

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MONTANA
PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2023

ACTION ITEMS

All:

Recruitment of another Committee member.
Keep in mind your "unfinished business" at McStravick Park. (See earlier Minutes.)

Jen Frazer

Keep CORR moving forward
Coordinate meeting between Mayor, Mr. Pryor and Committee: Volunteer duties needed for 2023; Review Spring Park design idea.
Speak with Golf Board about formally cross country skiing on the Golf Course (They start back up in March).
Fort Logan replica sign, POC: Helen Hanson, will work on project in March. Sign to be installed in April.
Deferred: Purchasing Policy Discussion, Duties update in Committee Handbook, Researching Parks Ordinances

Carol Berg

Look into community parks with culverts, rocks, and other recycled materials as playground features. *How do these pass the muster from the liability companies covering them?*
Follow up on "No roller sports" sign for McStravick Park.
Talk to Candi Short-Richardson about working on a Duck Race fundraising event

Kelly Huffield

Get *Adopt a Spot* Signs bids and a count of the needed 'plaques'.
Work with Stacy Eaton-Menard on the basketball tourney.

Jordan Kibbee

Look into costs of metal spikes to deter pigeons.

Pattie Berg

Present Committee's project pitch for Race for this Place.
Post notes from Spike's tour and check with Carol Berg on her notes from the tour of Spike's Happy Trails.

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Frazer called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.at City Hall.
Committee Members Present: Jen Frazer, Kelly Huffield, Carol Berg, and Jordan Kibbee
On Vacation: Pattie Berg (City Council Liaison).

Zoom was operational and no one joined the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Small follow-up questions were asked and change made in minutes. Kelly Huffield made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes, as modified for February 9, 2023. Jordan seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Member Reports on Action Items Not Otherwise on the Agenda

Kelly Huffield

- Notified Sam Berg of CTEP non-numbering requirement for highway signs. Wrote an email of the findings. There is a proposal to duplicate the registration numbers on both signs.
- Park's committee application for Race for this Place was accepted. We are 1 of 3 applicants. Kelly will contact Pattie Berg to see if she can present to the selection committee the week of Feb 27th.

- Kelly shared relayed information from Eva Kerr, former coordinator for the Youth Baseball program: group was never charged fees in the past. Group took care of the garbage so the city did not have to do it. Group provided a trash can at one point, and it was destroyed by hot fireworks.

Jen Frazer

- No word from CORR group.
- Did meet with the Mayor on 2/13/23. Notes were written up and were sent to Mayor Feb 14th. [Follow up: Jen failed to cc the committee, she sent them out 2/27/23].

Jordan Kibbee

- Donation box for McStravick Park is in. Will work with Jen later this spring on installation.

Carol Berg

- No updates.

Wish List

Liaison Pattie Berg received a request for Park Projects by a local non-profit group. This request, combined with a proposal to apply for sponsorship by Race for this Place led Chair Jen Frazer to create a wish list. The list was created to align with the groups defined priority projects. This list was reviewed with the Mayor on 2/14/23.

All Committee members concurred with the list as presented. Carol Berg commented on how she thought the soccer net was a valid item on the list. Jordan recommended that a broom to sweep grass and leaves off the netted court at McStravick Park be an item. Carol and Kelly concurred and the group discussed how it could hang off the fence.

Higher Need		
Baseball dugout replacement	3500	Guess at cost.
Electrical at Rotary Shelter	2500	cost ?
Wire mesh pigeon deterrent for Rotary Shelter	500	cost ?
Replacement Playground Equipment	2,000-10,000 each	Mayor is open to purchasing playground equipment in preparation for Springs Park.
Spikes Happy Trails, North Fence	28024	Jackleg: 1,808ft along North border end at 15.50\$/ft *Mayor also thought this quote seemed high as well (was thinking 4k).
Lower Need		
Replace two picnic tables between baseball fields along North end		
Install parks facility monitoring system for vandalism deterrent		Mayor agreed that these items should be purchased and installed from City funds with City labor in 2023.
4 pack solar powered cameras	31	Link

Smile you are on camera signs	10	2 for \$8, or 12 for \$10
Soccer Nets and Frame (Pair)	440	Q brand' folding net; 8'x5' *Disclaimer wish list from my daughter Eleanor. Mayor is interested in more people using the fields as well and brought up soccer in 2021.
Push Broom for court at McStravick Park	30	

Committee discussed that this could be a 'living list.' It could live next to the committee's priorities document.

