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# Appendix A

## Goals, Visions, Action Statements and Recommendations of Current & Past Plans

Below is a summary of goals, visions, action statements and recommendations found in both current and past plans that were used as guides in the development of this Plan. The list below is not intended to be all-inclusive of every possible goal, vision, action statement and recommendation of the plans listed in this appendix, however, it is intended to provide the reader a way to quickly review the past plans and how the information in those plans was used as a basis for the development of this Plan. References to maps, tables or figures have not been included and anyone wishing to reference these items should refer to the original document.

### *Laramie Bikeway Study (December 1978) by Harman, O'Donnel & Henninger Associates, Inc.*

[Page 2] Purpose. The Laramie Bikeway Study provides the citizens of Laramie with a comprehensive framework for the on-going planning and implementation of a city-wide bikeway system. The system is meant to provide Laramie with an urban transportation alternative to be integrated with pedestrian, automobile, and public transit systems. Ultimately, it should significantly increase bicycle rider usage and reduce reliance on the automobile.

Rationale. Promote physical fitness and health benefits to existing and potential Laramie cyclists.

Make recreational, commercial, educational, and civic areas accessible to more city residents and provide a major linkage to these land uses.

Provide an alternative recreation resource to all Laramie residents.

[Page 4] General Planning Goals. Access: Provide a

bikeway system that encourages access to all key areas in the Laramie area.

[Page 12] The Bicyclist Destination Area map illustrates locations where bicyclists want to travel to, both in and adjacent to the study area. These locations are the key travel generators/destination points which were linked in the proposal plan.

[Page 18] Physical Features. The pedestrian oriented University of Wyoming Campus creates a recreational complex zone in the center of the city that offers special opportunities for bikeways in already auto-free zones of the community.

[Page 30] Recreation – Importance of Future Commuter Loops;

Questionnaire results indicated a strong preference and desire for recreational bike trips for individuals and families.

Previous planning and design studies have already been initiated toward implementation of a portion of a recreation bikeway loop.

Existing and future recreational and park facilities can be integrated within a special segment of the bikeway system.

A recreational system separated from major traffic arteries can provide unique recreational environmental amenities to Laramie cyclists.

A recreational loop can provide the framework for additional structured amenities for Laramie citizens: park facilities, neighborhood meeting areas, motocross facilities, racing facilities and track, etc.

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A recreational loop can provide the basis for landscaped open spaces integrated within existing and future developments.

The recreational loop can also provide fast transportation access to the major activity areas aligned along its route, such as:

Laramie Junior High School, Laramie High School, Recreation Complex/Golf Course, University veterinary facilities, old territorial penitentiary near Laramie River, existing and future shopping areas along Spring Creek, La Prele Park and proposed community parks near Laramie Junior High School and 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Spring Creek, hospital/commercial areas along 30<sup>th</sup> Street. The opportunity exists for expansion of the proposed loop to the north. The existing transmission line corridor can provide an ideal east-west linkage between 30<sup>th</sup> Street and the Laramie River corridor.

[Page 34] Recreation – Future Commuter Loop Locations;

Along the Spring Creek right-of-way from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to future 30<sup>th</sup> Street.

North along 30<sup>th</sup> Street (future linkage further north to transmission corridor).

West on Reynolds to McConnell Street at 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

West on McConnell Street to railroad access road.

North of railroad access, under Interstate 80 connector, until reaching the underpass at the Union Pacific Railroad and the lift station.

Under the railroad, and then south on access road until Sunny Meadows Mobile Home Park.

Through Sunny Meadows Mobile Home Park until Cedar Street.

South on Cedar Street, across Interstate 80, until access road west to the Laramie River corridor.

South on Laramie River corridor, crossing railroad, Highway 130- Highway 230, until south end of Hodgeman near Pine Street.

Dirt road extending from Pine Street, south to railroad crossing and across 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Spring Creek Channel.

[Page 38] Criteria. Before designating the appropriate bikeway facilities for the recommended corridors, the consultant team formulated the following specific criteria to be used in the determination of bikeway facilities. Three Classes: Class I – Bike Paths, Class II – Bike Lanes, Class III – Bike Route.

[Page 45] Bike Paths:

Environmental Corridors – Bike paths are recommended for the corridors along the Laramie River and Spring Creek areas.

30<sup>th</sup> Street – Bike paths are recommended along the west side of 30<sup>th</sup> Street.

Community Parks – Pathways at the various parks would provide additional recreational resources for cyclists and pedestrians.

Willett Drive – Since a wide right-of-way already exists in this area, and since the University has already expressed interest in its construction, a pathway is proposed along the north side of Willett Drive.

University/Campus Area – Paths which link other lanes and shared routes are recommended at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street/Ivinson Avenue corner and just south of the Physical Education Building (Corbett).

[Page 49] Prototypical Design Recommendations for Bike Routes (See Figures).

[Page 50] General Design Recommendations: drainage gates, manhole covers, driveways, railroad crossings, cattle guards, hazard markings, lighting, uniform signs and marking, landscaping, bicycle parking facilities, pavements.

[Page 54] Existing waterways or drainage courses as well as other recreation corridors should be designed to allow the construction of bikeway facilities.

[Page 55] Recreation facilities within new developments (swimming pools, golf courses, open space areas, etc.) as well as recreation areas adjacent to the development

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should be connected by bikeways.

[Page 55] Specifically designed and approved bicycle parking facilities should be provided at all park, recreation, and open space areas.

[Page 64] Bikeway Route Map – As bikeway routes are designated, it is useful to develop a map showing route locations. Such a map would increase ridership on existing routes and promote awareness of the bikeway system in general. The bikeways committee could distribute this map free or at cost to interested parties.

*Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space (June 1982), by Key and Company*

[Page 1] The Comprehensive Plan for parks, recreation and open space will function as a policy guide for providing leisure services and parks to citizens of Laramie that are consistent with perceived needs and the practical ability of the City to deliver such services. Major space resources (lands and facilities) are identified in the context of a reasonable and prudent level of parks and recreation service to be provided by the City.

[Page 2] Laramie stands at the threshold of a challenging opportunity to improve and expand its park and recreation system. Success in this endeavor will have a dramatic positive influence on the environmental quality of the community and on the lifestyle of its citizens.

[Page 3] The parks and recreation system must be compatible with the larger set of environmental and cultural influences present in the community.

[Page 5] Weather greatly affects outdoor recreation participation patterns. Laramie's harsh winters combined with unpredictable spring and fall weather make for unreliable outdoor activity periods.

[Page 5] Study Area Composition. Deals with factors that determine the limits of our parks and recreation facilities.

[Page 9] Laramie is confronted with an opportunity to favorably influence the river's future by developing an open space protection program based upon a combination of acquiring land and regulating land use within the corridor.

[Page 10] The present day recreation user has more sophisticated expectations for leisure time pursuits. Recreational interests such as walking for pleasure, nature study, and amateur photography were not important considerations twenty years ago, but today are increasing in popularity because of lifestyle shifts and greater ecological awareness.

In 1981, the University prepared an agreement to convey to the City 22 acres west of the river adjacent to their stock farm. The Laramie/Albany County regional planning office is actively planning for the area, as well as exploring possible funding alternatives. This report suggests that a protected corridor of open space along the Laramie River would result in these benefits to the community.

Benefits to the community of a protected corridor of open space along the Laramie River:

Point 3. A pleasant environment for walking, jogging, bicycling, and picnicking.

Point 4. Opportunities to observe an ecosystem in action; plan communities and wildlife habitat unique to the Laramie area could be studied as part of a recreation program or in conjunction with local school programs.

The corridor would be preserved and enhanced to provide wildlife habitat for the enjoyment of today's citizens and future generations. It would also contribute to a regional system of wildlife corridors.

Point 7. The Greenbelt could provide the City with its first large-acreage district park. Because of its existing native characteristics, the area could be a low-maintenance facility.

[Page 16] IV. Goals for Parks & Recreation Services

Improve the quality of life and physical environment of the city through its park and recreation system.

Provide park land acreage and recreation facilities adequate in extent and quality, conveniently located to serve the community.

Provide comprehensive, balanced recreation programming, available to all age groups in quality

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surroundings.

Preserve areas of open space which are significant because of their environmental or ecological features, or because of their contribution to the overall scenic quality of the community.

Achieve and maintain a sound financial base for parks and recreation services, both in capital improvements and operations.

Solidify and enhance community spirit through the parks and recreation program.

Reduce the City's dependence on outside resources for parks and recreation facilities.

[Page 17] Community planning standards for parks and recreation are intended to ensure rational distribution of lands and facilities so that services can be provided equitably and effectively. An approach to developing appropriate standards should recognize and be sensitive to Laramie's community characteristics rather than superimpose so called 'national standards' which may have limited practical value.

Park Size. These standards suggest a policy of acquiring park sites as large as possible in the categories listed above, and avoid parcels under five acres except under unusual circumstances. Marginal sites which are physically unsuited for park development should also be avoided. So called mini-parks and vest pocket parks are not recommended.

[Page 23] Convenience and accessibility to the users are important considerations in planning a community system of parks and recreation facilities. Neighborhood parks, in particular, should be well distributed throughout the community so that visitors can reach them by a brief walk or bicycle ride. This is especially meaningful for young children. The small scale amenities normally associated with neighborhood parks are best provided on a decentralized basis, in close proximity to residential areas.

However, at the community level, a different set of circumstances is at work. It is not economically sound nor socially desirable to scatter certain major recreation facilities around town on individual sites in the hope of locating something close to everyone.

[Page 25] By providing multiple opportunities at one location, significant economies of scale will ensue. Common parking, rest rooms, storage, plus centralized staffing and management will result in efficient operations and a highly attractive environment for community recreation. This will greatly enhance the quality of programs and the ability of the City to market those programs.

[Page 26] In summary, an expanded site totaling 30 acres for a community park and recreation center facility would be very desirable for this location (Junior High School & surrounding residential neighborhoods). The site offers excellent building sites for athletic fields and a recreation center, along with opportunities for the development of excellent passive recreation and landscaped areas.

[Page 35] The city has indicated a general commitment of approximately \$1 million per year to finance the proposed program of park and recreation improvements over a period of five years.

*Land Use Element (February 7, 1995) By Joseph A Racine & Associates, Consulting Planners*

[Page 17] Key factors in considering such requirements are the recognition of public parks and open space as a necessary public utility, important to the proper design of an urban environment rather than merely a luxury. Also, park requirements should be relative to the number of people expected to be served as well as the anticipated recreation needs of those people.

If parks are not acquired and planned in new areas, the opportunity for later acquisition and development is often lost.

[Page 50-52] Details how the look of our urban parks compare to mountain areas.

[Page 59] In areas where there is a shortage of parks, vacant land is sometimes used as an open space opportunity for the neighborhood.

[Page 79] In Laramie, the corridor north and south of the City along the railroad is best suited for industrial development due to its accessibility and the established industrial activities in these areas. Likewise, land in the City along the east side of the flood plain is suitable for

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these industrial uses as well, although care should be taken to avoid encroachment into the area planned for greenbelt preservation.

*Laramie Bicycle Facility Master Plan (May 28, 1998) by MSE-HKM, Inc. in association with Lord Consulting, LLC and Joanne Garnett, AICP*

[Page Exec 1] The Laramie City Council initiated this Plan to develop and encourage the use of alternative forms of transportation. Recognizing the formulation of a holistic and implementable plan requires broad-based input and support, a steering committee was formed as the lead entity for preparation of this master plan.

The vision of the master plan is to accommodate current bicycle use and to promote and encourage the increased use of the bicycle as an alternative form of transportation and for recreation, within the fiscal constraints of the City of Laramie.

The implementation plan, which is presented graphically on Plate 1, accomplishes the following:

- Identifies 26 miles of existing streets where lanes are to be installed over the next two years.
- Designates existing and future streets where bicycle lanes can be placed when the future street is constructed or an existing street is reconstructed to a standard that will accommodate bicycle lanes.

[Page 1-4 to 1-6] Types of Bicycle Facilities, especially focusing on Bicycle Lanes, Bicycle Paths and Bicycle Routes.

