



Parks, Art, &
Beautification Committee

City of Star Parks, Art & Beautification Committee

Monday, October 17th, 2022, 6:31 PM
10769 W State St, Star, ID 83669 @ Star City Hall

1. Roll Call

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

Stephanie Cooper (guest)

2. 9/19/2022 PAB Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion by Chris to approve with clarification from the committee that "Harp" should be changed to "ARPA" in Section III.A.I. Seconded by Cecile, vote was unanimous.

3A. City Council Update, Jennifer Salmonsén

1. Fall Banners

Jennifer said the fall banners were delivered to the city today and that the parks maintenance staff would be installing them soon. The Lions decided to discontinue the banner program and we will need to follow up re: obtaining their inventory if they will be gifting the banners to the committee.

2. Holiday Home / Business Decorating Contest

Awareness postings to begin approx. 11/1. Application window 11/25 – 12/9. Judging set for 12/17. Cec volunteered to work on this project.

3. Holiday/Christmas Banners

Jennifer will work on the winter banners to be installed in December and she requested ideas. She said the power poles are not currently set up to allow for lighted decorations so that idea will need to be put on hold, but perhaps that could be re-visited when State Street expands and the city re-works the infrastructure.

4. Misc. Council Updates

- a. The city purchased a large faux Christmas tree to be installed at the Riverhouse. It is modular so the tree could be expanded at a future date.
- b. The city also purchased a large star. Commissioner Kevan Wheelock owns a crane company, and he will be helping lower the star at a New Year's Eve event similar to the Great Potato Drop in Boise.
- c. Waggin' Tails Park has re-opened. Turf was installed on most of the flat areas and a natural grass variety was seeded on the hillsides. Parks maintenance staff will be spraying the hillsides for weeds. Follow-up will happen in the spring for any trees that do not survive the winter. Feedback re: where the additional amenities should be installed (bricks, shade structure, rock sign) was requested from the committee within the next week.
- d. The playground equipment for Hunters Creek is still on order and has not yet been received. A shade structure over part of the skate park is also anticipated.
- e. Work on the dock by Heron River in the future Freedom Park is progressing. The mayor will be leading a walk-through of the project soon; date to be determined but approximately the first week of November.

3B. Chair Report, Gerri McCorkle (Excused Absence)

3C. Vice Chair Report, Chris Cox

1. January Collaboration Meeting

Meeting with other city committees set for 1/28 at the Riverhouse. Chris requested that committee members brainstorm their 2023 goals. Would like to add planning this meeting as a November meeting agenda item.

3D. Member Report, Sue Speer

1. Traffic Box Art

- a. Sue talked to Brett from the sign wrap vendor today. One artist has already approved their draft and Sue gave him contact info for the other. The box by the Merc needs to be sanded and prepped, which Barbara N. said the mayor requested that our committee do. Sue will do the prep work this week. Brett's company is about 2 weeks out on installation.
- b. Discussed scheduling a short reveal event after installation, tentatively the week of Nov. 14th. Would like to invite the artists, sponsors, and art selection committee.

Sue will reach out to the mayor re: his availability. Daylight savings time will change between now and then.

2. Make Star Shine

- a. 6 homeowner applications completed so far, with 1 more verbal to come.
- b. Possibly hundreds of volunteers, primarily kids. Sue spoke with Annie Pew of Star Parks & Rec. who thought she might be able to gather approx. 300 volunteers among the athletes and parents. Annie has not reached out to anyone yet, but she and Sue will re-connect around 10/31 to see if there are enough projects for these volunteers.
- c. Sue emailed Bob Little today to ask about possible city projects that need to be done, when we need to request the number of leaf bags the city will provide (believe the current request is 100), and what the pick-up process is for leaves after the event. She will report back when Bob responds.
- d. The Heritage Girls (approx.. 50 youth and parents) requested that they be assigned locations within walking distance of the Riverhouse and they said their group must remain together. They requested to clean up the business district, but to date no businesses have requested assistance. Eligibility requirements on the application state that applicants should be either over age 65 or disabled homeowners. Sue will reach out to nursing homes along Main Street that would be within walking distance of the Riverhouse.
- e. Asked Just Serve to create event page; a few items need editing before it should be distributed.
- f. Sue discussed youth waivers with Barbara Conly from the city. We have not required these in the past, but it seemed like they could be a good idea. Barbara said that Jacob Qualls handles liability issues for the city and she was going to check with him and report back.
- g. Marilyn volunteered to call the homeowners who have requested assistance in the past and have not yet submitted a 2022 application.

3E. Member Report, Arlene Nelson (Excused Absence)

1. Confirm all using city email.

Cec mentioned that she has not been able to connect with the city IT person to set up her staridaho.org email address.

3F. Member Report, Marilyn Jensen

1. Refreshment donations for Make Star Shine.

Marilyn said that she would like to defer asking for additional donations from Albertsons until the plaque acknowledging their previous chair donations could be installed. The committee discussed purchasing coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and 12 dozen donuts. Cec will research available options.

3G. Member Report, Stacey Camara (Absent)

1. Adopt a Highway

- a. Sue spoke with Dan Sloand, who will be coordinating the Lions Club's section of the 11/12 trash clean-up on State Street from Albertsons west to Kingsbury. Dan said he would appreciate it if we could send adult volunteers their way.
- b. Jennifer said that the mayor would like the committee to consider picking up trash along Highway 16 south of State Street. There were some concerns about safety.

2. Safety Ring Update

Chris said he would take a safety ring, to be installed near a pond in the Waterview subdivision.

3H. Member Report, Claudia Sanders

1. Walking Path Equipment

Claudia presented a recommendation that the committee acquire at least 2 upper body, 2 lower body, and 2 ADA-compliant pieces of exercise equipment to be installed in Westpointe Park. She is researching weather-proof options and their costs. Camelback Park in Boise has similar equipment and could be an example. Considered sponsoring an open house(s), possibly at the fire station, to request feedback from the public. \$6K is included in the PAB budget for this project, which might cover the concrete prep work needed for installation. Any additional costs could be covered by a request of council or possible sponsorships.

4. General Discussion

5. Action Item for Next Committee Meeting is Monday, November 21st / Time: 6:30 PM / Location: Star City Hall

6. Adjournment at 8:35 PM.