

Parks Subcommittee Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Present: Andrew Sandstrom, Derek Harwell, Paul Davis, Patricia Harrington, Margaret Liperfido, Mary Haskell, Sue Wallace, Elizabeth Train

Derek gave updates on Met Rec grants:

Showed the 2023 Recreation Budget. He plans to apply 4/4/23 for "Capital Construction" for our immediate park projects. 5/26 final grant proposals due. He also intends to apply for "Nonprofit Operations" grant. May also apply for operational support for a lawn mower. Also Topographical survey funding.

Metrec has asked their advisory boards to begin to think about a Valley wide recreation master plan. Andrew will reach out to Derek N about this.

Margaret will send an email to all 3 contacts about a topographical survey to get this process started.

Derek mentioned removing the baseball field this summer to increase field space.

Andrew asked about numbers for lining the basketball court, upgrades to Sunset hall & a new lawnmower. Sue Wallace will take on getting bids for Sunset improvements-replace blinds, refurbish floor. (painting the interior will be done and paid by POA this April) A budget for the basketball court will be determined by Ryan with help from Derek. Derek will reach out to RTA about painting the interior of the bus stop.

Community Garden update: Paul created a "vision" suggesting a malleable garden with quiet areas with native species demonstration garden & shady places to sit in/relax. Possibly having a native plant nursery. Possible partnerships with Mtn Roots & the Wildflower Festival. This summer work on entry points/sidewalks/pedestrian infrastructure & a native demonstration garden. Compost-grant for equipment to increase waste diversion. Sue has specifics about this. Tie in a clean up of the community garden w/neighborhood clean up. May 20th.

Margaret offered to put the proposal in auto cad. Sue mentioned "Delta brick" silt coming out of the Paonia reservoir. Elizabeth mentioned a donor paver possibility.

Andrew brought up a community event for the summer. Theresa may have suggestions for this.

Illene Roggensack: Need North Valley plan to really dig in. Andrew wants to move forward w/starting a GOCO grant. Get a concept paper in August, or possibly later in the year. This will begin to create a relationship. Elizabeth mentioned sessions.

Illene can create a proposal to begin the process w/several of these entities. Who is "the face" of the ask? Illene can prepare documents and timeline for submission. Andrew will contact Illene to start this for the POA.

CFGV grant due 5/15: Andrew will talk to Lauren-should we apply?

Next meeting: 4/25/23 8am