I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE
   A. Roll Call 4:00 p.m.

III. NEW BUSINESS
   *A. Minutes – August 6, 2020 4:00 p.m.
   *B. Committee Meeting Recurrence 4:05 p.m.
   C. Committee Updates 4:10 p.m.
   *D. Executive Session: 1) 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. 4:20 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-204(4), all items on the Agenda marked with an asterisk * are action items that require a vote. Identifying an item as an action item on the Agenda does not require that a vote be taken. All Consent Agenda items will be enacted by one motion, unless a Committee Member or citizen requests the item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of business.
TO: Chair Stacey Donohue and Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee Members  
FROM: Doug Holloway, Director, Sara Arkle, Foothills and Open Space Superintendent  
DATE: 9/25/2020  
RE: October 1, 2020 Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee Meeting  

OPEN SPACE AND CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT  

Please find enclosed the descriptive information supporting your agenda topics for this meeting. The meeting is anticipated to last one hour and will take place as a hybrid video conference. Join at: Microsoft Teams Meeting  

NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS  

A. MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2020 – Requested by Doug Holloway, Director (See Item III. A. on the agenda)  

RECOMMENDATION: The Department requests that the Committee recommend approval of the August 6, 2020 Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee Minutes, Exhibit A, to Boise City Council.  

B. COMMITTEE MEETING RECURRENCE – Requested by Sara Arkle, Foothills and Open Space Superintendent (See Item III. B. on the agenda)  

Due to staff meeting obligations, the department is requesting the committee revisit the monthly meeting recurrence. Currently, the committee typically meets on the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. The department is recommending moving the monthly meetings to the first Wednesday of each month, still beginning at 4 p.m. at the same venue (Boise Depot Meeting Station).  

A change in meeting schedule should be unanimous among committee members. Members are encouraged to evaluate their schedules and bring forward any conflicts or concerns.  

RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends that the Committee resolve to meet monthly, on the first Wednesday of the month with meetings beginning at 4 p.m., unless otherwise posted on the monthly agenda.  

C. COMMITTEE UPDATES – Requested by Sara Arkle, Foothills and Open Space Superintendent (See Item III. B. on the agenda)  

Department leadership will update the committee on necessary topics.  

RECOMMENDATION: No motion necessary. This is an information item only.
Minutes -
August 6, 2020

Exhibit A

PARKS AND RECREATION
The Boise City Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee (Committee) met via conference call on Thursday, August 6, 2020. City of Boise Staff Members Present: Doug Holloway and Sara Arkle (Boise Parks and Recreation); Jason Taylor (Boise Public Works); Rob Lockward (Boise City Legal); Chloe Sallabanks (Clerk). Others Present: Ben Semple (RE + Partners)

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Committee Chair Katy Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

II. **ATTENDANCE:**

A. **Roll Call**

*Present:* Bix Firer, Michelle Meyers, Katy Peterson, Peter Pengilly, Scott Raeber, Brooke Green, Kathryn Elliott, Stacey Donohue and Matt Cryer

*Absent:* None

III. **ELECTIONS:**

A. **Committee Chair**

*MOTION:* Committee moved to elect Stacey Donohue to the Committee Chair position.

*RESULT:* **APPROVED**

*MOVER:* K. Peterson

*SECOND:* S. Raeber

*AYES:* **UNANIMOUS**

*ABSENT:* None

B. **Committee Vice Chair**

*MOTION:* Committee moved to elect Matt Cryer to the Committee Vice Chair position.

*RESULT:* **APPROVED**

*MOVER:* K. Peterson

*SECOND:* S. Raeber

*AYES:* **UNANIMOUS**

*ABSENT:* None

IV. **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes – June 4, 2020**
MOTION: Committee moved to recommend approval of the June 4, 2020 Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee Minutes to Boise City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: S. Donohue
SECONDER: S. Raeber
AYES: UNANIMOUS
ABSENT: None

B. Improvement Project Application - Townhomes on the Ave

Boise Parks and Recreation received a Boise Open Space and Clean Water Improvement Project Application from Townhomes on the Ave, with a request to map the floodplain of Cottonwood Creek.

The applicant, Townhomes on the Ave, owned property at the northeast corner of the intersection at E Logan St & N Avenue H and was seeking to more accurately map the Cottonwood Gulch Floodplain to determine if flood insurance would be required for future developments on the site.

The Boise City staff recommendation (completed by the Public Works Department) stated that the FEMA floodplain map of the area, which classified the property to be inside the floodplain, had not been updated in 20 years. The applicant hired a local engineering firm to complete a preliminary floodplain map, which indicated the property may in fact not be inside the floodplain. The conservation criteria selected by the applicant were ‘critical open space’ and ‘community engagement/partnerships.’

The applicant requested levy funds to cover the detailed floodplain mapping, which would cost between $15,000 to $20,000 plus an additional $7,500 to cover the FEMA application fee - for a total of up to $27,500.

The committee discussed its discomfort in funding the cost of doing business for a private developer and shared concerns about setting a precedent for developers to access levy funds for flood insurance and development costs. There was unanimous agreement that the project application did not fulfill the conservation criteria set by the levy ballot language. The group encouraged the applicant to seek funding from Public Works Department programs.

Superintendent Arkle explained it was an open application process, and that the ultimate decision would be made by Mayor and City Council.

MOTION: Committee moved to recommend denial of funding the Townhomes on the Ave Improvement Project Application to Boise City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED
C. Committee Updates

The city closed on the Highland Livestock and Land Co. Ltd. property purchase, which added 325-acres of open space. The land is situated north of Pierce Park Road between Cartwright Road and Seaman’s Gulch Road. The total purchase price for the property is approximately $1.2 million dollars ($3,750 per acre).

Open space and trail usage were at an all-time high. It was estimated there were over three-million visits to the Boise Foothills since the COVID-19 pandemic began. This usage was three-times higher than last spring, and trail conditions were being aptly impacted.

The Mesa Reserve Trailhead parking project at Warm Springs Golf Course was finished. The new parking lot added 20 stalls and made Table Rock trails more accessible via Warm Springs Ave.

The Hillside to Hollow Trailhead was the next upcoming project. Construction would begin late-summer once a contractor is selected through a bidding process. The parking lot would have space for 25 vehicles and include a trailhead with bathrooms, drinking fountains, a dog watering station and bike racks.

The committee shared general questions regarding open space and trail usage.

No motion necessary as the item was informational.

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: Bix Firer, Michelle Meyers, Katy Peterson, Peter Pengilly, Scott Raeber, Brooke Green, Kathryn Elliott, Stacey Donohue and Matt Cryer

ABSENT: None

RESULT: EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVER: S. Raeber
V. IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: K. Peterson
AYES: UNANIMOUS
ABSENT: None

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Stacey Donohue, Chair