[Page 2-1] Needs Analysis. A bikeway system in Laramie would also accrue the following benefits:

- Promote a very economical transportation mode for those unable to afford automobiles. Much of Laramie's student population use bicycles now because of economic benefits derived from cycling.
- Promote physical fitness and health benefits to existing and potential Laramie cyclists.
- Reduce automobile bicycle safety conflicts.

- Make recreational, commercial, educational, and civic areas accessible to more city residents and provide a major linkage of these areas.
- Provide an alternative recreation resource to all Laramie residents.
- Encourage fuller utilization of the central business district.

[Page 2-5] Table 2-2: Candidate Bicycle Paths. Pages 2-8 through 2-9 describe each path in detail.

[Page 2-7] Table 2-3: Candidate Bicycle Lanes. Pages 2-10 through 2-15 describe the bike lanes and locations in detail.

*Laramie Comprehensive Plan (August 21, 2007) by City Laramie, Kendig Keast Collaborative, WWC Engineering*

[Page ii] A well planned city with high quality development, clean and inviting streetscapes, parks, and neighborhoods is desired. We want to ensure that the past is reflected in the future through the thoughtful conservation of the city's natural and historic resources.

We want to have access to a diverse array of pristine, undeveloped, natural areas and attractive, strategically located, well-connected parks. We want to benefit from healthy lifestyles and affordable recreation opportunities. We want access to an interconnected system of bikeways and trails with access to public lands. We want to have a variety of programs in arts, entertainment, recreation, and leisure available to explore. We want adequate sports facilities to meet the needs of our youth and adults.

[Page 1-1] The City is settled within the highly attractive Laramie River Valley, has near access to recreational resources, and greatly benefits from having a major university, all of which enhance its attractiveness for new businesses and residents.

[Page 1-3] Governmental programs of acquisition and renewal spanning a wide range of areas from acquiring land for parks to establishing redevelopment and reinvestment programs.

[Page 1-6] Parks and recreation: Provide adequate

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parcs and recreation for all segments of the population.

[Page 1-8] For example, several major new facilities were considered recently, including the recreation center and the conference center, neither of which were located in sufficient proximity to the city center to serve as an anchor use.

[Page 1-12] The challenge of this Plan is to ensure that there is an adequate distribution of parks across the planning area, thereby providing reasonable and convenient access to all persons. At the same time, there must be facilities and improvements within each park that meet the needs and demands of residents. This Plan must, therefore, evaluate the inventory of parks and plan to meet or beat national standards for communities of this size. This too, is a benefit for economic development.

[Page 2-4] Serving as a scenic backdrop to Laramie and a grand entryway corridor from the east, the Medicine Bow National Forest sits within the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, which together span over 2.2 million acres in Wyoming and Colorado.

[Page 2-11] Implications of Population Change: Use of local parks and recreation facilities and the demand for additional areas, facilities, and programs.

[Page 2-20] Since 1980, the population has increased at a faster rate outside of the city. This presents important growth policy considerations with respect to future fiscal consequences since those outside the city reap the benefits from their access to municipal facilities and services, such as parks, trails, and libraries, but do not share the tax burden associated with constructing and maintaining them.

[Page 3-3] Residents of Laramie cite its small-town atmosphere, access to quality primary and local higher learning institutions, plentiful parks, open spaces, and natural amenities such as the Laramie River, Laramie Range mountains, and Medicine Bow National Forest, and strong family values as its most valued assets.... This comprehensive plan must, therefore, translate these intangible values into future development and growth strategies so that future decisions enhance these important community values.

[Page 3-6] The restoration of natural areas, such as wetlands, creeks, and vegetated lands within protected open spaces or parks can also serve as a catalyst for economic development. Similar to the attractiveness of the park and open space along Spring Creek, there are similar opportunities along the Laramie River and other natural features to give public focus rather than abutting the rear lots of adjacent development.

Numerous comments were received regarding the desire for more green space integrated as an amenity into development.

[Page 3-7] Preservation of open spaces is also of high value to community residents who view it both as a means to protect and enhance community character and as a way to provide for recreational opportunities or other public purposes.

[Page 3-8] Increased open space can be achieved by delineating more suburban districts (proposed to have 35 percent open space) on the land use plan as well as increasing to 20 percent the amount of required open space in the auto urban districts. Doing so will allow land to be set aside within development, which may either be improved open space for parks and trails or unimproved space that is preserved as the native landscape.

[Page 3-12] Also of significance to the future of downtown is the means of access to, and circulation within, the immediate area, including vehicles as well as bicyclists and pedestrians. A relevant issue is the decision regarding the location of the railroad overpass. There are several alternatives but the two most considered are those on one or both Clark Street and Harney Street.

[Page 3-15] There are several models of highly attractive and notable structures and properties that contribute to the character of the community. For instance, the new recreation center, downtown, several campus buildings, the parks and trail system, and other individual buildings and neighborhoods are local landmarks that communicate to the public a message of community pride and heritage.

[Page 3-22] Development of areas along the Laramie River, Spring Creek, Pioneer Canal, and other

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watercourses and their riparian areas shall be sensitive to the environment. Development shall not occur within the floodplain unless there is compliance with stringent floodplain management practices to maintain adequate capacity for storage and conveyance of flood waters.

The Aquifer Protection Zone, spring and wellhead areas, floodplains, wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive or valuable areas shall be reserved as natural areas and “greenbelt” preserves for wildlife and recreation, whenever possible, and used as open space buffers between incompatible land uses, whenever appropriate.

Space shall be maintained adjacent to each natural drainage course so as to facilitate future development of walkways and trails. Any drainage structures, bridges, or other improvements shall be designed to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists, either by allowance for adequate head room, a widened pavement section, or mitigation of barriers.

Each of the ridgelines, particularly those in close proximity to the community, shall be protected from encroachment of incompatible development that may be harmful to the overall community character. View-shed protection standards should be in place to establish necessary setback and other dimensional requirements.

Development form shall be such that neighborhoods are highly walkable, meaning there is a mixture of use within convenient distance such that automobiles are not essential. Appropriate standards must be in place to ensure the compatibility and visual cohesiveness of mixed use development, with provisions for buffering and impact mitigation.

[Page 3-23] Redevelopment of the brownfield sites shall consider the nature and character of the existing adjacent development, with adequate provisions and precautions so as not to cause undue impacts or burdens. Where feasible, consideration should be given for reuse as public open space.

[Page 3-25] Amend zoning ordinance provisions requiring designation of permanent conservation easements for the required open space areas. Alternatively, all or a portion of these areas may be

dedicated to the City to comply with parkland dedication requirements (Chapter 4, Parks and Recreation).

[Page 3-26] Annex the land encompassing the ridgeline to the north of the community running north of the Indian Paintbrush Elementary School, Alta Vista Subdivision to the W Hill area, to enact development control of this important community view-shed.

Amend the zoning regulations to incorporate ridgeline development standards to protect the ridgeline from incompatible development that would breach the horizon and permanently alter this vista and natural asset.

Investigate the legal authority of the City and/or County to regulate public utilities, including wind generation farms. As necessary, coordinate with the State to determine what role they or the City or County may have in establishing placement criteria as it relates to the public interest. This may include annexation, zoning regulation along with other applicable rules.

[Page 3-27] Amend the following planned unit development (PUD) standards:

Rather than a flat 20 percent open space requirement, the required ratio of open space should correspond to the increase in density, which secures the character of development.

Develop density bonus to encourage the use of a PUD and to encourage greater open space, which effectively compensates the landowner with higher development efficiency.

[Page 3-30] Coordinate with WYDOT along the I-80 corridor to establish a greenbelt corridor, which may be used for landscaping, berming, and walls to improve the “front door” appearance of the community and to act as a noise barrier.

Establish more significant gateways at each of the community entranceways. Gateway treatments should include large permanent monuments, extensive landscaping leading to and around the entry point, lighting, a boulevard road section (where possible), well-manicured open space, and textured or patterned pavement. All of the overpasses

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and interchanges at Grand Avenue, Vista Drive, 30<sup>th</sup> Street (future), U.S. 287, State Highway 130/Snowy Range Road, State Highway 230 and Curtis Street offer opportunities for right-of-way landscaping and enhancement, in coordination with the Wyoming and U.S. Departments of Transportation. The improvements at each interchange could be underwritten or sponsored by a public agency or organization.

[Page 3-31] Prepare West Laramie revitalization plan that would address infrastructure improvements such as streets, sewer, water, parks and public services, beautification, sidewalks and economics.

[Page 4-1] The purpose of this Parks and Recreation chapter is to determine the community's current and future needs for improving its existing parks and providing adequate areas and facilities to meet its immediate and long-term needs.

[Page 4-23] Completion of a Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan. Within the Plan, the goals and action statement in the Laramie Comprehensive Plan shall be further developed. Development of this Plan should not inhibit any of these goals or action statements from being developed but should further plan and aid these goals and action statements. Additional and more specific goals shall be developed with the completion of the new Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan (Map 4.4 Bicycle and Trails Master Plan, Map 4.5 South and East Laramie Trails Master Plan).

Establish new neighborhood parks and open space in conjunction with future developments. Parks should accommodate new residential development as well as supplementing those areas that are lacking parks service. The City of Laramie should attempt to achieve a standard equal to or higher than the national standards for parkland acreage and recreational facilities.

[Page 4-23 to 4-25] Acquiring and developing new parks can be difficult. Achieving a system of neighborhood and community parks that is uniformly distributed may be accomplished in several ways, including:

[Page 4-23] Pre-development acquisition. The City should continue to identify opportunities to

acquire desirable tracts that are favorably situated to accommodate expansion of the park system.

Land donation requirements concurrent with subdivision approval. Developers should be required to set aside five percent of an intended residential development site's area for improvement as a future park that would serve the newly established neighborhood. At the Preliminary Plat stage of the project, planning for a park should be explored by looking at location as well as other factors. Requiring the dedication of park land concurrent with a final plat or a development site plan is a sound method to assure adequate park areas are consistent with the demand and impact placed on the public parks system by new development. For overall project sites smaller than 100 acres (i.e., the resulting park site would be smaller than five acres), a fee comparable to five percent of the site's market value should be provided to an established City trust fund, and earmarked for future land acquisition in the vicinity of the proposed development.

[Page 4-24] Developer impact fees. In addition to the land donation requirements stated above, developers should be required to pay an impact fee based on new residential units in order to fund the actual improvements of parkland. Collection of this impact fee would occur during the building permitting process, prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

Public/private partnerships, donations, and other strategies. Just as universities, hospitals, and cultural institutions systematically pursue individual and corporate donations, the City of Laramie should promote opportunities to receive donations and bequests of land. An excellent example of such a bequest is the "Turner Tract" property, which was donated to Laramie two generations ago. As with the Turner property, however, it is important that properties be received with "few or no strings attached" to enable flexibility in development planning and possible sale of less-favorably situated parcels.

Development Code Updates. Use of the new Unified Development Code to establish processes to address acquisition of park land and trails.

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Funding Sources. The City will need to rely on other funding measures for full development of a parks system. Donations, bonding, taxes and capital budgeting must be evaluated and considered in an effort to develop a parks system set out in this Plan.

Reuse of existing brownfield sites as public open space or as some other recreational site.

Develop standards that aid the City of Laramie and other entities such as schools, private companies and others in an attempt at shared facilities. These standards can increase recreational opportunity without high costs.

Identify a location for a new city cemetery site. Capacity at the existing site will be maxed out in 10-15 years (Map 4.3, Proposed Park Facility Expansion Areas). Sites identified are only possible locations. Only one location would need to be selected depending upon the size.

Work with local interest groups and volunteers in helping develop, maintain, improve and extend our local parks and trails.

[Page 4-25] Acquire and develop trail locations shown on Map 4.4, Bicycle and Trails Master Plan and Figure 4.3, Trail Development to the East, Map 4.5 South and East Laramie Trails Master Plan.

Extension of the Greenbelt eastward from the intersection of the Laramie River and Curtis Street along Reynolds and Harney Streets to the athletic fields complex.

Connect the Greenbelt and trails to adjacent neighborhoods and parks as well as provide more trailheads.

Extension of the Greenbelt westward from the intersection of the Laramie River and Curtis Street to Welsh Lane and Highway 130.

Continuation of the Greenbelt along the Laramie River southwest to the Monolith Ranch river access point and further to the end of the Monolith Ranch property.

Extension of the Greenbelt along the river northward

from Curtis Street to the Union Pacific railroad crossing.

