floating Feather and Plummer.
- The council is working on a "safe route to school" project that will allow kids to walk to the elementary school. The project is expected in 1-5 years.
- Star's population according to Compass data is currently approximately 16,000.
- The city's comprehensive plan will be discussed at a public forum at the Riverhouse, 5/23 from 6 to 8 PM.

5. Member Reports

a. Dog Park Updates <https://www.staridaho.org/pm/page/waggin-tails-dog-park>

- Despite the rain, approximately 200 people attended the Waggin' Tails dog park grand opening on 4/30/22. Feedback has been generally positive.
- Discussed Sue's 5/2/2022 email summarizing feedback and opportunities for improvement if we have another pet fair. Gerri mentioned that someone also asked about shade.
- Tunnel and additional pet waste stations are on order. We are awaiting a cost estimate for bicycle racks.

- Dana Partridge stopped in after her events meeting and said 70-80 bricks have been sold to date. Order needs to be approximately \$300 to qualify for free shipping from the vendor.

<https://www.staridaho.org/pm/page/waggin-tails-memorial-trail-buy-brick-program>; <https://www.staridaho.org/pm/webform/waggin-tails-memorial-brick-pay-credit-card>;

https://www.staridaho.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parks_amp_maintenance/page/4330/waggin_tails_memorial_trail_3.pdf

- Gerri will talk to Jacob Qualls about dog licensing and send Sue a thank you letter the city has used previously so that she can draft vendor thank you letters for the pet fair event.
- A vote regarding the charities that will benefit from 2/3 of the brick sale profits will be tabled until Green Heart Rescue provides their 501(c)(3) exemption. The other 1/3 of the brick sale profits will be used by the committee for amenities at the dog park.

b. Artwork on Communication Boxes

- Jennifer presented a draft call to artists' explanation and application form. The committee discussed adding volunteers from the community to assist with judging after the project begins (i.e., an art teacher from a Star school).

c. Selection of Vice Chair

- It was decided to table this discussion until the next meeting due to absences. Will be a future action item.

d. Second annual Art by the River event, 9/17/22 – 9/18/22 at the Riverhouse

- The PAB committee is not in charge of this event, but the committee that is has requested volunteers if we are available. Next planning meeting will be 5/19/22 at 4 PM at the Riverhouse. 40-45 artists are expected at the event.

e. Budget.

- Jennifer will ask Jacob Qualls what the committee's remaining budget is for the current fiscal year. Anticipated future expenses include candy for the Hometown parade.
- Jennifer provided samples of three flag designs for light pole banners to be used along State Street. Cecile made a motion, Chris seconded, vote was unanimous to spend up to \$800 of the committee's current fiscal year budget for banners using flag design #3. Additional banners will be considered in the next fiscal year's budget.

6. Committee Recommendations to City Council

- Claudia made a motion, Cecile seconded, vote was unanimous to purchase a 4' X 5' Waggin' Tails Dog Park Monument rock in a format similar to the one at Blake Haven Park. The design will be finalized at a future meeting, but it was discussed that the PAB committee logo should be included.

7. Quorum was lost @ 8:30 PM. Discussion about the Adopt a Highway program from Star Road to Plummer Road and graffiti removal was tabled until a future meeting.

8. Next meeting Date: Monday, June 20th / Time: 6:30 PM / Location: Star City Hall