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Confluence Park Executive Board and Technical Advisory Committee Minutes Wednesday, June 19, 2019 3:00 p.m. La Verkin Trailhead Confluence Park

Present:

Board Members:

Richard Hirschi	La Verkin City
Cameron Rognan	Washington County – HCP
Clark Fawcett	Hurricane City

Advisory:

Rhett Boswell	UDWR
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Others:

Kathleen Nielson	Washington County Grant Writer
Mike Chandler	Ash Creek Special Service District
Patricia Wise	La Verkin City Council
Christy Ballard	La Verkin City staff

I. Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Richard Hirschi called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

II. Approve Minutes: April 17, 2019 and May 15, 2019

Motion was made by Clark Fawcett to approve the April 17, 2019 and May 15, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Cameron Rognan. Hirschi-yes, Fawcett-yes, Rognan-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Business:

A. Trailhead grant.

- Update on environmental status, parking design, and trail construction

Kathleen reported the environmental is finished. She passed out a list/timeline for the project. The timeframe is very optimistic, but the list is the order of how the project will proceed. The project needs to be completed by September 30, 2020.

La Verkin had a meeting with surrounding property owners who have some concerns about this project. The main concern was criminal activity vagrants and parking. The citizens were assured the City would not be advertising this trailhead, but they were still upset. Kathleen feels the best way to fix the situation is to increase the size of the parking lot. She passed out a copy of the proposed parking lot increase. The hashmarks indicate the asphalt parking lot, the 12 additional parking spots will be gravel and will not be marked. There will be a sign indicating the additional parking.

Kathleen reported the City has given Gary Groom access from the driveway for his property, but she was not sure of the details.

Kyle was invited to the meeting to explain the agreement with Mr. Groom. He reported the proposed agreement is to allow him access from the trailhead entrance to his property for a flag lot.

Derek explained property is going to be deeded to Mr. Groom, so he has enough frontage for a flag lot which is 25 feet.

Kathleen had Derek mark on her map what the City will be giving to Mr. Groom.

Derek explained the property owner will need to worry about fire access and infrastructure for his property. That will not affect the City's property or the trailhead.

Kathleen said the parking lot will need to shift to the west and should be no problem.

She did say if part of the access road into the parking area is going to be turning, we will not maintain two car access at the same time.

Derek said the agreement will need to include a mutual use road, so the Park still has access.

That road is substandard, but you only need 12 feet for a two-car access. However, there is not enough room to maintain the two-car access and have parking on the road.

He suggested giving Mr. Groom access as close to the property line as possible.

There was a discussion on different ways Mr. Groom could access his property.

Kathleen will pass the information on to Todd and he will get something worked out.

- Clean-up on hilltop

Kathleen reported this item needs to be completed as soon as possible. The area is covered in dried grass that is covering debris on the ground. It is an extreme hazard for walking and driving. The Tree Guy is not able to remove the mesquite tree until the area is safe. The only safe way to accomplish this is with weedwhackers and manual labor.

Cameron suggested getting a prison crew to do that. The County has used them before and have plenty of equipment they could use.

Kathleen said the funding can be used to hire La Verkin's maintenance crew to clean the area.

Mayor Hirschi mentioned La Verkin is short-handed and that it would be better to hire the inmates.

Kathleen explained the money would come from the allotted amount paid to La Verkin for Confluence Park maintenance and not the trailhead grant funds.

She asked Cameron to schedule the inmates as soon as possible. The project cannot move forward until this area is taken care of. The staircase cannot be designed until the soils have been tested and that cannot be done until the area has been cleared and the tree removed.

Cameron reported the County weed guy will be spraying the area as well. He will also coordinate with Justin to supervise the inmates and direct them on what to cut and what to leave.

Kathleen said there is a lot of debris under the weeds. There are also several large logs that may be usable if the City would like the Tree Guy to chop them while he is removing the tree.

Christy reported Mr. Grooms property has had a community wood pile in the past, she will see if it is still there.

Kathleen will bring the updated parking lot plan for Board approval once it has been completed. She spoke with Ron Whitehead, head of County Public Works Department, and they are willing to help with grading, etcetera. A drainage plan will need to be completed because the trail will be across the rim and the land is not flat, so having the County do the grading will be very helpful.

Cameron suggested including the drainage plan in the bid for the asphalt trail.

Kathleen reported Steve Westlund will be designing and installing the staircase once the soil study has been completed.

The sewer and water lines need to be located before we move forward on the restrooms.

Mike with Ash Creek SSD explained the sewer line is in the intersection. There is enough depth to go out to the Park. When the subdivision was put in the developer ran the sewer line through the intersection instead of installing a manhole. That manhole will need to be installed and an 8" line run to the Park.