Tie in locations for the Greenbelt to the BP/Amoco site should be considered, especially if this site is developed for parks or open space land in the future.

Completion of the Spring Creek trail.

A new trail built in conjunction with the Bill Nye Avenue corridor street project. This trail will serve as a major east-west pedestrian and bike route from the future Turner Tract development to Third Street.

Continued maintenance of the east-west abandoned railroad right-of-way that goes under I-80 near Van Buren. This site could provide necessary access under I-80 for bikes or trail.

A new trail developed south of Interstate 80, along a creek bed, linking to the existing Valley View, Country Meadows, Sherman Hills, Laramie Plains, and Imperial Heights neighborhoods at the far southwest edge of the City. Limitations on linear expansion to the south and west are imposed by I-80, the railroad tracks, and the Laramie River. As new crossings are exceptionally costly, continuing attempts must be made to secure separated trail/walkway rights-of-way or easements for all current and future crossings.

Maintenance/Improvement of Adams Street trail.

Development of trails found in Figure 4.3, Trail Development to the East.

[Page 4-26] Mark and stripe bike lanes throughout the City along with extra wide curb lanes on local, arterial and collector streets. Laramie's exceedingly wide residential streets present an ideal opportunity for reconfiguration and striping.

Routine maintenance such as repainting, snow removal and sweeping for debris must be incorporated so bike lanes and trails are safe and useable throughout the year.

Continued assessment of trails system should be done. The remaining components of the trail and bike network should be based on actual usage of the system.

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The system of off-street bike and walking trails should be designed and constructed in compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Portions of the BP/Amoco brownfield site near the Curtis Street crossing of the Laramie River should be evaluated for its potential for open space or as a recreational opportunity.

Identify if the Mountain Cement and Union Pacific sites south of Interstate 80 at the Laramie River could provide areas of open space near the Laramie River Greenbelt.

Undeveloped area along Spring Creek immediately east of the Third Street entrance to Laramie. Acquisition of this land would enhance the greenbelt along Spring Creek and would improve the appearance of this important gateway to the City.

Areas along and at the top and bottom of the ridge at the northern border of Laramie should be protected through easements, strategic land acquisitions, and the adoption of zoning amendments that would establish greater yard restrictions and development standards on ridgelines. This would preserve existing clear sightlines to the Laramie Mountains.

Areas within the one-mile boundary should continue to have undeveloped open space so preservation of the rural atmosphere of this area can be preserved. Having undeveloped areas within the one-mile boundary should help keep the small town and independent feel of the community while discouraging sprawl.

Areas considered to be “sensitive” (i.e. aquifer protection area, floodplains, ridgelines, unique features, etc.) should be protected or reserved as open space when these areas are contained within developments or should be set aside before development occurs through purchase, transfer of development rights, overlay zones or through other methods.

Provide and identify areas on the Monolith Ranch property for open space and recreational activities (Map 2.1, Monolith Ranch).

[Page 5-3] Good neighborhoods share a number of key

traits, including a pedestrian-friendly environment, community focal points, access to services without the need to travel by car (although the option is certainly available), mixed housing that caters to different socioeconomic classes, distinguishable community character, narrow residential streets, and community oriented architecture.

[Page 5-9] Residents have come to realize that amenities play a very large role in the quality of life they can expect to experience in a community. Parks, recreation areas, open spaces, community centers, swimming pools, tennis courts, and connecting sidewalks are features that should be common. Each of these comes with a price tag and diminishes affordability.

[Page 5-23] Promote investment and infill in established residential neighborhoods. Items such as improving the availability and access to local parks, schools, and other public facilities as well as maintaining and improving neighborhood amenities such as sidewalks and street lighting.

[Page 6-7] Maintain water rights to provide for future expansion by adhering to the 2004 Monolith Ranch Water Rights Management Plan. The Monolith Ranch Water and Agricultural Plan should continue to be followed.

Develop the Monolith Ranch Recreation Plan. This plan could be done in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

[Page 6-8] Research and consider using raw, untreated water or grey water systems for irrigation of landscaping. Other methods of water conservation should be considered.

[Page 6-9] Adopt a Spring Creek channel maintenance plan. Subsequently, educate the public on the benefits of the plan.

[Page 7-4] The development standards will be developed in concert with the Albany County Comprehensive Plan and may include improvements above those of present County standards such as paved streets, water and sewer distribution systems (private or public) dedication of easement, parks, trails, among many others.

[Page 7-9] Improve parks level of service where current

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levels are inadequate.

Provide plans for parks and recreation areas as well as police, fire and emergency management services and solid waste collection concurrent with new development.

Establish a capital improvements program or other means of providing needed infrastructure or services. This includes other capital facilities including police, fire/rescue services, libraries, schools, and parks.

[Page 7-10] Coordinate with Albany County to encourage preparation and implementation of a plan and standards that manage development within the one-mile planning jurisdiction, consistent with the growth guidelines of this Plan. Standards may include infrastructure such as streets, water and sewer along with services such as schools, police, fire, parks and trails. Standards in this area should be at a level of improvement high enough for eventual annexation.

Provide adequate land for 20 years of development, based upon a target population of 33,830 persons. This should include sites for all types of development, open space, recreation and public buildings among other land uses.

For areas outside the City limits, but inside the one-mile boundary, higher development standards such as paved roads, water, sewer, dry lines, parks, trails or other improvements may be required.

Prohibit development in wetlands. If development is to occur where wetlands are located mitigation measures should be taken to preserve wetlands on the property. Alternative wetlands should be set aside as open space if development occurs.

[Page 7-11] Explore transfer of development rights for areas determined to be “sensitive.” This option can provide alternatives to development in specific areas while compensating for the loss in development.

[Page 8-2] Transportation arteries provide opportunities for linear connections via sidewalks and/or bicycle trails, which complement the parks and recreation system.

[Page 8-16] Update the current trail plan to include the recommended new and extended trails identified

in Chapter 4, Parks and Recreation. A comprehensive review and update of this parks plan is necessary to conform to the new Master Plan.

Stripe, re-stripe, sign and maintain streets designated as bike lanes. Bike lane locations should follow the bike and trail plan layout. Maintenance issues such as snow removal and regular street sweeping should be considered. These maintenance issues should also be applicable to sidewalks and trails.

Perform a condition inventory of sidewalks/bike lanes/trails to assess condition and maintenance requirements, especially in areas with high pedestrian traffic. Programs and Capital Improvement Programs should be used to repair areas in disrepair based on City standards.

[Page 8-17] Make use of the current access easements located along Spring Creek Drive to improve access to the proposed trail along the creek.

Implement pedestrian safety improvements within neighborhoods through updates in Code. Areas to include are schools, parks and churches with improvements like signage and raised crosswalks.

Perform a barrier analysis to identify significant barriers for safe and convenient use of the pedestrian infrastructure system.

Displayed in Figure 8.6, Viaduct Walkway, is the pedestrian area crossing the existing Clark Street Bridge, which is in deteriorating condition, unprotected and too narrow. Consideration must be given to a wide, protected pedestrian way on a new viaduct bridge no matter the location.

Include requirements within the subdivision regulations as to the installation of bicycle racks at all commercial developments over 5,000 square feet of gross floor area and for businesses employing more than 10 persons.

Continue maintenance and use of the Garfield Street Footbridge as a bike and pedestrian bridge which connects the west side of Laramie to the east side of Laramie. In addition this bridge serves as a focal point for the downtown.

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Consider maintenance and necessary reconstruction of the Clark Street Bridge for ongoing use as a pedestrian and bicycle cross-over of the railroad between Laramie and West Laramie. While this would require a substantial investment, at the same time, it would foster improved accessibility and convenience.

[Page 8-17] Research the available sources of funds relating to railroad crossing safety as well as pedestrian, bicycle, and other transportation improvements, including following:

National Highway System funds may be used to construct bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways on land adjacent to any highway on the National Highway System, including Interstate 80.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) added the modification of public sidewalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act as an activity that is specifically eligible for the use of these funds.

High Priority Projects and Designated Transportation Enhancement Activities identified by Section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU include numerous bicycle, pedestrian, trail, and traffic calming projects in communities throughout the country.

Title 49 U.S.C. (as amended by SAFETEA-LU) allows the Urbanized Area Formula Grants, Capital Investment Grants and Loans, and Formula Program for Other than Urbanized Area transit funds to be used for improving bicycle and pedestrian access to transit facilities and vehicles. Eligible activities include investments in pedestrian and bicycle access to a mass transportation facility that establishes or enhances coordination between mass transportation and other transportation.

[Page 8-18] SAFETEA-LU also created a Transit Enhancement Activity program with a one percent set-aside of Urbanized Area Formula Grant funds designated for, among other things, pedestrian access and walkways, and bicycle access, including bicycle storage facilities and installing equipment for transporting bicycles on mass transportation vehicles.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds may be used for either the construction of bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways or non-construction projects (such as maps, brochures, and public service announcements) related to safe bicycle use and walking.

Ten percent of Wyoming's annual STP funds are set-aside for Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEAs). The law provides a specific list of activities that are eligible and this includes provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists, and the preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian and bicycle trails)."

Another ten percent of Wyoming's STP funds are set aside for the Hazard Elimination and Railway-Highway Crossing programs, which address bicycle and pedestrian safety issues. The State is required to implement a Hazard Elimination Program to identify and correct locations which may constitute a danger to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Funds may be used for activities including a survey of hazardous locations and for projects on any publicly owned bicycle or pedestrian pathway or trail or any safety-related traffic calming measure. Improvements to railway-highway crossings shall take into account bicycle safety.

Recreational Trails Program funds may be used for trail projects. Of the funds apportioned to the State, 30 percent must be used for motorized trail uses, 30 percent for non-motorized trail uses, and 40 percent for diverse trail uses (any combination).

Provisions for pedestrians and bicyclists are eligible under the various categories of the Federal Lands Highway Program in conjunction with roads, highways, and parkways.

National Scenic Byways Program funds may be used for construction along a scenic byway of a facility for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Job Access and Reverse Commute Grants are available to support projects, including bicycle-related services, designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible

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low-income individuals to and from employment.

[Page 8-19] Pedestrian and bicyclist safety remain priority areas for State and Community Highway Safety Grants funded by the Section 402 formula grant program. Wyoming is eligible for these grants by submitting a Performance Plan (establishing goals and performance measures for improving highway safety) and a Highway Safety Plan (describing activities to achieve those goals).

Research, development, demonstrations and training to improve highway safety (including bicycle and pedestrian safety) is carried out under the Highway Safety Research and Development (Section 403) program.

Federal/State Matching Requirements. In general, the Federal share of the costs of transportation projects is 80 percent with a 20 percent state or local match. However, there are a number of exceptions to this rule, including: Federal Lands Highway projects and Section 402 Highway Safety funds are 100 percent Federally funded; Bicycle-related Transit Enhancement Activities are 95 percent Federally funded; Hazard Elimination Projects are 90 percent Federally funded; Bicycle-related Transit Projects (other than Transit Enhancement Activities) may be up to 90 percent Federally funded; Individual Transportation Enhancement Activity Projects under the STP can have a match higher or lower than 80 percent; and states with higher percentages of Federal Lands have higher Federal shares calculated in proportion to their percentage of Federal lands.

[Page 8-21] Complete a comprehensive transportation study relating all modes of transportation; public, private, non-motorized, motorized, air, interstate and rail. The study should focus on prioritization of improvements, standards, and recommendations, in addition to accomplishing goals listed in this chapter.

[Page 9-10] With improved technology and advanced means of communication, companies now place an even higher priority on quality of life in choosing their business setting. Therefore, while the availability of sites and buildings, adequate infrastructure, skilled labor force, and incentives remain vitally important to the location and investment decision, factors such

as housing availability and affordability, quality of schools, proximity to higher learning institutions, recreational opportunities, access to medical services, and community appeal have become increasingly important.

[Page 10-12] Restrict floodplain areas to agricultural, recreation, open space or other low density uses. Setbacks from stream corridors and floodplains can be written into a zoning ordinance. This may suffice to restrict development in the floodway and adjacent to a stream. Development should be restricted from potential flood zones.

[Page 10-15] Provide bicycle and pedestrian education in an effort to inform the public who use the roads, about traffic laws and regulations when it comes to bicycles and pedestrians.

