

16 April 2008

Minutes of the Alpine City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PRO) Committee meeting held April 16, 2008 at Alpine City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

Bryce Higbee, Dave Fotheringham, Larry Brown, Evertt Williams

April Cooper was absent.

Staff: Ted Stillman

Others: Jannicke Brewer, Jim Tracy (City Council representative to PRO Committee), Scott Kenney

A. 100 SOUTH PARK

Ted Stillman discussed with the PRO Committee some of the materials that could be available for the public meeting next week to get public input on the 100 South Park.

Jannicke Brewer asked if anything has been received from children in the community. Ted Stillman said we have received some ideas from students at Alpine and Westfield Elementary Schools.

Ted Stillman said the Mayor's idea is to start with a blank slate and let people throw out any ideas they have and narrow that down. David Fotheringham asked if it would be appropriate at the meeting to talk about existing facilities and help narrow the ideas down that way at the meeting. Ted Stillman said that was an option or we can leave it wide open for the time being and get the input and then narrow it down.

Larry Brown said if there are things we really don't want to consider maybe we should state that up front so it's not misleading. Bryce Higbee said we should make it clear to the public that we will be open to all the ideas, but we will narrow them down and some suggestions may not make it. Larry Brown said he thinks it would be better to set boundaries up front if there are going to be any.

The PRO Committee discussed the paper survey that could be filled out at the meeting with various ideas of what to include in the park. David Fotheringham asked if we could add an additional page or area on the survey where people could propose names for the park.

Ted Stillman discussed the outline/schedule of the meeting.

Ted Stillman said his thought was to have members of the PRO Committee at the various stations when people can walk around. Bryce Higbee said he can prepare examples of other parks if they wanted to include that as part of the meeting. The PRO Committee discussed posting information on existing parks/facilities on the wall for the meeting.

Everett Williams asked up who will bring up the financial side of developing the park. He said the timing and money have to be aligned so the public doesn't have any misconceptions about the development of the park.

B. TRAILS

Everett Williams said a lot of the work done on trails comes from staff and asked if there needed to be some kind of adjunct from staff connected with the Trails Committee. Jannicke Brewer said Ron Devey has attended in the past. Ted Stillman said the draft before the Committee tonight is patterned after the ordinance establishing the Planning Commission. Evertt Williams said his concern is everything right now has to go through the PRO Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council and some items could really just go straight to staff. Ted Stillman said the committee would have to go through him first and not

contact staff directly. Bryce Higbee clarified that the Committee would not be involved with the day-to-day operations, but more for things like a trails master plan.

Evertt Williams suggested having a prescribed number of meetings or report back to the PRO Committee may help the process. Ted Stillman said the other reason we are doing this is the Open Meetings Act.

MOTION: David Fotheringham moved to recommend the proposed ordinance creating a Trail Committee with the following changes:

1. Amend Item #2 to read as follows, "The Trail Committee will evaluate and recommend to the PRO Committee and City Staff concerning the establishment, improvement, maintenance, and operations of all trails within the City.
2. Delete Item #4.
3. Delete "and make" at the end of Item #5.
4. Add Item #10 that will read, "The Trail Committee will meet monthly and shall make an annual report to the PRO Committee in January of each year."
5. Amend the bullet item at the end to read, "The Trail Committee may appoint a member to act as a liaison to other cities, County, or Forest Service in connecting our trail system."

Evertt Williams seconded. Vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. David Fotheringham, Larry Brown, Bryce Higbee, Evertt Williams voted aye. Motion passed.

C. TRAIL GRANT

Ted Stillman explained that we would like to apply for a grant with the state to pave the trail along the western boundary of the City, next to Highland. The trail is above Ranch Drive and behind Pfeifferhorn Drive. It is currently a gravel trail which is difficult to maintain. David Fotheringham asked if we pave it will we need to fence it and landscape it. Ted Stillman said not necessarily. There was a brief discussion of the connection of the trails into the system into other trails. Jannicke Brewer said she thought the Trails Committee would eventually like to have more trails paved so people don't dig them up and they're easier to maintain when they are paved. Jannicke Brewer asked if Craig Skidmore had called Ted Stillman about paving the trail in the Twin Rivers area. Evertt Williams asked if the trails master plan addresses which trails we want to pave. Jannicke Brewer said no, that it has evolved over the year. Ted Stillman said we have a trails master plan map and proposes that once the Trail Committee is established that we right a proper master plan with text and costs. Evertt Williams asked why this trail was chosen above others. Ted Stillman said we are losing this trail and have drainage issues in that area, but that a master plan with text describing projects will help in ranking priorities.

MOTION: Evertt Williams moved to recommend that the City apply for the trail grant to pave the Pfeifferhorn Trail on the west side of Alpine contingent upon notification of the neighbors. David Fotheringham seconded. Vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. David Fotheringham, Larry Brown, Bryce Higbee, Evertt Williams voted aye. Motion passed.

D. MINUTES

MOTION: Larry Brown moved to approve the minutes from January 17, 2008 and February 20, 2008. Bryce Higbee seconded. Vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. David Fotheringham, Larry Brown, Bryce Higbee, Evertt Williams voted aye. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.