Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

June 21st, 2018

Present: Dan Downey, Betty Mooney, Joyce Connors, Ed Mooney, Pat Carrick, Craig Simonsen, Alan Weltzien, Michael Mhoon, Duke Gilbert, Celine Beaucamp-Stout

1. **Previous months minutes**
* April 19th meeting: Motion to approve by Michael Mhoon, seconded by Joyce Connors
* May 17th meeting: Motion to approve by Michael Mhoon, seconded by Betty Mooney
1. **Treasurer report**

The organization is doing well but we did not receive any grant for organizational expenses other than Kendeda (note: This year is the last of the Kendeda grant we are supposed to receive).

Brief review of the High Trails Phase III budget.

Balance sheet as of May 31st, 2018 shows a little over $61,500 of total current assets in bank – most of it being restricted to specific projects.

1. **Fundraising**

Next year is BTC’s 10 years anniversary. It will bring opportunities for fundraising events.

Celine is working on a 10 years anniversary logo.

1. **Grants update**
* *Wells Fargo Grant:* $20,000 for land acquisition. We are still waiting to hear back.
* *Clif Bar:* Asking for High Trails, for $9900 for them to sponsor 18 acres. Applied in May, we should hear beck in a few months.
* *Union Pacific Foundation:* $25,000 – application was submitted on May 1st, we should hear back by September.
* *RTP:* Denied – The fence was a problem, otherwise we were told it was a great application. Moving forward, we may try to finance the fence separately (and use it as match) and re-apply next year.
* *MFWCT:* We received the CAB's recommendation letter for the funding of the Dillon High Trails Project. BTC received about 25-30 letter of supports from the community.
* *Cinnabar:*will apply for land acquisition for the High Trails (grant w/ strong conservation focus). Due March 31. Application has been sent in, along with maps at their request. We will hear back around July 1. Denied
* *Conservation alliance:*Joyce and Kathleen worked on a letter for Patagonia to be our sponsor. They will need to send a list to the trust to recommend us on May 1st. Ask Joyce for update on this
* *AARP:* Could apply for grant for signs and landscaping for Selway Park (between $2k and $10k). Sent in application on Monday. Asked for $7200 for signage, vehicle counter, picnic benches and bike racks.  Denied
1. **Selway Park**

2 areas were seeded and we are setting up a watering calendar.

The recent rains flooded around the swale. Wendy Ridenour will investigate if the seeds washed away.

August 1st: Montana Department of Transportation Real Estate Services is coming to celebrate for a BBQ/Party at the park. Plan for music, a mic, bbq,

1. **High Trails Phase III**

Contact was made with the land owner about the possibility to buy a few parcels while keeping the buy-sell agreement open.

Buying parcels this year could help getting more grants to buy the remaining of Phase III in 2019.

1. **Bike Racks**

A bike racks on-street corral was installed at the corner of E. Glendale St and S Idaho St (in front of the jewelry store). It is already in use. The first feedback is that the racks may be too close from each other.

1. **Bike Recycling / MOU with Bike Walk Southwest Montana**

Pat Carrick and Celine Beaucamp-Stout drafted a Memorandum of Understanding to transfer the Bike Recycling program to Bike Walk Southwest Montana. BWSWMT already have a “Bike Kitchen” and volunteers able to carryon with the program. BTC will probably hold on to the bikes in storage until BWSWMT’s facilities are built in Chris Kraft park (early fall?).

1. **New Business**

Noble Avenue: The final engineering design was sent by Jeremy Fadness (WWC Engineering). The city is reviewing it.

1. **Next meeting Thursday July 19th – 5:30pm – Sherriff’s annex conference room (reserved). Adjourn.**