[Page 11-10] Continue to follow recommendations found in Chapter 4, Parks and Recreation as well as completion of a Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan. Special attention should be given to roads, trails and sidewalk designs that accommodate bikes and pedestrians and encourage pedestrian or bike only systems separated from road infrastructure.

Continue to follow recommendations found in Chapter 8, Transportation. Recommendations related to alternative transportation modes should be concentrated on.

Develop neighborhood plans in an effort to encourage livable communities.

Continue participation in the Tree City USA program.

[Page 11-11] Recommend and consider additional overlay zones that encourage resource conservation (i.e. critical environments, scenic areas, wildlife migration routes and winter ranges).

Require an environmental analysis report for development areas identified as areas of concern.

Identify sensitive areas that would benefit from setback measures and implement specific setbacks for identified areas based on expert advice.

Create incentive programs such as transfer of

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development rights and density bonuses for redirecting density away from sensitive areas.

Develop an impact fee to be used as a disincentive for developing in sensitive areas.

Develop tax incentives to encourage land owners to donate lands or place lands in conservation easements.

Identify areas of sensitivity in need of protection.

Implement Chapter 4, Parks and Recreation goals and action statements, especially those related to parkland dedication and in-lieu of fees.

Parkland and open space should be developed in an effort to protect wildlife corridors and habitat.

Create a tax/mill increase, where proceeds would be used to purchase open space, conservation easements and other lands.

Develop a Land Conservation Master Plan or incorporate the ideas related to land conservation into the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan.

Develop alternative forms of outdoor recreation within the City such as camping and biking.

Implement recommendations found in Chapter 7, Urban Growth more specifically related to the development limitation areas that recommend protection of view-sheds, wetlands, Casper Aquifer Protection Area, floodways, flood plains and riparian areas.

[Page 11-12] Develop a grey-water system to water open space and parklands.

[Page 11-13] Development of an environmental / conservation education program.

[Page 12-2] Components of the Plan, including the Future Land Use Plan, and Parks and Recreation Plan should be used during the development review process, as well as during any decision-making related to investments in community infrastructure and the provision of municipal services.

[Page 12-11] An increase in the required open space,

based upon the character of the district. For instance, a Suburban district will require a greater open space ratio within residential developments and landscape surface ratio within nonresidential districts.

Permit clustering and planned developments as a matter of right, with density incentives for the provision of greater amounts of open space.

Incorporation of resource standards for protection of the aquifer, ridgelines, valued open space, and natural features. A two-tier approach is recommended. First is to identify the resources and establish protection levels in terms of the amount of open space required for protection. Second is required clustering, with a density bonus to offset the loss in development yield. These strategies ensure protection is consistently achieved without penalizing the subdivider. Because there is a density incentive associated with clustering, the subdivider is rewarded rather than penalized for preserving a resource. It is more efficient to combine all resource protection into performance standards with a site capacity calculation that alerts landowners, purchasers, and developers as to the impact the natural resources have on the site. A site capacity calculation links the resources to the maximum density permitted on the site.

[Page 12-15] Develop a five-year capital improvements program that is tied to the urban growth plan, parks and trails plan, and other plans thereby allowing the City to assess its long-term infrastructure needs, and to stage improvements concurrent with growth.

[Page 12-16] This page includes an introduction that outlines the Plan development process, parks and recreation planning principles, and key community characteristics.

Develop a Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan that provides detailed inventory and prioritization of goals and objectives for the future and existing parks system.

A detailed inventory of all public, semi-public, and private areas, equipment, facilities and improvements in an accurate GIS parcel map and a corresponding database is advisable.

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Facility standards for the amount of acreage needed for the current and projected future population, along with standards for major facilities (fields, courts, pools, etc.) and individual improvements. National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) standards recommend between six and ten acres per 1,000 persons, which may be tailored for the community based upon user preferences, participation trends, and the availability of other public lands.

[Page 12-17] An assessment of need that essentially quantifies the added acreage needed to comply with the established standards. At the same time, comparison of the facility equipment standards against the inventory will identify gaps and needs generally and within each individual park.

*Casper Aquifer Protection Plan & Ordinance (June 3, 2008) by Wittman Hydro Planning Associates, Inc. (WHPA)*

[Page ii] New Contamination Sources - ...nutrient fertilizers and pesticides from lawn care.

[Page iii] Use best management practices to protect the Casper Aquifer.

[Page 53-54] Each wellhead (Zone 1) should have a 100-foot protection radius around each well for a conservative protection measure. This should include no development and limited access.

[Page 65] Potential Sources of Contamination: Storm water and urban runoff. Heavy metals, automobile fluids, pesticides and fertilizers are all contaminants found in storm water and urban runoff. Storm water and urban runoff are typically associated with parking lots, buildings, and roadways.

Potential Sources of Contamination: Agricultural land use: Waste from commercial concentrated livestock facilities and applications of fertilizers and pesticides pose a risk from agricultural land use to the Casper Aquifer.

[Page 76] Using education as a means of management of the aquifer makes people aware that their activities can pollute groundwater and in turn people may be more careful.

[Page 77] Land acquisition as a means to protect the aquifer is a means of management. Through purchase, donation, conservation easements, transfer of development rights, memorandums of agreement or understanding and land exchanges, sensitive lands can be held out of development thus protecting the area from adverse uses.

[Page 81] Purchase Zone 1 (wellhead protection areas) in the Casper Aquifer Protection Area.

[Page 82] Zone 1 should restrict all development except open space.

[Page 85] Prohibited Activity Table: Item #31 : Application of pesticides and herbicides which do not become non-hazardous within 48 hours of application or which are not applied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Prohibited Activity Table: Item #32: Application of fertilizer at greater than the agronomic uptake rate of the vegetation fertilized.

Prohibited Activity Table: Item #37: Commercial and home occupation/home business golf courses or intensely managed turf (golf course or driving range).

Prohibited Activity Table: Item #38: Commercial and home occupation/home business cemeteries.

[Page 125] Development of additional water sources focuses on two different sources: surface water and groundwater. Methods for developing surface water include adding pipelines from the Laramie River to the water treatment plant, pressurizing the pipes into town to handle the increase water supply, lining Pioneer Canal, or developing a non-potable irrigation system for City parks and golf courses.

*Albany County Comprehensive Plan (August 2008) by Winston Associates, Inc., ForeSee Consulting, McCool Solutions, LLC*

[Page 3] Enhancing county identity and retaining our character while still allowing growth, and providing recreation and economic development opportunities.

[Page 33] Land Use Categories. Open space and parks should be encouraged and allowed in all land use

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categories (See also Map 3.10, Future Land Use).

[Page 36] The Legacy Program (see Chapter 9): A series of actions to enhance county identity and retain our character while fostering recreation and economic development opportunities.

[Page 45] Irrigated and prime agricultural soils (soils with ratings 5 on the 1-8 scale with 1 being the best) are concentrated along the Big and Little Laramie Rivers, Rock Creek and other streams in the county. Although a small percentage of the landscape, these areas are extremely valuable and are often at great risk of being developed.

[Page 61] Agricultural land, geologic features, river valleys, and public lands compose a unique and special setting in Albany County. Open space is essential to the quality of life in the county and a key element to the vistas and wide open feel of western character.

Albany County is home to an active, outdoor-oriented population who value their county's scenic setting. Residents see open space as a key factor in determining the quality of life for themselves and in the county in general.

[Page 62] OS3 (Open Space Objectives). Construct or extend greenways to create open space corridors that provide non-motorized connections between neighborhoods and activity centers such as schools, parks and commercial areas.

OS4 (Open Space Objectives). Preserve existing recreational opportunities and develop new recreational facilities with cooperation of property owners and appropriate government agencies.

[Page 65] Preserving cultural resources is a part of maintaining community identity. Cultural resources also provide visitors a connection to the County's heritage and can increase economic development through heritage tourism programs. As the county grows, we need to maintain our ties to the past through preservation of its cultural resources.

[Page 66] 8.3 Cultural Resources Objectives

[Page 66] 8.4 Implementation

[Page 70] Wide open spaces, operating ranches, and beautiful scenery are part of what keep people here. A unique setting also appeals to new businesses and industries as an amenity to attract and retain employees.

*Unified Development Code (March 2, 2010; effective July 1, 2010) by Clarion Associates*

[15.08 – Page 14-15] Development within the Downtown Commercial Zoning District shall be exempt from the standards of section 15.14.070 to dedicate public open space (or to make cash-in-lieu payments). However, development shall provide one of the following: Payment to the City Tree Fund equal to 50% of the amount that would otherwise be required, payment to purchase and maintain street furniture or plazas equal to 50% of the amount that would otherwise be required or installation of street trees, spaced every 25 feet.

[15.08.040.A – Pages 23-36] Establishes the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone for protection of the City of Laramie's Municipal Water Supply. This section specifies the requirements for development within the overlay zone. Generally this section addresses why the area should be protected, where the protection area is, defines prohibited uses and outlines the requirement for development through the Site Specific Investigation process, among other requirements.

[15.08.040.C.2.h.(ii) – Pages 42-43] Within a Planned Unit Development, a minimum of 20 percent of the land total shall be retained as usable open space, the City may refuse ownership of any area and detention ponds do not count towards required open space.

[15.14.020 – Page 3] This section focuses on Natural Resource Protection. Within this section two sections are reserved for future completion; 15.14.020.C – Steep Slope Development and Ridgeline Protection

[15.14.020.D – Page 3] This section focuses on Ridgeline Protection. Currently this section has not been completed and if completed it may play a role in the parks plan related to Natural Resource Areas.

[15.14.060.F.2 – Page 51] Mid-block connections or access, is required for all blocks that are longer than 600 ft in length. This requirement increases pedestrian mobility through long blocks.

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[15.14.070 – Page 53-60] This section outlines requirements for providing parks and open space throughout the City. Outlined in this section are requirements for Public Park and Open Space Dedication and Fees In-lieu, Trail Linkages and Private Common Open Space.

[15.16.040.I – Page 4] Requirements related to platting of property and when reservation of property is required.

*University of Wyoming Long Range Development Plan (January 2010) by MIG, Inc., EMC Engineers, Fehr and Peers, Markus Lui & Associates, Architectural Illustrators, Paulien & Associates, The Scion Group, WWC Engineering, Volume 1*

[Page 12] During the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the University expanded east of 15<sup>th</sup> Street to include educational facilities, fraternity and sorority rows and dormitories along Grand Avenue, as well as athletic and recreational facilities.

[Page 36] Academic and research facilities, residence facilities, student service facilities, and athletic and recreation facilities define the primary districts of the University.

[Page 43] The location of the athletic and recreation facilities allows for ample parking and sharing of these facilities with the City.

Major Issues and Challenges. Student housing is separated from West Campus and is in need of modernization. There are limited safe and efficient routes for pedestrians and bicyclists that connect campus housing with other major land uses.

[Page 51] Bicycle facilities on campus include routes designated with signage, striped bicycle lanes with signage and off-street multi-use paths.

[Page 75] The recreation area is nearly 4.5 million square feet of East Campus. The vast majority of this land area is devoted to outdoor recreation fields with nearly 4.1 million square feet of space (91%). Approximately 380,000 square feet (8%) is devoted to parking and vehicular circulation with just 37,000 square feet (1%) covered by building footprints. The recreation area does not include the golf course which would add an

additional six million square feet.

[Page 87] Natural and landscaped open space should be integrated with new development as an organizing feature to promote social interaction, outdoor learning, recreation, sustainability and the overall campus ambiance.

[Page 88] The University should actively promote walking and biking on campus through the support of a more universally accessible, healthy and safe campus environment.

[Page 102] Athletic and recreation areas will continue to be located at the southwest and northeast corners of the Willett Drive and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection. This land use concentration also includes Jacoby Golf Course east of 30<sup>th</sup> Street.

[Page 106-113] Open Space Network

[Page 143] A new signature open space should be developed on Central Campus to the north. Similar to Prexy's Pasture on West Campus, the new site will serve to strengthen the prominence of Central Campus.

Fraternity Mall should be enhanced and redesigned to function as a true signature open space. Improvements should include safe pedestrian access with new sidewalks and paths, the redevelopment of Fraternity Row into a transit mall, redevelopment of Sorority Row into a promenade and relocation of existing parking.

