The Boise City Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee (Committee) met Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Jim Hall Foothills Learning Center. Boise City Members Present: Doug Holloway and Sara Arkle (Boise Parks and Recreation); Rob Lockward (Boise City Legal); Chloe Sallabanks (Clerk).

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Katy Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE:

A. Roll Call

Present: Michelle Meyers, Katy Peterson, Peter Pengilly, Jeremy Maxand and Scott Raeber

Absent: Brooke Green, Kathryn Elliott, Stacey Donohue and Matt Cryer

Committee Member Maxand was present via conference call.

III. IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Minutes – February 6, 2020

MOTION: Committee moved to recommend approval of the February 6, 2020 Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee Minutes to Boise City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: M. Meyers
SECOND: P. Pengilly
AYES: UNANIMOUS
ABSENT: B. Green, K. Elliott, S. Donohue and M. Cryer

B. Committee Action Review: 2016 – 2020

Summary: Superintendent Arkle provided an overview of the tasks and actions the Committee had accomplished since its formation in 2016. The Committee had formed a community engagement process surrounding the levy ballot language and created the improvement project application package.

Between 2017 and 2020, 952 acres were acquired and protected using levy funds. These properties included the Stack Rock expansion, Peace Valley Overlook Reserve, Hillside to Hollow expansions, Pierce Park Farms, LLC property, and a Hill Rd & Duncan Ln acquisition.
The Committee had reviewed 10 improvement project applications throughout its tenure, and recommended funding for three of them. These approved project applications included the Daylighting of Cottonwood Creek, trail development at the Intermountain Bird Observatory, and Idaho’s first wildlife overpass project.

No motion necessary as the item was informational.

C. Committee Updates

Committee Member Maxand was ending his term on the Committee and expressed his gratitude and honor of being a four-year committee member. Mayor McLean and City Councilmembers would appoint a new member to the Committee.

The Warm Springs Golf Course parking lot expansion project had broken ground and was on track to be completed by April.

There had been an uptick in encampment issues throughout the Boise Foothills. The encampment areas spanned both private property and trailhead locations. City parks (which include open space reserves) are open from sunrise to sunset and overnight camping is prohibited. Director Holloway expanded that the Boise River Greenbelt was also experiencing an increase in encampment activity. City enforcement officers would continue to work on education surrounding camping.

Multiple foothills restoration projects were scheduled to start in the spring, and seasonal crew members were being hired. Heavy maintenance work was required on many trails, especially areas that were damaged due to high trail use in muddy conditions.

D. Executive Session

MOTION: Pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency, and Idaho Code §74-206(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

RESULT: ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVER: S. Raeber
SECONDER: P. Pengilly
ROLL CALL: Michelle Meyers, Katy Peterson, Peter Pengilly, Jeremy Maxand and Scott Raeber

RESULT: EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVER: S. Raeber
SECONDER: K. Peterson
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ROLL CALL: Michelle Meyers, Katy Peterson, Peter Pengilly, Jeremy Maxand and Scott Raebert
ABSENT: Brooke Green, Kathryn Elliott, Stacey Donohue and Matt Cryer

V. IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: J. Maxand
SECOND: K. Peterson
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: B. Green, K. Elliott, S. Donohue and M. Cryer

Katy Peterson, Chair