

CONSERVATION LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 24, 2020

9:30 AM

Mount Dean Stone

Drive south on Higgins Street, Turn left on Pattee Canyon Drive, Take first right onto Whitaker Drive, Take Whitaker drive up the hill and park at the top where it dead ends at Dean Stone Drive and Rimel Road.

Please dress appropriately for weather and some light hiking.

Members present: Beverly Dupree, Carol Fischer, John O'Connor, Karen Sippy, Hannah Specht, Jamison Starbuck, Giles Thelen

Members absent: Teagan Hayes, Kathleen Kennedy

Non-voting members present: Patrick Bridegam

Others present: Morgan Valliant of Parks & Recreation, Corena Maurer of Parks & Recreation, Betsy Willett of Parks & Recreation, Grant Carlton of Parks & Recreation, Pelah Hoyt of Five Valleys Land Trust, Brian Williams from Mountain Bike Missoula.

1. Approval of Minutes

Karen Sippy moved to approved the minutes as posted. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes from March 2, 2020 were approved as posted.

2. Public comment on non-agenda items

None.

3. Action Items

3.1 Clark Fork Islands Recreation Management Plan

Review public comment on the Clark Fork Islands Recreation Plan. Review of the Recreation Management plan and the incorporated edits.

The group reviewed and discussed all public comment. A synopsis of this review and the decision making process will be prepared and submitted to the Missoula Parks & Recreation Board to assist with plan adoption.

After a thorough review of the submitted public comments the following edits were recommended to be made to the Clark Fork Islands Recreation Management Plan:

a. In section 3 and on the maps, the Garden City Ponds Trail will be designated as dog on-leash. An additional sentence will be added to the plan recommending that future land acquisitions and/or planning efforts in the areas North of the Clark Fork Islands parcels recognize the need for dog on-leash retrain area.

Brian Williams joined the meeting.

b. Add dog and use restrictions to the descriptive paragraphs of each trail in section 3 of the document.

Grant Carlton joined the meeting.

Pelah Hoyt joined the meeting.

c. In section 4 of the document reference Chapter 6 of the Conservation Lands Management Plan and the need for a Park Ranger to increase education, outreach and enforcement of park rules and City ordinances.

Moved by: Jamison Starbuck

Seconded by: Beverly Dupree

Recommend Park Board adopt the Clark Fork Islands Recreation Management Plan with the noted additions and edits.

AYES: (7): Beverly Dupree, Carol Fischer, John O'Connor, Karen Sippy, Hannah Specht, Jamison Starbuck, and Giles Thelen

ABSENT: (2): Teagan Hayes, and Kathleen Kennedy

Vote results: Approved (7 to 0)

4. Discussion items

4.1 Review City Pending Acquisition of MT Dean Stone North

Review the City's pending acquisition and public process related to Mt Dean Stone North.

An introduction to the Mt. Dean Stone project was made by Pelah Hoyt from Five Valleys Land Trust. Grand Carlton described the public process to this point and the Open Space Acquisition Committee's review of the project.

Giles Thelen made the group aware that he owns property near the top of Mt. Dean Stone and has been working with Five Valleys Land Trust on a way to mitigate potential impacts from increased public reaction adjacent to his property. Giles noted that he may have a potential conflict of interest and may have to excuse himself from future CLAC planning process on the Dean Stone North Parcel.

4.2 Tour Mount Dean Stone

Tour lower portions of the project area.

4.2.1 Current Trail

Review current trail construction being conducted by Five Valleys land Trust.

Brian Williams from Mountain Bike Missoula gave the group a tour of the trail construction project he is managing for Five Valleys Land Trust.

4.2.2 Recreation Planning Needs

Discuss recreation planning needs and how the future use of the 350 acres.

The group discussed current and future recreation planning needs for the area.

4.2.3 Mt. Dean Stone North Property Relates to and/or complements the existing South Hills Spur Recreation Management Plan

The group toured the lower portion of the property to look where Phase 3 Trail routes from the adopted South Hills Spur Recreation Management plan are planned. This fall CLAC will begin a public planning process for the Dean Stone North Parcel which may also include changes to Phase 3 (unbuilt) trail depicted on the South Hills Spur Recreation Management Plan.

- 5. Future items**
- 6. Announcements**
- 7. CLAC Board Member Q&A on non-agenda items**
- 8. Adjournment**

Submitted by:

Corena Maurer, City of Missoula Parks & Recreation