



Rathdrum Mountain Steering Committee Minutes

November 24, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Location: City Council Chamber
8047 W. Main Street
Rathdrum, ID 83858
(208) 687-0261

A. Attendees:

Councilor Meckel, Tony Meyers, Lisa Sexton, Shanie Roundtree, Deasa Stien, Kathy Robson, City Administrator Boyer, City Engineer/Public Works Director Jump, Parks Director Bridges, Police Chief Fuhr, Planner Armes, Jon Mueller (Landmark), Brad Marshall (J-U-B ENGINEERS).

B. Introductions of Committee Members

C. Discussion of Previous On-site Meeting

1. Kathy agreed on gate location and Camp Host Site, and encouraged ADA accessible areas.
2. Councilman Meckel stated we need to address safety, and have received a lot of good feedback on potential uses.
3. Shani agreed on Entrance Host Site and need for phasing of improvements.
4. Tony thanked the City for being on the Committee and while he did not favor development thought the logging looked good.

D. Participation in Idea Puzzle Exercise with Aerial Photos

1. Jon Mueller facilitated a discussion of the Steering Committee Members regarding potential land uses and locations using puzzle pieces representing entrance gates, parking areas, restrooms, trails, sledding hills, picnic tables, and viewpoints.
2. The Steering Committee then agreed on an entrance gate location near the creek and gates just above the first view point at potential trail head locations.
3. The Steering Committee further agreed that the first large, level, area could serve as Camp Host Site location, parking area, sledding hills, trail head, etc. (please see conceptual plan).
4. The Committee also agreed the first view point would serve as a day-use area with additional parking areas, a turn-around, trail head, picnic tables, restrooms, and viewpoints (please see conceptual plan).
5. The Steering Committee also discussed improving Barrett Road to Highway District Standards and improvements to the internal access road to Fire District Standards in support of Phase IA and Phase IB improvements.
6. Lisa encouraged investigation of water sources for the Camp Host Site, possible tanks or well.
7. Kathy would like proceeds from the timber sales to be used solely for Rathdrum Mountain facilities.
8. The Committee encouraged the City to further prepare the plan and cost estimates for the mountain in order to budget and implement improvements over time. Panhandle Parks Foundation, private

9. donations were discussed as other potential funding sources, and that having a plan for the Mountain would assist with funding.
 10. The Committee agreed to protect Rathdrum Creek and limit improvements in the area other than natural trails and possible outside classroom use due to water quality protection.
 11. The Committee discussed the possibility of a loop road to the first viewpoint and agreed to discuss with the City Forester, etc.
 12. City staff agreed to further investigate fire allowances and restrictions for camp host and possible other groups with the City Attorney. Possibly consider fire allowance tied to multi-agency restrictions, etc.
 13. The committee agreed the Camp Host should be on-site from Memorial Day to Labor Day, seven days a week, with ability to run errands similar to Inland Paper Camp Host.
- E. Endorsement of Proposal and Translation to Report
1. The Committee endorsed the Conceptual Plan, with Tony Meyers stating he was neutral.
 2. Mr. Mueller and Mr. Marshall stated they would prepare a letter report and final the conceptual plan for submittal and presentation to the City Council at the January meeting.



Vic Holmes, Mayor

Attest:



Melissa Taylor, City Clerk/Treasurer

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