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TOWN OF BERTHOUD PORT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

6:00 P.M.

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

• Jose Cabrera – Chair	Present
• Phil Klein – Vice-Chair	Present
• Tim Grover	Present
• Karl Ayers – Secretary	Present
• Marc Millet	Present
• Chris Kurtz	Present
• Jill LeGault	Present
• Jeff Hindman, Trustee Liaison	Present, Joined after roll
• Keith Knoll, Staff Representative	Present

3. Approval of Minutes- Wednesday October 7, 2020 Approved

4. Public Comment

There was one public comment about difficulty finding the current minutes and agendas for committee meetings. The issue will be addressed.

5. Discussion

Before the official discussion points, Chair Cabrera discussed the importance of trails to the community and, therefore, the committee. He voiced the need for outreach. Specifically, he addressed the Front Range Trail and its Committee. Member Kurtz volunteered to further connections to the FRT Committee. The Committee quickly discussed the need to work with Loveland for connections in the near future (2023/24).

A. Trails Map & Masterplan

Staff member Knoll gave a detailed look at the Trails Map & Masterplan. Connectivity to all neighborhoods and regional trails is the focus of the plan. He stressed the focus on North to South connectivity, especially with the rec center under construction. These sections are in the review and planning stages.



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Members pointed out that construction was blocking some connections on the north and south areas of Berthoud. These blockages will be addressed with communication to the construction firms. The trustees are working with developers to put roads and trails in at the same time. There is currently no policy that would hold developers accountable.

Several members brought up the need for visibility of the trail network within the community, especially in regard to the sidewalk renovation that will be enforced more rigorously in the future. There is a need for the Downtown/Old Town study and survey regarding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

The trail section that goes over HWY 287 will be addressed in the budget for next year. The North/South connection by Loveland Reservoir is budgeted for planning. Southern section north of Hillsdale Park is also in the budget for next year. The Berthoud Reservoir trail is scheduled to be completed by next week.

The focus remains on the N/S orientation of trails as Berthoud is long on its N/S axis. There is also difficulty with E/W connections because of the railroad. Specific concerns were mentioned about Spartan Ave.

B. Rookery Trail

The Rookery has special requirements for usage as there must be a 300yd buffer zone from Apr. 1 through Aug. 31 for nesting birds. Staff asked for recommendations as to what to do in the area.

Options such as creating a 1mi or 2mi loop trail were discussed, as was the need to close any part of the trail that would come within the 300yd. Some suggested putting in a natural barrier of trees. The committee also discussed whether or not any alterations could be used to restore some of the wetland in the area that had been affected by construction. They suggested it could also be used for education or for birding during the closed period.

Designs are forthcoming.

6. Staff updates – Trails, Parks

The rec center is on schedule and under budget.

The committee heard a history of design and construction for the dog park. There has been a growing concern about the ground covering. This point facilitated a lengthy discussion about options moving forward. Replacement of the current ground covering would cost around \$50k. The committee discussed if the cost of replacement was worth the benefit of having a more frequented dog park. The general consensus was that something needed to be done despite the cost. Member Millet set up a Facebook poll to get community feedback. Vice



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Chair Klein commented that his dogs have trouble using the park as is. Trustee Hindman suggested getting outside recommendations for best practices as far as material. Loveland parks were discussed for comparisons.

Members agreed, in the meantime, to test out the park personally and give feedback at an upcoming meeting.

7. Committee updates

Member Ayers commented that an events calendar for city-wide events would be useful to residents.

Chair Cabrera asked that committee members should familiarize themselves with the trails.

8. Adjourn

Next meeting: December 2, 2020 @ 6pm

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