*University of Wyoming Long Range Development Plan (January 2010) by MIG, Inc., EMC Engineers, Fehr and Peers, Markus Lui & Associates, Architectural Illustrators, Paulien & Associates, The Scion Group, WWC Engineering, Volume 2*

[Page 16] As a land use, athletics and recreation account for a large percentage of the overall land on the Laramie campus. The athletics area is just over 1.8 million square feet of land. Open space areas are also found within the athletics and recreation land use. When outdoor athletic facilities are included (such as the outdoor track and soccer field), open space and pathways account for the largest percentage of land at 41% of the total area (750,000 square feet).

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[Page 46] The athletics and recreation areas will continue to be located at the southwest and northeast corners of the Willett Drive and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection.

[Page 46] Expansions, renovations and redevelopment can provide opportunities to provide more active facades and ground floor activities to help activate athletic venues on non-event days.

[Page 52] Open space provides areas for social interaction and recreation, places to learn and study, as well as spaces for quiet reflection and meditation. Open space can also be developed to provide areas for active and passive recreation and intramural activities.

[Page 54] Landscape architecture was an integral component of the Plan, which established the configuration of major buildings around a quadrangle of open space: a classic design employed for university campuses across the United States.

[Page 59] Currently, the UW campus has a variety of different open space. These spaces can be natural, in an unimproved state or landscaped.

The formal open spaces on campus provide a strong organizational structure for the Main Campus and westernmost East Campus. Old Main Green at the southwest corner of campus provides a well-defined traditional campus edge along Iverson Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Hoyt Hall and is recognized nationally as a precious amenity. The conversion of Prexy's Pasture to pedestrian and bicycle-only traffic transformed UW from a campus where some people walked to a truly walkable campus.

[Page 65] The open space system will be connected by a well-defined network of paths, bikeways and streets. New buildings will frame and activate new open space while new pathways will lead to and through new plazas and other landscaped areas.

[Page 65-66] Signature Spaces. Based on evaluation of the existing open space system, there are five primary types of campus open space that form the open space hierarchy.

*A Downtown Development Plan for Laramie Wyoming (February 19, 2013) by Arnett Muldrow and Associates in partnership with*

*Orion Planning Group, Mahon Rykiel Associates and Community Design Solutions*

[Page 9 & Page 21]The Plan focuses on making connections between pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular, and parking traffic.

[Page 9] Examples include enhanced bicycle connections between the University of Wyoming and the rest of the community with bicycle and pedestrian friendly routes.

[Page 11] Creating downtown gateways along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Clark and Sheridan Streets is also a major focus which will include beautification areas with complete landscaping of trees and shrubs.

[Page 12] The plan identifies a key missing bicycle component between the downtown and University of Wyoming on Iverson Street. Iverson Street is identified as a priority for a bicycle lane.

[Page 13] Implement streetscape enhancements to complement the existing enhancements such as using larger tree wells to allow for more un-compacted soils and continue instillation of ornamental light fixtures.

Strengthen primary east/west connections between Downtown and the University of Wyoming through the creation of a strong edge between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street by extending the streetscape with trees, shrubs and lighting.

[Page 14] Additional key travel routes include University Avenue, Garfield Street, and Grand Avenue. The additions are similar to that of Iverson Avenue in that they are key linkages into the downtown and should include complete landscaping, shrubs and lighting.

[Page 19] Intersection enhancements will include streetscape improvements which may include bump outs, crosswalks, accent planting, public art, and wayfinding signs.

*Management Plan for Water Rights on Monolith Ranch (May 2004)*

*Monolith Ranch Agricultural Management Plan (May 2004) by Fassett Consulting, LLC, Mr. Paul Rechar, P.E. & L.S., WWC Engineering[ES-1] Primary management goal of the Monolith*

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*Ranch is to maintain water rights associated with the ranch, so that water capacity can be considered as part of the water portfolio for the City of Laramie.*

[ES-1] Manage water resources wisely and to use both sources as necessary to maximize total water resource utilization.

[ES-8] Maintain ownership and control over the water supply resources.

Maximize existing water supply assets and resources.

Preserve, protect and build upon existing water supply investments.

No new municipal water supply reservoirs are needed.

[ES-11] Maintain the irrigation operation to maximize crop consumptive use in the most productive lands.

*Medicine Bow National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (December 29, 2003) by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service: Rocky Mountain Region*

[Page 2] It designates land as suited or not suited for timber production (16 USC 1604(k)) and other resource management activities such as rangelands, and recreation opportunities (36 CFR 219.14, 219.15, 219.20, and 219.21). In addition, it identifies lands available for oil and gas leasing and the associated leasing stipulations (36 CFR 228.102).

[Page 3] Examples of project decisions that require more detailed environmental analysis: Developed recreation sites or trail construction.

[Page 4] The forest provides a wide variety of recreation activities, which play a major role in the social and economic environment of local communities. Activities such as hunting, snowmobiling, skiing, hiking, and camping all provide both social activities as well as contribute to the local economies.

[Page 7] Special Interest Areas are areas of local interest and are managed to protect or enhance their unusual characteristics. Six areas in the National Forest were identified in the 1985 Plan as special interest areas:

Ashenfelder in the Douglas Ranger District, for botanical values;

Cinnabar Park in the Laramie Ranger District, for botanical values; Dry Park in the Laramie Ranger District, for botanical values; Gambel Oak on Battle Mountain in the Brush Creek/Hayden District, for botanical values; Libby Flats Ribbon Forest in the Laramie and Brush Creek/Hayden Districts, for geologic and botanical values; and Medicine Bow Peak in the Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District, for botanical values. For the Plan Revision, a comprehensive analysis identified 21 additional potential special interest areas representing geologic, botanical, historical, scenic, or zoological values.

[Page 6] Recreation Opportunities.

[Page 9] Desired Conditions Common to all Alternatives. Alternatives A-F.

*Wyoming Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2009-2013*

Planning and Construction Section of Wyoming's Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources Division of State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails, Trails Section w/in Division of State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails, Wyoming Game and Fish Department

[Page 4] The 2009 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) serves as a guide for local, state and federal agencies in the development and provision of future outdoor recreation development. The purpose of this five-year (5) SCORP is to identify the outdoor recreation needs of the citizens and of visitors to Wyoming and to develop a program to address those needs.

[Page 6] Table 1.1 Distribution of land and water conservation funds in Wyoming.

[Page 15] The Continental Divide, separating the watersheds of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, passes through the Wyoming Basin. Three major river systems have their headwaters in the state. The Snake and its tributaries flow into the Columbia; the Green River flows into the Colorado; the Yellowstone, Big Horn, Wind, Belle Fourche, Laramie, Sweetwater and North Platte Rivers all flow into the Missouri.

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[Page 16] Southern Rocky Mountains include the Granite, Laramie, Sierra Madre, and Medicine Bow mountain ranges. The mountains are surrounded by the Green River, Washakie, Great Divide, and Big Horn Basins in the western half of the state and the Powder River, Shirley, Hanna, Laramie and Denver Basins in the eastern half of the state.

[Page 34] For communities with over 25,000 people estimated maintenance costs ranged from \$750,000 for Laramie to \$20,000,000 for Cheyenne. New construction costs were fairly consistent. Estimated costs for trails and green spaces ranged from \$250,000 for Campbell County to \$15,000,000 for Laramie. These financial numbers have increased dramatically over the last five years. This is most likely caused by a combination of dramatically increasing construction and staff costs created by the economic boom and increased revenue to spend on maintenance, construction and acquisition. Large expenditures are forecasted for community recreation programs relative to maintenance, rehabilitation, and new construction.

[Page 94] Ranking of Waterfowl Management Areas in Wyoming: 5) Upper North Platte River Waterfowl Management Area – Laramie Plains

[Page 98] Three National Wildlife Refuges (Hutton Lake, Bamforth Lake and Mortenson Lake) are located near Laramie, Wyoming. The USFWS recently completed the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for these refuge areas. The Laramie Plains is a priority acquisition area under the USFWS's Migratory Bird Land Acquisition Program, which was created to acquire duck breeding habitat of biological significance and is under the greatest threat of being destroyed.

The Laramie Plains are one of the State's major natural wetland areas, supporting exceptional productivity and natural diversity of wildlife. The area contains 5,500 acres of wetlands; most are privately owned. Lacustrine and palustrine wetlands are the predominant types.

### *Cirrus Sky Technology Park Master Plan (2012)*

[Page 6] To the east of the property lies the City of

Laramie's Casper Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone, an area encompassing approximately seventy-two square miles. This area is vulnerable to contamination from most types of development. The Casper Aquifer supplies approximately 60% of the City's drinking water and 100% to those homeowners that fall within the recharge area. Since 2002, the community has relied on the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan to protect this important water supply.

Along the south edge of the study area, a prominent ridge overlooks the entire community. The community would like to protect the appearance of that ridge by minimizing development along its edge.

[Page 14] Goals of the Future Land Use Plan: Incorporate existing natural features into the Plan.

Goals of the Future Land Use Plan: Extend the existing City trail system through proposed green spaces, along roadways and into developed areas providing a safe alternative to driving.

[Page 16] Natural Features: The study area includes several significant natural features that contribute to the character and visual interest of the area including: a ridge which forms the south edge of the study area; a pair of prominent hog backs/ridges at the eastern reaches of the study area; a meandering drainage way flowing between the hog backs extending to the northeast; and a sink, or closed drainage basin, that formed naturally east of 30th Street. The dominant landscape character is best described as "high plains grassland". Nearly all of the naturally occurring trees within the study area are found along the Laramie River corridor.

[Page 20] Proposed Park Facility Expansion Areas (See Map 4.3): Map 4.3 indicates that two public parks are needed and desired in the study area. One park should be a Community Park (~40 acres) and the other a Neighborhood Park (10 acre minimum). Note: an Ad Hoc Committee is presently examining future park and open-space needs in the City and vicinity, in preparation for an updated Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan; that Plan may modify these recommendations.

[Page 21] Bicycle and Trail Master Plan (see Map 4.4): This map illustrates future trail connections within the study area. At the time the Plan was developed, a

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“ridgeline” trail was desired and still is. However, with no enforceable code in place requiring construction of the trail, recent development proposals have reduced the possibility of a creating a continuous east/west trail along the ridgeline. A trail connection from 30th Street to 15th, 9th, or even North Highway 287 is still desired. Note: See note for Map 4.3. A principal landowner in the Cirrus Sky core area and the City have agreed that a trail connection along the ridgeline at the current north City boundary is an essential component of the project.

[Page 25] Street Design Overview: Principal Arterial-Asphalt Lane Road (East - West) – A 10-ft detached bike path on one side.

Street Design Overview: Secondary Arterial (30th Street (South – North) - A 10-ft detached bike path on both sides.

Street Design Overview: Commercial Collector (22nd Street and others (South to North) – One 6-ft bike lane in each direction.

[Page 26] Recommended cross sections for streets that incorporate vehicle travel lanes and bike lanes are found here.

[Page 27] Future Trails, Greenway and Parks: Pedestrian and bicycle trails should be extended throughout the study area providing an alternate means of transportation, linking to the Laramie River Trail, Spring Creek Trail, open space east of the City and to existing developed areas within the City.

Future Trails, Greenway and Parks: Greenways are planned along the ridge and the existing drainage way, providing trail links to public parks and to the surrounding residential and non-residential areas.

Future Trails, Greenway and Parks: A Community Park is illustrated as a possible feature, along with other uses, in the low area southeast of the future intersection of 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Asphalt Lane. The existing topography in this area poses some challenges for urban development, but is well suited for a park.

Future Trails, Greenway and Parks: Two Neighborhood Parks (10-acre minimum) are planned within the study area. One is located immediately southwest of the Phase I Site and the second is located northwest

of the future intersection of 45th Street and Asphalt Lane. Both parks are located within or in close proximity to existing and future potential residential areas.

Future Trails, Greenway and Parks: Land has been identified for an expansion of the existing baseball complex. The exact size, location, and programming associated with the expansion will be determined at a future date.

Future Trails, Greenway and Parks: A comprehensive network of on-street and off-street trails are planned with the study area. Off-street trails are generally located along proposed greenways and within existing power line easements. The trail system provides links to the City’s existing Greenbelt Trail system, including the Laramie River Trail and the Spring Creek Trail, and to trails within Albany County east of the City limits.

