PCFC Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2023

AJ’s Café

Attendees: Steve Linton, Jim Stevens, Tanner Linton, Jeff Connolly, Carl Wright, Amy Encinas-Yount, Mike Lithgow, Liz Johnson-Gebhardt

Liz called the meeting to order at 6:32 am.

Ongoing Business

**January electronic meeting ~** Amy made the motion to approve the electronic meeting and Jeff seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**Landsite update ~** Liz had sent Jim Martin’s update report to the Board beforehand. Basically the City has the info they need and the annexation paperwork is in order. We should hear from the City after Feb. 21st. We all decided that if the City is willing to buy the property back, we will go with that. We did discuss the monetary amount and Liz’s take on it is that she would need many, many hours to add 15+ years of time spent, so we are talking about $50-40,000. We do not want to go so high that the City has no chance but we are not giving away all these years of involvement. If the City decides to not take it back, we will immediately go on the market and sell it to whomever with the EC in mind.

One other thing we talked about was the fact that with the restrictions on this property, the taxes should be relegated to the uses that are allowed, and not the same taxes levied on unrestricted properties.

**Joslyn ~** Jeff gave us an update from the City on Joslyn. He is lining up the URA to take on that property and what is going to be done with it. The URA is being formed with some new members. Welsh-Comer has solidified some of the development ideas and DEQ is open to getting the infrastructure work done that has to be accomplished ~ mostly for safety issues (Capping, the exposed water drainage ditch, …) Also, one of the biggest deals is the river bank stabilization and that will have to go through the ACOE. We also spoke about the Land & Water Conservation fund. Liz mentioned that there are USFWS opportunities out there as well.

**PFC and PRWG updates ~** Liz just let everyone know that she is working on outreach with the PFC ~ to be more pro-active on communication ~ and that in the upcoming future she will be making presentations to various community groups and will be on the radio, etc. She just didn’t want that to come as a surprise.

Also, the PRWG looks like it is getting off to a good start. the folks are engaged and working on building the relationships that will be needed to get anything done. Mike also felt rather positive about how it is going. Our next meeting is at the PR Library on March 2nd.

**Food Bank ~** Liz just wanted to let everyone know that she received a long letter of thanks from the food bank for our holiday donation. It was really appreciated.

Financials

**Taxes ~** Liz reported that Office Services has completed and sent in our taxes. It was the short form again this year.

**YTD and monthly spreadsheets ~** Most of this conversation centered around the decreasing accounts, but the possibility and necessity of the land site sale. We all know that to keep our main projects going, it will take grant and outside funding. Looking over the YTD spreadsheet, we have been very steady (except for the trail which was all outside funding) and we are in somewhat of a holding pattern.

Ongoing Business

**Office Lease ~** Liz was told by the School District that they need our space and would like it if we could vacate by the 1st of June. There are a few caveats here: 1st of all we need storage space and second we don’t have great options to move to. So in starting with storage, Steffy said it would be fine for us to leave our stuff in the back room for now ~ it is after all mostly for the school programs we sponsor. Secondly, the moving could be to Tri Pro or Liz could have a home office, or … . It was quickly thought that the home office may not be the best idea for community involvement. Tri Pro (thank you Steve) is a definite option but it is not in town and we would probably lose that dynamic. (Even though the bathroom would be better?) So, we decided that we would look around but definitely know that we have the Tri Pro option. Liz’s big concern, of course, is can she bring her dog?

**Expo ~** Liz first told the group that she met with the new superintendent of the PREF, Hannah. Wonderful young lady. She is looking to get school programs back up there. After some discussion, we agreed that staying with Jim and Margi’s this year was probably the best. It is cheaper, closer, and easier to keep track of students. BUT, the harvesting is a question. Mike R. may still be around but do we have a site to harvest. Jim thought Joe or Dave (his neighbors) could be the option and it would work fairly well. So, we will go with that for 2023.

The dates will be May 24th and 25th. Liz will send out the dates to the teachers and volunteers and we will start setting things up.

*As a side note: we did not get the best reviews on the pack horse station last year and so Liz put some thought into options. What if we had a motorized and non-motorized rec station specifying appropriate trails and behavior? We could spotlight trails (even the PORP trail) and rules/regs for trails. Just thoughts.*

**Juniper plant ~** Liz spoke with a number of Board members about the possibility of planting a perennial bush that attracts butterflies and hummingbirds in the city Memorial Park. Everyone thought that would be wonderful. Liz will get ahold of Dan E. and ask for advice and then will get the plant. We decided it would be through personal donations and not out of our general fund.

PORP Trail

**Numbers ~** Liz has been working on putting together all the numbers that we have for the trail so far. She came up with at least $166640.00, but she doesn’t think she has all the in-kind right yet. She is also putting together numbers for the next section before she, Steve and

Fred Willenbrock meet with the Tribe to talk funding opportunities. A few things we are still working on are the hard surface costs and cost to prep ‘road’ for the next section.

**Grants ~** Liz applied for the Innovia grant for $20,000 (the top amount possible) to get started on the next phase. She is also planning on applying for an Avista grant and that should be relatively easy as we have done a lot of ‘road’ work that has been very positive for them. And as usual we are always looking. Fred has helped get the Tribe aware and energized about the trail and we will work with them when it is appropriate.

**Signs and bench ~** Liz contacted Colene at the Kalispel metal shop and she said the bench (for the wetland area) would be around $1500-2000. Liz’s thought is to use the $1000 donation from Mike and Cathy Reynolds for the bench. The signs, we have been talking about 2, will cost about $300 each, depending on the graphics and the sizes. Liz will get started on the bench asap and Mike and Liz are talking about the signs.

**Next Meeting ~** March 15th, 6:30 am. Liz will attempt to remember to talk to Tyee for the meeting place.

Liz adjourned the meeting at 7:29 am.

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