Design Plan for Springs Park Renovation

Chair Frazer communicated her goal was to come up with a 'vision packet' for this project, which would address Lisa Mosely's (Recreational specialist and Grant writer from Great West) questions regarding things such as 1)The age group(s) to be served by the park; 2)A theme; and 3)What the goal is behind this project. The 'vision packet' would then be ready to go when the questions regarding the process for applying (what Great West will do; what the Committee will do, etc.) get resolved.

The session was a working discussion over our shared goal and thoughts for the park, the various pieces of playground equipment, what could be placed at what location, etc. Overall, these were the main decision points:

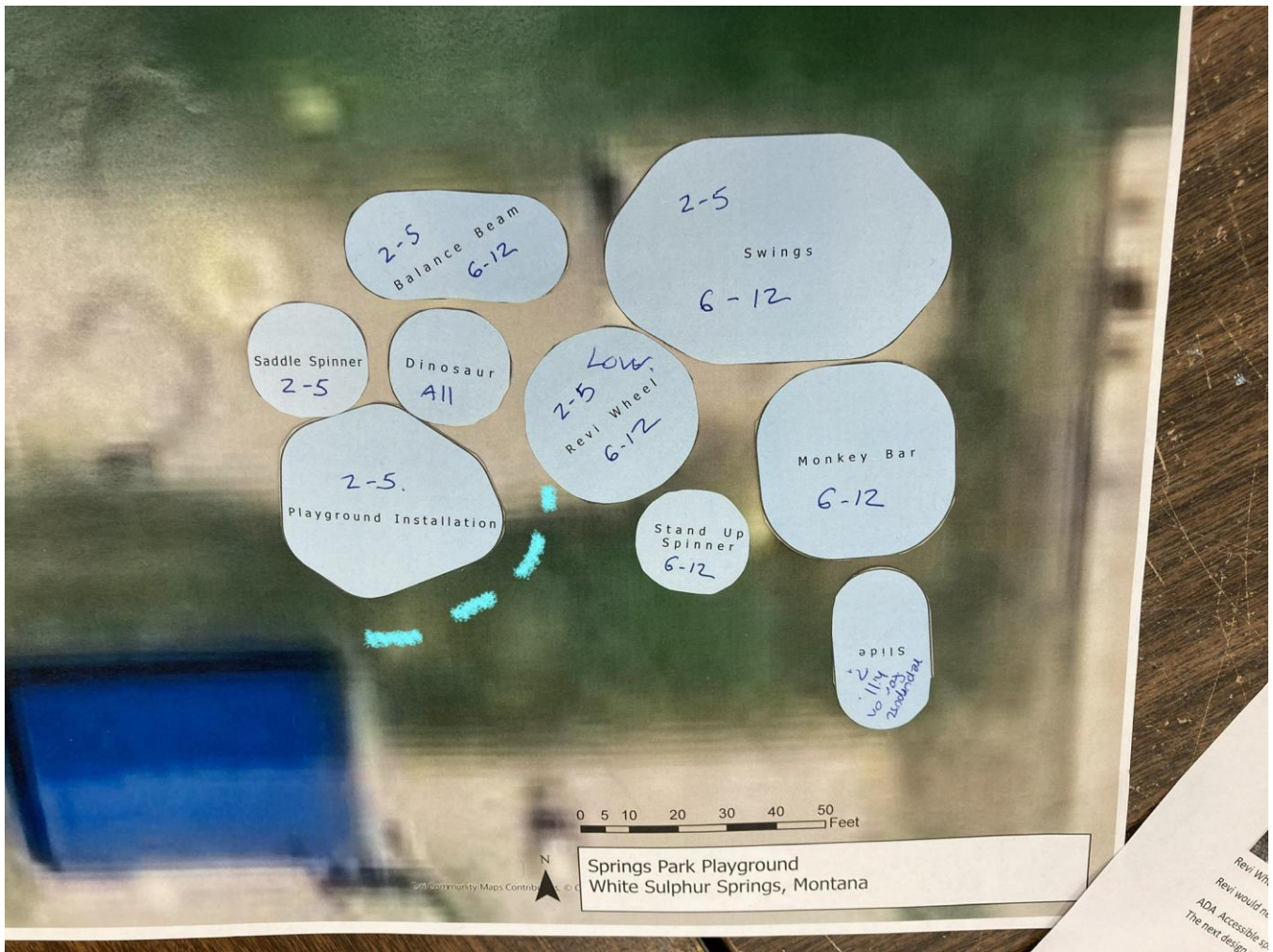
- 1) Theme of 'Classic Crayola Crayons' was understandable to the group. Bold colors, simple things to allow for multiple play experiences.
- 2) Group agreed that multiple play structure installations is what was desired, over one large climbing or installation piece. Allows more children to play and encourages them to move around.
- 3) Park would provide opportunities for as many children as possible either by age or ability. There was discussion on the different ability of youth in our community. There is a young individual who army crawls; we have had youth who use wheelchairs. Carol Berg volunteered to reach out to parents of youth for a better understanding on how to provide better play opportunities.
- 4) Group 2-5 items together and 6-12 items together, as best as we could.
- 5) Provide comparable features to each age group (ex: a spinner for each).

