

Minutes of the Meeting: December 1, 2022

Board members present: Brian Wetcher, JoAnn York-Gilmore, Kit Gerwels, Tabb Stringer, Nathan Schwarck

Staff present: Bob Vaux, Steve Phillips, Darby Jordan

Guests: Asa Dean, Ellie Kravets, Eric Shen

Meeting held in person and via Zoom and called to order at 6:02PM

Minutes: November minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Transition Fidalgo Update:

Eric Shen was in attendance to give a year end report and update on Transition Fidalgo. The slides from the presentation are attached at the end of these minutes for reference.

Public Comments:

None

ACFL Dams Update:

The Whistle Lake dam DOE grant has been submitted, and funding is highly likely. Bob continues to work with COA Engineering on this project. Steve and Bob completed the required annual inspections of the Whistle and Little Cranberry lake dams. Both still holding strong.

Friends of the Forest Update:

Asa shared that their annual benefit and fundraiser is done and it was a huge success. He said the team is looking ahead at the planning of 2023 programs such as hikes, school programs, water quality monitoring and having a high school intern again.

Parks Commission Report:

JoAnn reported on the Parks Board meeting, sharing the following:

The City is estimating it will cost approximately \$250,000 to repair the damage to the trestle. The Parks Foundation is handling the fundraising. The permits are in process with local, state and federal agencies. Materials are being ordered and there are not many delays at this time.

The City owns 2 pieces of property near Anacopper and Little Cranberry. The previous plan for these lots was to sell one in order to finance the building of a park on the other lot. There has been some interest from Habitat for Humanity in the land in order to build homes. The discussion will continue at a future Council meeting.

Grindline is working on completing the construction drawings for the skate park and staff is hoping to get this out to bid after the first of the year.

Pickleball continues to be popular in town and the players are looking for more places to play. Neighbors near the current courts are concerned about the noise and traffic.

ACFL Trail Committee Report:

Long time equestrian rep Geri Rubin has expressed an interest to step down from the committee, but still maintain her fantastic role as a communications coordinator for ACFL staff and the horse riding community. Tabb and JoAnn volunteered to work with Geri and Bob on finding a replacement for her.

Staff Reports:

Steve shared that the Cranberry Lake shoreline project planting sketches are complete, and the proposal will be going to engineering next for final plans. This is an area for kids and dogs.

Bob had nothing to add to his written report.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn at 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted by Darby Jordan

Transition Fidalgo Report:

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