Future Trails, Greenway and Parks: Bike trails/lanes associated with Arterial and Collector Streets are planned as follows: Principal Arterial (Asphalt Lane) – 10 foot detached bike path on one side; Secondary Arterials (30th Street) – 10-foot detached bike path on one side; Commercial Collectors (22nd, 45th Street, etc.) – On-street 6- or 7-ft bike lane in each direction; Local Streets – bicyclist share roadway with motorists.

Future Trails, Greenway and Parks: Greenway trails are envisioned as multi-purpose trails made up of a 10’ wide paved surface and a 4’ wide soft trail.

[Page 30] Phase I Design Considerations: A greenway and trail will extend along the ridgeline at the south edge of the property within an approx. 100-foot wide corridor. “Private” trail connections, within the Cirrus Sky Tech Park, should be incorporated into future developments.

Phase I Design Considerations: Open up public spaces/provide accessible public open space. Public spaces in private developments are usually of higher quality than other public open spaces, but may not be accessible to the public at all times. Developers gain concessions for providing public spaces in private projects, so these areas should be clearly identified,

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and physically and visually accessible from the street. Public open space should also be provided at grade and linked to open space at upper levels. If it is not possible to provide a direct view of the public areas at upper levels, a clear wayfinding system should be provided.

[Page 34] Multiple regional detention areas located along an existing drainage located in the northern portion of the study area, which slopes from east to west with outfall into the Laramie River between WyoTech and the Cathedral Home for Children. A 30-inch culvert conveys the stormwater under WY Highway 287.

### *Turner Tract Area Plan - 2013*

[Page 1] The final Plan builds on the excellent civic and educational facilities that are already onsite while also maintaining open space and greenways, as well as promoting pathways for linking various land uses within the Tract.

...and continue recreation and civic uses as major anchors for the Turner Tract.

[Page 2] With the City Recreation Center and plans for additional recreational development, the City has created a community focus that currently anchors land use in this portion of Laramie.

[Page 4] Although drainage features take up developable land, they also present an opportunity to incorporate desirable visual features into landscaping and can be designed to double as open space and park areas.

[Page 5] Parks and recreation, open space and trails are a central feature of the Turner Tract. The Recreational Center is a focus both for existing residents and businesses as well as the City as a whole. Planned recreational development south of the Recreational Center along with the development of athletic facilities at the high school will continue to enhance the area as a recreational focus in the City. Trails and open space exist along Vista Drive, Bill Nye Avenue, Boulder Drive and Garfield Street. Plans for Grand View Heights will continue to emphasize trail connections and parks. All future development will be expected to continue the parks and trail system and eventually create non-vehicular connections to the rest of the City.

[Page 6] Critical to development in the northern and eastern portions of the planning area is the need to address possible impacts to the Casper Aquifer.

[Page 8] The Turner Tract Plan was intended to provide a conceptual plan for future urban development in southeast Laramie and a portion of the southeast Spring Creek drainage by guiding development of an approximately one-square mile property as a human-scale, multimodal, live-work district anchored by civic spaces and buildings. The area was proposed to become a major office employment, residential, and civic center.

Visions from the 2001 Plan: #1 Natural resource protection: Keep dense development away from the most sensitive areas. Protect and respect the natural topography and land features.

Visions from the 2001 Plan: #2 Accessible open space network: Develop a spine of interconnected natural features, parks and corridors, Provide multiple points of access, Establish trails and transportation links to outside the plan area, Utilize natural resource conservation and habitat protection, passive and active recreation, and pedestrian and bicycle trail system to meet multiple purposes.

[Page 9] Visions from the 2001 Plan: #5 Transportation alternatives to private automobiles: Provide safe, direct and convenient bicycle and pedestrian routes, Establish both on-street and off-street alternative mode systems.

To sum up the main points of the 2001 Area Plan, it was envisioned that the Turner Tract Area would be developed as a live-work district connected by an open space and trail network that took advantage of the area's natural setting.

The creation of a recreation center and ice arena was also a strong component of the Plan with these civic components serving as an additional anchor for future development. Other proposed land uses included public facilities and schools close to parks and open space, and non-strip style commercial development at a future I-80/30th Street interchange.

Another principle promoted an accessible open space network in Turner Tract that had a spine of interconnected natural features, parks, and corridors.

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[Page 10] A key land use that was encouraged in the 2001 Plan was the civic center anchor. This is probably the most successful component of the original Plan with construction of the recreation center and ice arena. Both facilities are highly used and draw residents from all over town as well as regionally for athletic events. Additional City owned land south of the recreation center is being reserved for future recreation development, possibly a shared facility with the future high school.

Open space spines that connect development areas have not been completed. However, the potential still exists to create linkages for connections between major land uses with plans for a multi-use trail at least along Bill Nye Avenue.

[Page 11] Open space was designated throughout the map, with a noticeable ability to connect land uses by use of what appear to be trails and paths. Recreation/civic uses were to be located in the north center of the map.

[Page 12] The ridgeline and slope areas need to be protected as development continues in the northwestern quadrant. Many believe that the multi-family project south of Garfield and east of 30th Street unnecessarily intrudes into the visual character of the slope above Garfield Street, and there is concern about the visual appearance of any new development on the hillside and ridge top of the westernmost property.

[Page 17] 2013 Vision: Establish links and connections to the rest of the community: Streets and non-vehicular trails will provide options for connecting to the rest of the community through a transportation system that includes vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles and future transit. As new connections are built, routes into and out of the Turner Tract will result in improvements to existing problem areas such as 30th Street and Grand Avenue.

Build civic anchors: The recreation center and ice arena have established the Turner Tract as a civic anchor for the entire community. The opportunity to build shared facilities between the City and the future high school exists which will further enhance this aspect. Parks and open space resulting from future development will continue to provide gathering places for area residents.

Open space remains a dominant feature providing for green areas that buffer land uses, are visually pleasing and provide pedestrian and bicycle linkage opportunities throughout the planning area and beyond.

[Page 18] Turner Tract Area Plan Map: Shows Recreation, Civic, Open Space/Parks and Trail connections.

[Page 19] Open Space – This designation identifies land that will remain as green space, pathways, trails, and other areas that are generally undeveloped. The open space areas provide visual relief from buildings, structures, roadways, and other built developments. They can be publicly or privately maintained.

Recreation – Recreation designated lands are facilities such as the recreation center and ice arena as well as developed parks and passive, undeveloped park areas that are open to the citizens of Laramie.

Turner Tract Future Land Use Designations: Recreation and Open Space is permitted in all zoning districts.

[Page 20] Policy 2: Market the Turner Tract as a mixed use neighborhood that offers a variety of uses and opportunities related to housing, employment, education, civic engagement and recreation and an easy connection to the rest of the Laramie community. Continue to establish linkages for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the Turner Tract that provides connections and options for travel between the different uses.

In addition to recreation, an approximate 2 acre site, with 200 plus feet of frontage on Boulder Drive, north of the high school may be available for office or similar low-impact uses.

In large residential developments, maintain hillsides as open space by allowing the density to transfer to other areas within the development. When hillsides cannot be kept as open space, limit residential development on hillsides to single-family densities.

All new road construction should include sidewalks on both sides of the street and shared use paths and bike lanes where appropriate to encourage walking and bicycling.

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All streets should be striped to clearly identify drive lanes and bike paths.

[Page 21] Open space areas should include trails that link destinations throughout the Turner Tract and to trails beyond.

Policy 6: Recreation and civic uses will continue to be a major anchor for the Turner Tract.

New development within the Turner Tract should provide connections that allow multi-modal access (paths, trails, roads, and sidewalks) to the recreation/civic center.

The vacant property between the recreation center and the school district property should generally be reserved for recreation use.

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# Appendix B

## Public Survey Results

The final technical report, “City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Survey, 2012” and all associated responses can be obtained by contacting the City of Laramie.

The survey found below was used by staff and the Ad Hoc Committee to collect public opinion on a wide range of issues regarding parks, recreation, trails and natural areas. Survey topics and general questions were developed by staff and the Ad Hoc Committee, which in turn were refined and administered by the University of Wyoming Survey Research Center.

The survey was sent in July of 2012 to 1,600 area citizens who live within the City of Laramie or within one mile of the City. Of the 1,600 surveys sent, 1,378 had valid addresses and 400 completed questionnaires were obtained, for a response rate of 29%. The final technical report, “City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Survey, 2012” and all associated responses can be obtained by contacting the City of Laramie.

The following is a summary of the key results from the WYSAC City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Survey, 2012. Each item noted below were identified by the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc committee as noteworthy and includes a page number in brackets that references the page on which the comment can be found in the WYSAC City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Survey, 2012:

[Page 11] Not surprisingly, parks are most often used in the summer (97%), followed by fall (81%) and spring (77%) and then a sharp decline in winter (31%). Respondents were allowed to mark every season they typically use parks, so a total of more than 100% is expected.

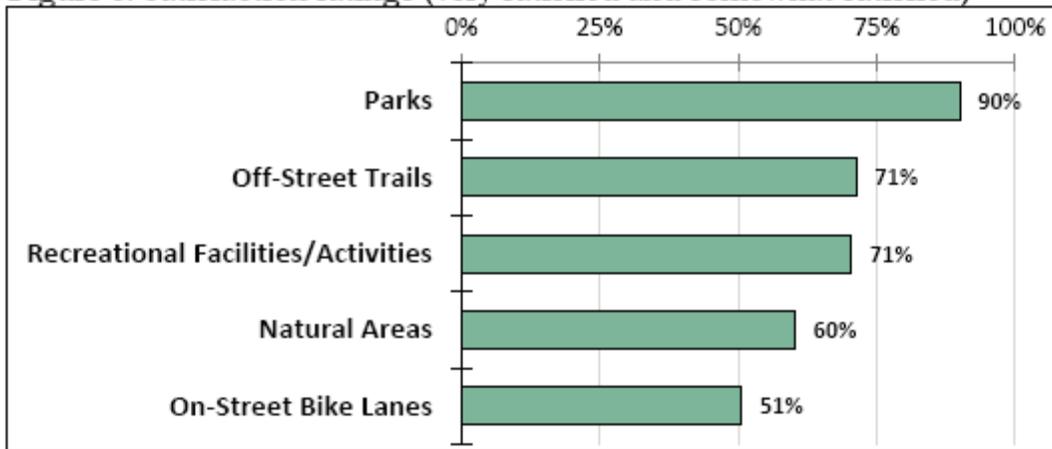
[Page 13] Those completing the survey were asked to select from a list the City parks that their household used the first, second, and third most within the last 12 months. When all data was combined, Washington Park is shown to be the most commonly used park by Laramie households, selected nearly 30% of the time. Both LaBonte and Undine Parks were next most commonly used by households, with each selected 15% of the time. No one from the sample selected either Jerry Ullrich or O’Dell Park as their first, second, or third most used park.

[Page 14] Residents who use City of Laramie parks were asked which park amenities they utilize. The most popular amenities were park trails (76%), followed by restrooms (62%) and park shelters/gazebos (61%). The three least frequently used amenities listed were Community Gardens (10%), Other (8%), and Skate Parks (5%).

[Page 15] The Recreation Center, Ice & Events Center, and UW Jacoby Golf Course are the recreation facilities most often used in the City.

[Page 16] Laramie citizens were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with five items covered in the survey and of particular interest to the Parks and Recreation Department. As shown in Figure 8 below, 90% of respondents indicated they were very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with parks, followed by 71% of respondents indicating satisfaction with both off-street trails and recreational facilities/activities. On-street bike lanes were rated lowest in satisfaction, but still over half of Laramie citizens indicated being very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with this amenity. Please see graph on next page.

**Figure 8. Satisfaction ratings (very satisfied and somewhat satisfied)**



running, biking or walking; sidewalks for accessibility; restrooms; playgrounds; park shelters/gazebos and drinking fountains.

[Page 24] Laramie citizens reported that personal vehicles (53.8%) were the primary means of getting to parks followed by walking (34%) and bicycling (11.1%).

[Page 16] Respondents were then asked to place a priority for funding allocations on the same five items. Figure 9 shows the percentages of those respondents indicating High Priority for each of the amenities. Most commonly listed as a high priority by Laramie citizens were parks (62%), followed by recreational facilities/activities (44%), on-street bike lanes (32%), off-street trails (26%), and finally natural areas (24%).

