Park Board Trail Committee Minutes

Monday, Feb. 6, 2023 5:35 p.m.

In attendance: Barb Feiner (chair), Ellen Edman, Kathy Paulsen, Jordan Wienke, Park Staff: Kyle Henke, Curt Carron

I. Citizen Comments: None

II. Approval of Minutes – The meeting agenda indicated that the Sept. 12, 2022 meeting minutes were to be presented for approval. However, those minutes had been presented and approved at the Nov. 7 meeting. It was agreed that the minutes for the Nov. 7 meeting along with the minutes for the Feb. 6 meeting would be presented for approval at the next meeting.

III. Unfinished Business –

1. Kirkwood Park Trail Maintenance – Trail Management Objectives have been completed. Staff will give updates as to progress regarding these Objectives in the monthly report to the Park Board.

1. Western Entrance to Kirkwood Park – The Trail Committee had scheduled a walk to review this possible entrance point for Dec. 2. However, the walk was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. A walk will be scheduled soon. Curt indicated that MSD plans to be performing some work in the area of the creek in the next few years so at this time we could not consider adding a second bridge over the creek. Kathy described the area which she uses to access the park from the west. Converting this route to a marked trail would not require installation of a new bridge, as this route would also utilize the existing bridge.

IV. New Business –

1. Possible Updated Trail Committee Meeting Dates. Barb suggested that the Committee may want to consider scheduling some meetings during daylight hours so that the Committee could walk the parks in daylight. After some discussion it was agreed to schedule the walk of the potential western entrance to Kirkwood Park for Friday, March 3 in lieu of a March Committee meeting. With the advent of Daylight Savings Time in March, the Committee should be able to tour trails in daylight at the previously scheduled meeting time for the meetings in April through October.
2. Trail Erosion Draft Scope Discussion. Kyle has procured a bid from Intuition & Logic in the amount of $5,600 to provide engineering services for the investigation of trail erosion issues. This bid covers only the study and not any subsequent remediation work. Curt explained that procuring engineering services for actual remediation work will be the second step after it is determined which trails are to remain in use. The Committee voted to proceed with the bid, with Jordan voting against the proposal. Kathy suggested contacting the Sierra Club, as they have in the past volunteered to study our trail system and make recommendations. Kyle will contact John Feldman of the Sierra Club. Kathy will contact Dave Tylka to see if he will assist us by marking sensitive plants in and near the trail areas.
3. Other Business. Ellen announced that Nate Wurtz joined the Trails Committee and will be present at future meetings.

 Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Next meeting **– Friday, March 3 at 12 Noon at the horseshoe pits on Rifle Range Road** for a trail walk in lieu of the meeting which had been scheduled for Monday, March 6.