November 17, 2016

Regular Monthly Meeting

Attending: Pat Carrick, Ed Mooney, Larry Skiles, Joe Brandon, Joyce Connors, Ben Moore, Ted Lange, Dan Downey, Dan Pence, Kathleen Wagner, Craig Simonsen

1. Previous minutes corrected and accepted- October 20 (was 17). Date and EMS corrected. *Electronic Message Sign*
2. Ben Moore: Met with office of forest service. USFS will have a Winter Trails/Activities Day at Elkhorn Hot-springs on January 7. Time TBD. Activities still coming together. Will be sending home flyers in schools in following weeks. Motion for BTC to participate accepted. We can use our youth snow shoes. Ben will give update at December meeting.
3. Five Year Strategy
* Governance focus group will meet after monthly meeting, nothing to report yet
* High Trails – discussed getting a toilet vault built for the trailhead. Another priority discussed getting a gate at the Quick Gulch Trail to go across. Need to decide on signs, blazing, trail markers. Focus group needs to discuss where to put signage on trails. Dan D. will send a photo out to focus group of Prickly Pear signs. Group will decide how many signs, and where to put them. Dan P will also send a photo of another sign. Joyce discussed the need to put “Private Property beyond This Point” to put on East side. We need 4-5 along fence line, and 1-2 by the “B”. Larry Skiles to order 8 signs, 8” x 11”.
* In-Town – Goal for developing trails and routes is to increase walking and biking opportunities for citizens and visitors to Dillon. They will identify routes and trails in existence within city boundary to one- mile limit. Improvements will result in a hub and spoke design. Museum/Papa T’s is the hub. Group has identified 23 different segments designed to have a flow mainly on the outskirts of the city. First focus on the East side of town. Current status is to develop priority for segments to connect to each other. Need city approval on all plans, and need their help.
* Bike Recycling – want to continue the program? We need to promote and help facilitate if so. United Way would be a good idea for funding, but need help in fixing bikes.
* Need to revise BTC mission statement and create a shorter “catch phrase”.
* Safe Routes to Schools/Walking School Bus? Goal is to help kids bike/walk to school. Keep because their routes and in-town routes overlap, help with funding? WSB leaders want to keep WSB going. New different safe routes are a future project.
* Communications – discussed interacting with others in public. Need to have a more consistent message and clarify mission. Trying to know our audience needs to be more specific. Updating website and tweaking so easier to access. Possible adding an e-news letter. Dan D. suggested using a forum to help with discussions on project. Can use as a test project. Possible photo campaign is in the works.
* Fundraising – Dan called MFWCT regarding Phase III and applying for a grant. They gave the go ahead to apply, we can get it and they will save until we have the rest of the funds. Great Harvest needs participants for bake days, United Way is a great source. We need to plug the acreage sponsorship, use the grid, maybe an event or auction instead of silent auction, tying in with pint night.
1. Public Meeting: Nov 30th, 5:30 pm. Joyce will check into reserving a space. As soon as we have location, Dan Pence will send out a press release to Dillonite, Tribune, etc. Joyce will email Dan Pence with information. We divided up phone campaign list to invite not only public, but also specific key partners and sponsors in BTC.
2. BTC voted and approved applying for MFWCT grant. Joyce would like to ask Kendeda for renewal of grant to help pay for operational expenses, and ED. Dan D will speak with Dennis Glick regarding writing grants on an hourly rate.
3. Treasurer’s Report – funds report.
4. Invitation from Trust for Public Lands for a new program partnering with 6 communities to help partner with BTC. Would have agenda and expertise to help our improvements for free. We will wait for the next contact to find out more.
5. Larry Skiles turning in Board resignation for January 1, 2017.
6. Next Meeting Dec. 15th