October 20, 2016

Steve Armiger, Ed Mooney, Larry Skiles, Shannon Mc Williams, Jamie Flynn, Dan Pence, Dan Downey, Kathleen Wagner, Craig Simonsen, Joe Brandon

1. ***Previous minutes approved***
2. ***Five year strategy:***

Dan reviewed with everyone an overview of the strategy it self.

Group updates:

*Bike Recycling*: will meet on a Thursday in Bozeman in November to go to Bike Kitchen. Joe can and plans to meet on Thursday, Oct 27th w Ted.

*Walking School Bus* – numbers have dropped. Shannon would like to revise route with safer crossings, and pick up more kids on East side, as her numbers have dropped. Jaime routes 12-20 kids. Adding more celebrities like police and fire fighters to help. They would like to add to strategy contacting with upper level administration to change bus routes, as well as parents group to gauge support.They plan to meet with Ted on Thursday.

*In-Town Trails* –Most trail completion will need to go through the city. Need to develop plan for best practices for working with city for approach and engage. Biggest need is prioritization. There is the idea of needing to connect in town before connecting to High Trails first. What is the group top priority? Get plan done first to set priority, and better to apply for grants. Thoughts are it is best to finish connecting east side first to get community support to help support the larger plans

*High Trails* – not present. Dan gave update on the group, however. Need to mark trails, and next focus is Phase III, raising capital.

Need to schedule Public Meeting on Nov. 30 for stage 2-3.

* ***Blazing High Trails -*** Dan D would like to blaze the high trail land, add markings in joints. Dan Pence will put together what jobs there are to do. Need a sign with John Seymour property line.
* ***Phase II*** Land - Closing party successful, 5 acres sponsored. Idea of overlay for sponsoring acres. Need to push that forward for end of year donations for businesses.
* ***Data committee update*** – inputting data into Donor Perfect , taking out duplicates, and adding flags, will meet next week.
* ***Pigtail Trail -*** Pigtail is done and will begin reimbursement project. Dan will contact Kendra and Nathan to say thank you and update
* ***Pair with UMW -*** Committee meeting with UMW Friday, next week at 12:30 to discuss vegetation at the “M”.
* ***UMW In Town Trail -*** BTC work with UMW to hire grant writer to get a grant to do the trail around the college? Larry knows of work UMW is doing with DOT to improve parking, wants to wait on Tully Springs until that is settled and paved.
* ***Grant Possibilities -*** RTP grants ***–*** possible grant area. Up to $90k grants, but large and hard. Deadline Jan 31st to be done, applications to be done by Nov. 1. Larry would like to connect more sections around to make a circle before applying for this grant. Or connect from Laknar all the way to Parkview (via Noble St, crossing Jim’s property through storage units). Most of these grants are circle grants, where city’s can make a loop around the town.
* ***In Town and Safe Routes work together -*** Larry would like to walk the walking bus route with Shannon or Jamie to check routes.
* ***Zoning Meeting -*** Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Zoning Commission is having an open house for the electronic message signs, prohibited in city limits. Needs input on what to put up, and what the town feels is ok with electronic signage.

***Next meeting Nov 17th***