

Midway City Trails & Parks Advisory Committee Meeting

October 24, 2023

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Rob Bouwhuis, Cristine Tuttle, Melissa Brown, Angie Richardson, David Paskoski, Amanda Peterson, Paulette Tilman

Others in attendance: JC Simonsen, Katie Villani, Carl Berg

6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting: Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M.

1. Introduction of new committee members – Melissa Brown (alternate) and Angie Richardson (alternate). Distribute surveys to committee members to determine interests and priorities. Distribute invitations to the celebration at Burgi Hill Park tennis courts scheduled for 11/2/23, in honor of Jeff and Melinda Romney.
2. Approve Minutes
 - **Motion** to approve minutes from meetings held August 22, 2023, and September 26, 2023.
Motion by David Paskoski, seconded by Amanda Peterson. All in favor. None opposed.
3. Public Comment
 - None.
4. Burgi Hill Park. Carl Berg, landscape architect, in attendance to review and discuss design for Park.
 - Plan calls for berms along Interlaken and Burgi Lane. Dirt is coming in from Alpenhoff but may not be in place until spring. Fencing has been installed along Interlaken to help prevent parking along the dog park and prevent the use of berms as ramps for driving, bicycles, etc. Plans call for native plants on berms, e.g., sagebrush and rabbitbrush, and rocks. Carl recommends milkweed for the open area north of Burgi Lane as monarch butterflies use to lay eggs. Discussion of adding an educational component/signs to explain the significance of plants selected, etc. Emphasis on preserving views. Melissa Brown will consult with a colleague at Wasatch School District who has researched sandhill cranes with students to see if they would be interested in reviewing Midway parks and coming up with recommendations for preserving habitat.
 - There was some discussion of the availability of water for irrigation and members had different understandings. We will get confirmation from the City. The committee also seeks direction from the City on how the gap in the installed fencing will be addressed long-term.

- Discussion of feasibility of placing small mountain bike pump track parallel to the trail to the north of Burgi Lane (and separated from trail for safety) for children. Carl advised this is possible.
- Carl discussed some options for artwork and park signs. Taylorsville has art on the square where City provided structural bases on which local artists may display art and the city receives a percentage of price for any art sold.
- Discussion of disk golf course at the Park. Some of the holes are in areas of heavy vegetation which can make play challenging and increase equipment loss. Come complaints that map of course is difficult to follow. The costs to keep mowed can be significant. Rob Bouwhuis will reach out to local disk golf clubs to see if they would be willing to review the course and recommend improvements. Perhaps move some holes, restructure for children, redo course map, etc.
- **Motion** to forward Carl Berg's concept plan, including ideas set forth above, new sign for park and use of native plants, to City Council for review at an upcoming work session to give feedback and direction.
Motion by Melissa Brown, seconded by Paulette Tilman. All in favor. None opposed.

5. Center Street Trail – Discuss proposed city trails and grant funding.

- Center Street Trail is priority for committee and for City. JC Simonsen advised he has been working with the City Engineer to design the trail. Cost will be significant, and the City will not have help from UDOT. Rob Bouwhuis spoke with Nancy O'Toole, who has been tasked with applying for grant funding for the project for 2024. Another option is completing the trail in parts, with emphasis on 600 N to church.
- Will ask City Engineer to come to next meeting to report on trails completed in 2023 and anticipated projects for 2024.

6. Discuss signs for Parks and Trails.

- Discussion of signs to advertise that there is no overnight parking, oversized vehicles, or camping in the Parks. Katie and Christine had found examples of signs incorporating a mixture of language and pictures. Katie will work to put together some sample signs to forward to the committee for review and direction.
- Also discussed having a kiosk-type central signboard at Burgi Hill Park which could have maps, more complete rules, and serve as an information center.

Motion to adjourn by Amanda Peterson, seconded by David Paskoski. All in favor. None opposed.

Adjourned at 7:38 PM