He went over the different options for sewer on her map.

Kathleen mentioned there were a lot of fees tied to the installation of the restroom at the Hurricane trailhead that amounted to a lot of money that didn't include the cost of constructing the building. She wondered who would be responsible for those fees in La Verkin.

Clark reported Hurricane took care of the fees and used that towards the match.

Mayor Hirschi said the City can take care of the water but we do not have our own power company like Hurricane City, so he is not sure about power, or sewer and directed Kathleen to contact Derek with any water questions.

Mike reported Ash Creek SSD may be able to donate the 8" line and a couple of manholes but the contractor does installation, not the Sewer District.

He will get the information to Todd.

Kathleen reported we will install a water bottle fill station instead of a water fountain.

Does the Board want stick-built restrooms or is pre-fab okay?

Clark stated the Hurricane Trailhead has a stick-built restroom and it cost more money than originally anticipated.

Kathleen reported the restrooms St. George builds in all their parks cost approximately \$100,000. We cannot pay that much for a restroom. She passed out examples of the prefab restrooms. The roofs will be tile and there are upgrades available if the Board decides they want some extras. This doesn't need to be decided right now.

The hilltop cleanup is the most important thing to do right now and then we can get started on the other items. The timeframe will shift a little from the list with the trailhead finish being late spring.

B. Update on the LeRay McAllister Grant

Kathleen reported the final goes out July 12th. This grant will focus primarily on the power station area. There are also areas near the road off SR9 that need to be cleaned up.

- Give Your Land a Hand cleanup project

Cameron reported this project can be in association with this grant but will happen whether we are awarded the grant or not. It is scheduled for September 28, 2019. This will be on a future agenda.

Mayor Hirschi asked if Cameron was working with Janet Mica on her Dwellings project.

Cameron reported he has not had contact with her lately but there is a temporary trail access while she is installing the infrastructure. The County does have an easement through her property.

Patricia Wise asked Cameron if a Give Your Land a Hand project would be appropriate for an Eagle Scout project.

Cameron replied that it could be a mechanism to advertise for them, but the Eagle Scout would need to organize and do their own project.

Kathleen said if they did a second project in the area that could be used as a match also. There are plenty of projects that could be done.

C. Update on Ash Creek Special Service District development plan

Mike reported the Plan should be ready next month for Board comments and final revisions and then it will be published.

D. Discussion on the day-use proposal submitted by Izzie Tween

Cameron explained this was originally proposed a few months ago and she was given tentative approval. She is getting more specific information to Cameron, so he is bringing it to the Board for approval. The information was included in the packet. The Park will remain open during her wedding, so he asked her to put up some walk-through signs for the public making them aware of the event. He wants to be there when the dance floor is set up so any concerns can be addressed at that time. It will not be placed on any native vegetation.

The tents will be fine. There are more tents with a Father & Sons group than this group.

The Park has accommodated larger groups of people than this event so that should not be an issue either. Less than 24 people will be camping overnight.

They will also be providing porta potties for guests and campers.

The wedding will be by the beach area.

Cameron will let them know there is a city noise ordinance that will need to be followed. Kathleen suggested they notify the neighbors that will be affected beforehand.

Christy mentioned Kyle Lovelady was married on Ash Creek's property on the other side of the Park and there wasn't any issue. They had music and dancing as well.

Cameron thinks most of the guests will be parking in the trailhead parking lot and walking to the event but will verify with Izzie. They will have vehicles hauling in the equipment.

Mayor Hirschi asked if the County was going to leave the gate unlocked all night or go down and let them in and out.

Cameron replied it is difficult for them to unlock the gate every time they get a special event or camping request so the County has purchased a camping lock they will put on the gate the day of the event, give the people the code and then the County will remove the lock the business day following the event.

E. Discussion of other Park projects.

Kathleen asked if the Board was still interested in pursuing the bridge.

Mayor Hirschi stated Commissioner Iverson spoke with him about the bridge and it was something he was extremely interested in.

Clark reported Hurricane citizens have been requesting a connector bridge too.

Kathleen commented that Hurricane will need to decide what buy in they would like to have on it. Rick Rosenberg told her it would cost about \$300,000 without the abutments.

The Board would like her to continue looking into the possibility of the bridge.

Kathleen said she is very interested in stabilizing the power station. First, we need to find out if the building is stable enough to do something with. She will try and get a grant from the Public Trust to cover the cost of determining that.

IV. Public Concerns for Board Consideration:

No comments.

V. Board Members Concerns:

No comments.

VI. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Cameron Rognan to adjourn, second by Clark Fawcett. Motion carried at 4:10pm

Minutes taken by Christy Ballard.

July 17, 2019
Date Approved

Richard M. Hirschi
Richard Hirschi, Chair

