PCFC Meeting minutes

November 10th, 2021

AJ’s Café

Attendees: Amy Encinas-Yount, Jeff Connolly, Carl Wright, Seth Callos, Steve Linton, Liz Johnson-Gebhardt

Liz called the meeting to order at 6:42 am.

Old Business

**September meeting minutes ~** Liz reviewed the minutes and there were no changes. Jeff made the motion to approve the minutes as they are and Amy seconded the motion. Unanimous. ***This is the only motion we needed to vote on. If anyone who did not make the meeting has changes, please let Liz know.***

**Land updates ~** Joslyn: Liz found out from both Jim Martin and Steve Gill, that, once again, the signing of the final paperwork was delayed due to the attorney’s vacation. Now the proposed date is about November 12th. It is still the intention of the City and Joslyn to make this transfer without any holds on the property. The ‘capping’ of the contaminated area is still on the to do list, not as a burden to the city but to Joslyn themselves. One of the discussion points is that there is supposed to be some serious dollars coming down the pipeline to work on projects like this. We all need to keep our eyes on that.

Land site: So, they are waiting on weather to fly the LiDar. The last (1) vapor test has to be completed this Fall as well, because the contract for Alta is to be renewed (or not) in 2022. The plan is also to remove/close off the two deep wells that are on the property, which is mostly a safety issue. ***Steve Gill called Liz a few hours after our meeting (which is interesting itself). There are some deadlines that need to be fulfilled so he is getting the well crews in and trying to get the lidar done before the end of the month. Uh-huh. We’ll see.***

**Forestry class ~** So Liz tried to get the forestry class up to HooDoo with Mike R. The timing was difficult so we had to make the call to cancel at the last moment due to mud/rain/snow. Liz and Mike are going to try and get the students out right after the first of the year because the crew is supposed to be on Jasper which is easier to get to.

**RAC $’s ~** Liz reported that though we were expecting to get the RAC dollars deposited into our account by the end of October, she received a call and apparently because the FS was so delayed on getting this through the pipeline, Liz was required to redo the invoice and resubmit it. Now … who knows.

**Financials ~** Heather sent out the latest financials along with YTD and the taxes. (Liz said she would forward those to the whole group.) Everything looked in order, but we discussed the donations/grants that we have received, and Steve suggested that we separate those out so we can keep better track of those and how much we are spending. This is mostly to do with the trail. We also discussed the EJ CD that looked like it lost money from a year ago ~ Liz thought that was weird.

Liz worked with Heather Wilson to update the line of credit with Columbia. All signers were authorized and updated.

***Update: Liz did not take into consideration all the other trail bills that were coming in, so we should have adjusted our checking account accordingly. Amy helped take care of the overdraw of $3522.36 on November 16th and Liz included Jim in on that decision. We will need to cover those costs ASAP. Jim and Liz will be meeting on the 23rd to discuss.***

New Business

We were hoping to hear updates from Mike on the Kalispel programs. We’ll try for that next time.

PORP Trail

**Phase 2 numbers ~** So Liz brought in the spreadsheet with this year’s project numbers, but the group would like to see all the numbers to date. So she will redo that spreadsheet and send it out. It does look like we are pretty much on budget with the grant/donations we received. One of the bigger part of this discussion is going forward with funding. Steve made the point that since we are building so much of this part of the trail to Avista standards, they should participate in funding the trail. Liz will look into the Avista foundation for future funding.

**Rotary support ~** Seth gave the rundown on the what and why the Rotary has brought so much support to the PORP trail. The $12,000 they donated to PCFC for the trail enabled us to finish this year’s segment without taking too much out of our general budget. The Rotary is looking for reasonable and important local projects and they have some resources to participate with. They are looking for assurances about maintenance and what the plan is for moving forward. Liz went over to the Rotary meeting with Seth immediately following the PCFC meeting and we talked for about an hour. There are definitely some learning curve items, but the partnership is fantastic.

**ITD ~** Liz brought up the fact that after the next segment we are going to be coming up onto the highway right-of-way and that we need to get the ITD folks in the loop ASAP because there will probably be some hoops to jump through. We all know that there are infrastructure dollars coming into the pipeline and the timing could be perfect for us to get the trail project back onto ITD’s radar. Jeff brought up the possible need for us to actually meet face-to-face with the powers in Boise and also the need for Liz to attend more of the BCATT meetings. There are some new folks that going to be folded into positions so the time is now. Liz will contact Susan Kiebert and try and get her name on the invite list so she can regularly attend these meetings.

**NEXT MEETING: It’s the holidays so… it was decided that we would meet for some good cheer at King’s, December 16th, 5 pm.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 am.