[Page 24] When asked the distance children under twelve years old are allowed to travel unsupervised to parks 58.3% of the respondents answered zero blocks, 30.2% answered four blocks, and 7.3% indicated eight blocks. Four blocks is roughly a quarter-mile and eight blocks is roughly a half-mile.

[Page 18] Laramie citizens were asked to indicate where they would like to see new parks and 18.8% of the respondents indicated they would like new parks in Service Area 6, 15.5% in Service Area 1, and 14.8% in Service Area 8.

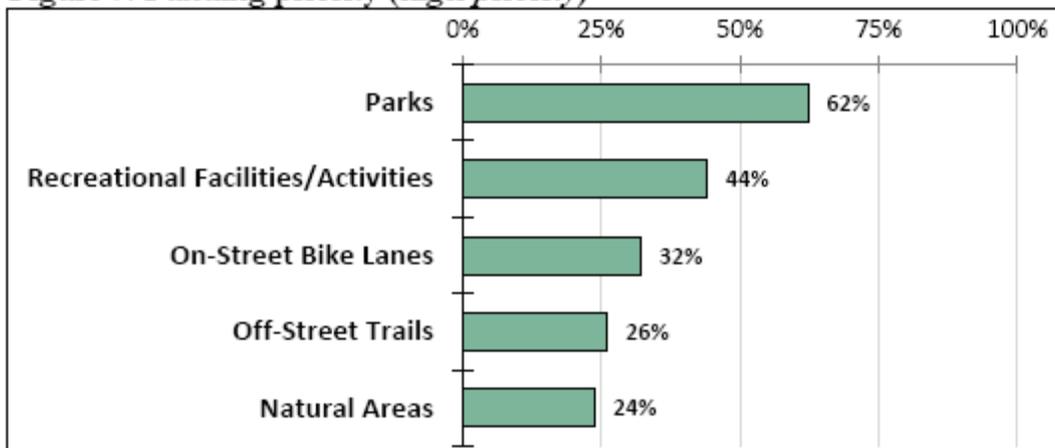
[Pages 34 - 35] When Laramie citizens were asked to prioritize funding allocations, City parks were ranked as a high priority at 62.4%. For off-street trails 26.2% indicated a high funding priority, and 32.2% indicated a high priority for on-street bike lines.

[Page 19] When asked if they or members of their household had visited a park in the last twelve months, 87.8% of Laramie citizens indicated that they had visited a park at least once.

[Appendix B] When asked reasons for using City of Laramie parks, an overwhelming number of respondents answered for exercising and walking dogs. Other popular responses revolved around children play facilities and personal exercise.

[Page 21] Laramie's most frequently used parks include: Washington Park 32.7%, LaBonte 15.3%, Undine 12.8%, Greenbelt Trail/Park 11.0%, and LaPrele 9.6%.

**Figure 9. Funding priority (high priority)**



[Page 23] The most common amenities Laramie residents would like to see in the parks include park trails for





8. Which of the following amenities have you used while at City of Laramie parks? (Mark all that apply.)

- Park Shelters/Gazebos
- Park trails for running, biking or walking
- Baseball/softball fields
- Dog Parks
- Basketball/volleyball/tennis/horseshoe courts
- Skate Parks
- Athletic Fields for various activities (e.g. soccer, lacrosse, Frisbee, football, archery, etc.)
- Community Gardens
- Restrooms
- Splash Pads/wading pools
- Playgrounds
- Drinking Fountains
- Sidewalks for accessibility
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9. What other amenities, if any, would you like to have access to at City of Laramie parks?

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10. What barriers or difficulties do you experience when using City of Laramie parks?

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\_\_\_\_\_

11. How do you MOST OFTEN get to City of Laramie parks? (Please mark only ONE response.)

- Walk
- Personal vehicle
- Other
- Bike
- Public transportation

12. If you have children under 12 years old, what is the maximum distance you would allow your child to travel unsupervised to get to a City of Laramie park?

- N/A - no child under 12
- 4 blocks (1/4 mile)
- More than 8 blocks
- 0 blocks
- 8 blocks (1/2 mile)

### TRAILS, PATHS, & BIKE LANES

Trails maintained by the City of Laramie include OFF-STREET trails and paths (such as next to Garfield St. and the Green Belt) as well as ON-STREET bike lanes (such as on 9th St. and Harney St.).

13. Have you or members of your household used OFF-STREET trails in or around the City of Laramie in the past 12 months?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / not sure

13a. If yes, did you use OFF-STREET trails for recreation, transportation, or both?

- Recreation
- Transportation
- Both

14. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to OFF-STREET trails/paths? (Mark all that apply.)

- Smooth and clean surface
- Separate lanes for bikers and walkers
- Overlook/observation areas
- Bicycle Racks
- Information/Way Finding signs
- Restrooms
- Linkage to City Parks
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Linkage to downtown and business districts

15. What barriers of difficulties do you experience when using OFF-STREET trails or paths?

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\_\_\_\_\_

16. Do you or members of your household ride a bicycle within the City of Laramie?

- Yes  No  Don't know / not sure

16a. If yes, when riding your bike in the City of Laramie, how frequently do you use ON-STREET bike lanes?

- All the time  Most of the time  Some of the time  None of the time

17. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to ON-STREET bike lanes? (Mark all that apply.)

- Painted and swept
- Bike lanes marked at intersections
- Way Finding Signs
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Separate Bike Lanes from Parking

## RECREATION FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

18. Have you or members of your household used a City of Laramie recreation facility in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the back of the COVER LETTER for a listing of City of Laramie recreation facilities.)

- Yes  No → Skip to question 20.

19. Which recreation facilities have you or members of your household most often used in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the map on the back of the COVER LETTER and enter the number that corresponds with up to the THREE recreation facilities you most often use.)

1.   (Most often used.)    2.   (Second most often used.)    3.   (Third most often used.)

20. What barriers or difficulties do you face in using current recreation facilities and activities that are offered in our community?

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21. Are there any deficiencies in recreation facilities or activities in Laramie?

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22. What other types of recreation facilities and activities would you like to see in Laramie?

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\_\_\_\_\_

## NATURAL AREAS

Natural areas are defined as lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, open space, preservation of unique topography, visual aesthetics or some other resource that has been determined of value to the community.

23. Have you or members of your family used a City of Laramie natural area in the past 12 months?

- Yes  No

24. Do you feel that natural areas should be maintained by the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department?

- Yes  No

25. Should natural areas allow public access or should some natural areas restrict access?

- All public access
- Some restriction
- Don't know / Not sure



26. Overall, how satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A - Do not use
City of Laramie Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie OFF-STREET Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie ON-STREET Bike Lanes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie Recreational Facilities/Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie Natural Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. Please tell us what priority should be placed on each of the following items with regard to funds allocation.

	High priority	Moderate priority	Low priority	Not a priority	No opinion / not sure
City of Laramie Parks	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie OFF-STREET Trails	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie ON-STREET Bike Lanes	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie Recreational Facilities/Activities	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie Natural Areas	<input type="radio"/>				

28. Do any children under the age of 12 live in your household?

- Yes
- No

29. What is your age?

- 18 – 24 years
- 25 – 34 years
- 35 – 44 years
- 45 – 54 years
- 55 – 64 years
- 65 – 74 years
- 75 years or older

30. What is your employment status? (Mark all that apply.)

- Full time employed
- Part time employed
- Student
- Retired
- Not employed at all

31. In which of the following income ranges does your household's income fall? (Please indicate the category that best describes your household's total income before taxes in 2011.)

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

Comments:

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Thank you for your participation! Please mail the completed survey in the envelope provided to:  
 University of Wyoming, Survey Research Center, Dept. 3925, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071

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# Appendix C

## Public Comments

Throughout the development of the Parks, Recreation, Trails and Natural Areas Master Plan public comments were received by staff in many different forms. In addition to public comments associated with the survey information found in Appendix C, Stakeholder Group Responses found in Appendix E, weekly and biweekly Ad Hoc meetings and multiple public meetings, personal conversations and email and letter correspondence also captured public comments. Public comments have been compiled below and/or summarized in some cases in an effort to provide the reader of this Plan information related to the public comments received throughout the process. In cases of the weekly and biweekly Ad Hoc meetings, public comments were summarized with meeting minutes and recordings available for more detail.

[Ad Hoc Meetings \(held on Wednesdays from 11:30 to 1:00, either weekly or biweekly at the Laramie Recreation Center\)](#)

- 9.30.15 Bern Hinckley - Bern Hinckley thanked the staff for their planning efforts and endorses the plan as amended.
- 4.8.15 John Nutter - John Nutter addressed the Committee and stated that on pages 117 and 118 of the plan it refers to the 'Harney Street beautification corridor'; but Harney Street actually terminates at 30th Street so the name should be the Grays Gable beautification corridor. Nutter also noted on page 119, the maps shows the area by Kiowa Park as half park land and half natural area; the map should show the entire area as designated natural area as the Committee had previously approved. Nutter addressed the Committee and thanked them for four years of work on the plan and for listening to the citizens.
- 4.8.15 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and asked them to remove the trailhead from the park as it abuts private property and encourages trespassing. Starkey addressed the Committee and stated that the Ad Hoc Committee who worked on the Imperial Heights Park plan should be honored and there's no restroom showed on their map, so it should be removed from the Master Plan. Starkey inquired as to the timeline moving forward for the Plan.
- 4.8.15 John Nutter - John Nutter addressed the Committee and noted that the Cirrus Sky Plan shows a bike lane/shared use path connection along the north side of the parcel so it would be wise to have a congruent recommendation in the Master Plan.
- 4.8.15 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey Starkey addressed the Committee and noted that no one knew five years ago about the Cirrus development; clearly the City does just fine with development as it occurs. Starkey stated that no one has gone to the County Commissioners and lectured them on what they should be doing, the Committee should go to their next meeting and plead their case.
- 4.8.15 Stacey Snook - Stacey Snook addressed the Committee and stated that the Committee knows what the citizens want now, the county citizens have overwhelmingly spoken on this issue. Snook stated his belief that the unified voice is against this and he did not see the need to overturn this in five to ten years.
- 4.8.15 Stacey Snook - Stacey Snook addressed

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the Committee. Snook stated that the percentage discussed of 85% was a misrepresentation and that the process has not been a democratic one. Snook stated that the City Council gave a clear picture of the plan being for City owned property only and Albany County has also asked that the plan be for City owned property only as well. Snook encouraged the Committee to honor the restrictions placed upon the plan by the original City Council resolution and to honor the overwhelming, unified voice from the County to limit the plan to the City only. Snook stated that the County residents are not represented by anyone on the Committee and that we have a changing populace with changing desires which makes it difficult to plan for the future. Snook stated that he believes expectations for 2040 will likely be wrong and the Committee should only be planning for five to ten years into the future; which would also help to avoid tension between the County and the City.

- 4.8.15 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee. Starkey also asked if the Committee had received her correspondence. The Committee stated the letter from Starkey was in the packet of letters and emails they had just acknowledged receipt of. Starkey stated she was disappointed in the Committee and the County residents did not need the Committee encroaching on the County. Starkey said she felt it was a shame that the Committee did not take the staff's recommendation because their current path will likely end in a lawsuit and costing the City legal fees and the County and City relationship will suffer.
- 1.19.15 Don Prehoda – Don Prehoda addressed the Committee and stated that when a plan imposes boundaries and shading on a map, it is an identified area and a specific vision for the future has been imposed on this property and the property owners. Such specific planning should be only after an area is annexed into the City and the City has jurisdiction over it. Prehoda requested on behalf of his clients, that the plan remove all shading outside the city boundary.
- 1.19.15 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey addressed that Committee and stated that the

Committee is not following the charge of the City Council which restricted the plan to City owned property. She also stated that the state statute says that the plan must receive concurrence not simply that the plan is only applicable and enforceable with concurrence. Starkey stated she believes this will backfire on the City and that developers will be less likely to annex into the City because of the plan because why would a developer annex into the City if you have to give a percentage of your wealth to the City.

