

## May 22, 2023 Valley County Recreation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

- Jeff Mousseau called meeting to order at 5:32 pm
- Members present: Jeff Mousseau, Shane Hinson, Emily Sehloff, Cameron Sena, Mike Heyer, we do have quorum.
  - Also present Recreation Director Larry Laxson, Valley County Recreation Planner Dave Bingaman, Commissioner Sherry Maupin, Katy Nachman (private individual) Kim Carly (private individual)
- Jeff Mousseau reviewed last meeting minutes, Cameron Sena made a motion to approve last meeting minutes, second by Emily Sehloff and motion passes
- City of McCall Parks and Recreation Director Kurt Wolf presented the PROS (Parks Recreation & Open Space) Plan overview. Last plan done in 2005. The city is in need of a new guide from the community and what they would like to see. Kurt wants to be proactive on possible projects in the future. The PROS plan is a 10,000 foot look at what is going on now and what to do in the future. Some big goals is pathways, recreation center, indoor space, field house and basically more open and covered space than what the school districts provide. Discussion on Riverside Park and what that will look like and open space / pathways along the Payette River and passing through various private and public lands. Still much to be done there. Much discussion on funding. Creating a rec district is the best way to secure funding in the future for the various projects. Possibly get private sector funding? City services need to be close by for rec center. The PROS Plan has been under development for a year and the city has used consultants from out of area to help. This plan has been a complete re-write from the 2005 version. It is scheduled to be reviewed for the third session with the City Council and Parks and Recreations is attempting to finalize and adapt the PROS Plan.
- Dave suggested looking at the East side of the county department as possible development area.
- Kurt suggested we join some of the city of McCall parks and recs meeting.
- Shane Hinson motions that the advisory council is in support of the McCall Pros Plan and desires to continue collaborative efforts between the city of McCall and the county. Mike Heyer seconds. Motion passes.
- Some side discussion on federal EDA (Economic Development Administration) funds. This is federal funding
- Grant update: Got both Cabarton grants, Clear Creek grants (toilets), and Brush Creek grants with camping, toilets, picnic tables. Can't spend state money until July 1. With the Samson

Trail grant the county is trying to build from Dienhard to Elo in 2023. Trying to get a wetlands delineation from Army Corps but that could delay the project.

- Valley county pathways looking at grant for Highway 55 to Dawn Drive. Working with City of Donnelly on the project, trying to get it paved. Some of the pathway passes through city of Donnelly property and some over private ground. This would extend all the way from West Roseberry to Boulder Creek Day Use area. Private developments along the proposed pathway seem to have interest in helping implement the plan.
  
- Side note, pickleball club asked if they could get some help grading the area for the new pickleball courts. They would like to get 4 courts done this year. County spread to thin to do the work.
  
- No update on Valley County Maps
  
- Council members priorities discussion.
  - Mike introduced Katy Nachman, she is passionate about getting the rec center up and running. She is devoting much of her time to getting various entities to work together. She is the driving force. Her goal is to bust ground in 5 years.
  - Kim Carly introduced herself as being available to possibly help on sub committees. She has a big sports background. She would like to see more pickleball at our schools.
  - Mike Heyer discussed more on the sports and a rec center and went over some of his background. More discussion on sports groups needs in the winter, such as batting cages. Rec center could be a good source for daycare, which our community is short of. Mike is passionate about kids.
  
- Basic discussion on how to move forward on the Rec center. Jeff suggested look into what the city of Pinedale in WY has done because it's the same size as McCall and have built a fantastic center.
  
- Next meeting put together a sub committee to address the rec center and help to push it forward.
  
- Katy asked for contact info from the committee.
  
- Larry asked for help on some projects.

- One is the Heinrich access. Simplot and BLM would need to give easements for river access. Cameron suggested a possible grant from ONX Hunt since this is something that they support. Commissioner Maupin suggested to go after a grant from T Mobile but only have a week to get it together. Cameron also suggested Fish and Game may have funds as well for access.
  - The other request is a generic plan on Little Lake. What is the vision? Campground of 10 spots. We need to show (The State?) that we are working with the county to make this happen. Fish and Game would like to see the boat ramp go to the county or whichever entity takes over. Larry is asking for a letter of support from this committee. We need to have our ideas to them by end of next week.
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- Next meeting agenda:
    - Invite McKenzie Kraemer to the next meeting to discuss communication.
    - Some possible guest speakers to invite are Pathways and or motorcycle club
  - Dave mentioned for the council to get involved in what grants to apply for and putting in letters of support.

Meeting adjourned 7:27