Aerial Map of current playground and fall zones of main structures was presented. There was observed overlap between the slide and swings. Spacing was good for other features. Blank Aerial Map was provided, as well as polygon cut outs which represented the calculated fall zones for each playground structure.

If the footprint of the park was smaller and extended more uphill to the shelter, it was clear to see that not all items could be installed. The committee worked out a first draft/concept piece for the park.

Discussion on Moving older installations:

- 1) Monkey Bars could be easily moved. If they need to be installed which decreases their height, that is acceptable.
- 2) Swings could be moved. Current proposal does not move the swings at this time. Ground base and fall zone could be installed decreasing its overall height with no issue.
- 3) Playground Installation serving young children would be difficult to move. Currently it is too high above the ground and needs the ground raised around it. Would it be feasible to do earth work and re-contour the site without moving the structure? If not, could a short wall be constructed around it, allowing the access hill to slope more for drainage to the east (if that is needed)? Group discussed a few ideas. Structure was 10k when purchased. It would easily cost 20k to replace it, which we do not want to do at this time.
- 4) Move old slide so it becomes a hill slide to the south (?) or purchase a replacement slide?



Discussion Points on high priority features:

- 1) Need to have a big slide (But they are expensive). Question: Can we switch components if we buy (swirl slide with standard stairs, etc.).
- 2) Need a spinner for each age group. Decided on Stand up Spinner over Curva Spinner for 6-12.
- 3) Balance Beam, or something like this activity is needed for all age groups.

Discussion Points on which features are low in Priority/or remove from list:

- 1) Would like a larger spinner that multiple kids could use. Revi Wheel is desired, but would be the lowest priority to obtain due to cost and overlapping activity with other spinners. Note: this item is considered more ADA accessible than other spinners.
- 2) Removed Activity climber (rock with net). Too big with the fall zone.
- 3) Removed Teeter-totter to the bottom of the needs list, or not replace at all.

Public Comment

No public was present to comment. No public comments relayed.

Set Next Meeting Date/Time/Location/Adjourn

The next Committee meeting will be March 7th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
 The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.