- 1.19.15 Candy Hamaker - Candy Hamaker addressed the Committee questioning the intentions of the plan and stating that the plan should have been developed for City owned property only. Hamaker requested that everything, including all text references of future planning be removed from the plan. Hamaker noted that the Committee worked with the Indian Hills neighborhood group to take items off in order for them to pursue a grant but have not done so with the County residents. Hamaker stated that having any planning elements on their land places an impediment on private property owners and devalues their property.
- 12.10.14 John Nutter - John Nutter, a representative from the Neighborhood Open Space Steering Committee created by citizens of the Alta Vista/ Indian Hills neighborhood, gave an overview of the proposal concerning designating open space in the neighborhood. Nutter noted that a statement of support had been circulated in the neighborhood in reference to the creation of an extended open space area and that the full 7.4 acres, which the City has already acquired, be designated as open space. The statement of support was signed by 125 residents of the neighborhood. Nutter stated that neighbors in the area overwhelmingly support the designation of the full 7.4 acres as open space and that no other suggestions for other amenities or land uses were received during the neighborhood canvassing. Nutter discussed the motion that the Committee had passed on October 8, 2014 which stated that a minimum of 20 acres be designated as a natural area and that the balance may be developed. The neighborhood steering committee has been investigating possible grant funding to assist with land acquisition however

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there are some grants that require a minimum of 25 acres. In light of this, the neighborhood steering committee respectfully requested that the Committee consider designating a minimum of 25 acres as open space. Nutter also encouraged the Committee to consider that an open space designation retains the most options for the future; if needs do change in the future open space can be converted to a more traditional park but converting a traditional park back to open space would require a major commitment of time and money. A copy of the proposal the group distributed at the meeting can be found on pages 376.

- 12.10.14 Marius Favret - Marius Favret addressed the Committee and noted that ideally the neighborhood coalition would like to see all three steps in their proposal come to fruition. The designation of more than 25 acres as open space would greatly help in preserving existing wildlife corridors.
- 12.10.14 Steve Williams - Steve Williams addressed the Committee and stated that he saw little downside to acquiring additional acreage, even 30 acres or more, and designating it as open space. Especially the outer lots, which will be difficult to develop, should be looked to as potential acquisitions.
- 12.10.14 Don Prehoda - Don Prehoda, provided a copy of a letter mailed to the Committee requesting they further consider the treatment of land within the extra territorial zone. The Committee members were provided with a copy and formally acknowledged receipt of the Prehoda letter. The Committee decided to further consider the Prehoda letter at the next meeting in order to give adequate time for review and consideration. Staff noted that the City's interim attorney would be requested to attend the next meeting as well.
- 12.10.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey requested a clarification of the timeline moving forward. Staff noted that after the Committee directs them to amend the Master Plan, the document will be updated. After the Master Plan has been amended a public comment period of thirty days will be opened on the final draft. After the public comment period concludes the Committee will send the final draft on to the Laramie City Council for consideration of

approving and adopting the plan. Starkey noted that the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the County Commissioners were included in the consideration of the Laramie Comprehensive Plan, which statutorily required their concurrence. Starkey encouraged the Committee to follow the same timeline for the Master Plan.

- 12.3.14 John Nutter - John Nutter, a representative from the Neighborhood Open Space Steering Committee created by citizens of the Alta Vista/ Indian Hills neighborhood, gave a presentation of the group's proposal concerning designating open space in the neighborhood. The Committee was provided with a revised handout from the group outlining the proposal. Nutter recognized the neighborhood members in attendance supporting the proposal. Nutter noted that the Master Plan has indicated that Service Area 7, which their neighborhood resides in, is currently underserved in terms of dedicated park land. The steering committee noted the neighborhood's strong preference for an open space designation of any future park and recreational areas. The neighborhood group's proposal concerning future open space designations included four main points:

1. The 7.4 acre "Kiowa extension" parcel which the City owns, directly adjacent to Kiowa Park, should be designated as open space.
2. The City should acquire "Outlot A" a 16.6 acre parcel adjacent to the Kiowa extension and designate it as open space.
3. The City should explore acquiring additional property contiguous to Outlot A for enlarging the open space area.
4. The open space area should then be connected to the City's system of trails, pathways and greenbelt areas.

Nutter also extended an invitation to all present for a tour on December 6, 2014 of the shortgrass prairie area that the open space proposal concerns. The group also noted that when the Committee previously considered designating open space in the neighborhood the discussion centered around a 20 acre open space parcel. The group has discovered in researching potential grant options for assistance in funding the proposal, that the minimum acreage designation in many cases is 25 acres. In light of

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this, the group respectfully requested the Committee consider the acreage of open space be increased to a minimum of 25 acres.

- 12.3.14 Terri Jones - Terri Jones addressed the Committee and noted that she requests there be no shading of any kind on private property. Jones stated that the shading on private property indicates a taking of said property and as such all shading must come off the maps. The line designating the one mile boundary is good but there should be no shading on the maps depicting county lands.
- 12.3.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and stated she commends staff and the Committee for working with Kiowa Park neighborhood group on their proposal. Starkey stated that was the way to conduct such efforts - by engaging the property owners directly. Starkey noted that a direct engagement has not been undertaken for property owners within the extra-territorial one-mile buffer. Starkey also referenced the petition signed by nearly 300 people requesting the removal of all shading and icons from the maps within the Master Plan. She noted this petition had been previously delivered to the Committee and that the signatories were due some respect and consideration from the Committee. Starkey addressed the Committee noting the following properties which have icons or symbols placed on them and it is likely the owners have not been contacted: -the hatch marks south of Riverside Drive on map C1 is located on private property –the crosshatch, the #2 symbol and the playlot are all on private property on map A –the large playlot is on private property on map B. Starkey also stated that county residents do not need to justify why they do not want text, shading or symbols on the maps; it is their private property and so they have the right to decide what they do and do not want on these lands. Starkey addressed the Committee and stated that marking areas as private property does no one any favors. The county is not interested in being a part of the plan and so they do not want any markings, symbols, or gray shading on the maps. Starkey stated that the City of Laramie are not the ones who must educate people about public and private land.
- 12.3.14 Bern Hinckley - Bern Hinckley addressed

the Committee and expressed dismay at the options presented for removing the icons and shading from the extra-territorial areas since the options do not retain the original vision of the plan. Hinckley had previously suggested that trespassing concerns be mitigated by clearly depicting land that is currently private property but that the icons and symbols representing the Committee's future planning vision should all be retained. He noted that different groups and coalitions will have different perspectives on long term planning and that any plan will never be universally embraced. In light of this, the Committee should look to the survey that was conducting showing a strong commitment to parks and recreational facilities and planning from the Laramie community. Hinckley stated the Committee should retain their original version and by doing so the master plan process remains transparent.

- 11.19.14 Terry Jones - Terry Jones requested that no shading and no text be included within any of the private property within the extraterritorial areas on any map in the Master Plan. Jones noted that the City owns lots of land that is not yet developed with trails and recreation areas and the City owned land should be considered and developed first.
- 11.19.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey noted that the Committee had received a petition signed by 277 citizens requesting that all symbols from all maps be removed from the extraterritorial areas and that all text references to the extraterritorial areas be removed. Starkey stated that she believed the Committee is not adequately considering the petitioners. Starkey noted that the vision of the plan is in conflict with private property and she respectfully requested that the Committee confine the plan to the City and City owned property.
- 11.19.14 Bern Hinckley - Bern Hinckley noted that the maps are important and should be fully transparent with all icons included. He noted there is merit to including the icons to keep and sustain the vision of the plan and recommended that the icons not be removed.
- 11.19.14 Thane McKinsey - Thane McKinsey noted that the issue is that no one can predict what will

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happen with this private property in the future.

- 11.19.14 Candy Hamaker - Candy Hamaker stated that at the County P&Z meeting it was noted that the icons on the maps will adversely impact private property. She requested the Committee remove all icons on the maps within the extraterritorial area until “if and when” it becomes annexed into the City.
- 10.22.14 John Evans - John Evans addressed the Committee and noted that he owns land and “The Paddocks” development in the County and requests that all planning icons outside the City limits be completely removed and any area currently in the County not be included in the City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- 10.22.14 Stacey Snook - Stacey Snook addressed the Committee and stated that he has been attending the Committee meetings and keeping apprised of the process. Snook noted that he believed it would have been more in line with the Committee’s goals to try to work with the residents of the County and see where they thought parks should be planned and where they are actually wanted. Snook addressed the Committee and stated that all three of the options the Committee was considering for the possible removal of planning elements were derived from a single idea offered at the County P&Z meeting. Snook noted that there were many other voices at the meeting with ideas to evaluate and he would appreciate the Committee holding off on voting on the options until other ideas could be considered. Staff noted that the minutes from the County Planning and Zoning Commission had been requested from the County and would be forwarded on to the Committee upon receipt for further consideration.
- 10.22.14 Bern Hinckley - Bern Hinckley addressed the Committee and stated that he has reviewed the comments that have been included in previous Committee meeting packets and that he appreciates those being made available to the public online. Hinckley stated that he believes most of the comments stem from people not understanding that the proposed amenities are simply a vision of what might happen if property comes into the City. Hinckley suggested not taking any elements of the map but instead trying to educate people. Or alternatively, the Committee could create a map that shows private property and the current status of all amenities and the access, or lack thereof, to the public. It would essentially be a map showing where you can’t go but it would preserve the vision of the Committee and add to the utility of the plan. Hinckley addressed the Committee and stated he was disappointed with the three options because it does not honor the vision of long term planning and obscures some of the possible future elements by only referring to them in text. He stated that in order to continue developing parks and trails in the community this planning is needed. The options presented do not preserve the value of the plan by losing the specific planning the Committee has done. Hinckley noted that Laramie is a visionary type of community and many entrepreneurs and future residents will look to the plan to see what the vision of parks and recreation, and the community in general, will be in the future.
- 10.22.14 Candy Hamaker - Candy Hamaker addressed the Committee and noted that there is mistrust of the Committee due to the fact that at previous meetings the group said specific icons would be removed from the maps and they have not been removed as of yet. The Committee replied that staff had been waiting until the Committee finished a full and final review then all the changes and corrections stemming from the meetings would be made at one time. The Committee agreed to further discuss at the conclusion of the public comment period how the now outdated maps that are still on the website should be addressed in order to avoid any further confusion.
- 10.22.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey asked the Committee to explain why virtually no discussion occurred prior to removing a trail shown on the Mountain West Farm Bureau property at a prior meeting. Starkey stated the letter Harvey Ridgeway sent to the Committee requested the removal of the trail due to it being on private property. Staff noted that they believed the letter referenced the fact that the trail was within the building’s fire lane and that the development of the MWFB site and the Gateway Park site is governed by a development agreement between the City and the MWFB. Starkey questioned

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why Committee representatives did not defend the plan at the County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The Committee replied that the two representatives who went to the meeting were unable to enter the County Commissioners room that the meeting was held in due to size constraints.

- 10.22.14 Tom Schmidt - Tom Schmidt addressed the Committee and noted that he lives in West Laramie. Schmidt quoted from the Wilkie v. Robbins Supreme Court case on constitutional property rights and stated that the issue is really one of land rights along with the expectation of privacy and the right of land owners to exclude others from their property. Schmidt stated that with the property rights perspective prevalent in Wyoming he would have thought that the Committee would tread more lightly with putting amenities on a map. Schmidt stated that it would be easier to take the amenities off the maps rather than residents to call the Sheriff's Department for possible trespass issues.
- 10.22.14 Joe Vitale - Joe Vitale addressed the Committee and noted that potential zoning issues should be considered within the plan, as zoning will impact the type of activities available. Vitale stated he was glad to see the movement towards pocket parks, as they are an excellent concept. He recognized the difficulty in forecasting future zoning but it should be considered as should the needs of areas surrounding future school facilities. The Committee noted that an evaluation of zoning and population growth had been undertaken and that more information could be found in chapter three of the draft plan.
- 10.22.14 Gay Deitrich-Maclean - Gay Deitrich-Maclean addressed the Committee and stated that she liked the options for dealing with shading and icons in the extra territorial areas; they appear to be a good compromise. Deitrich-Maclean agreed with the desire for Laramie to have recreational options but the new directions being considered does not impact property owners that might be looking to sell their land or are worried about trespassers.
- 10.22.14 Don Prehoda - Don Prehoda, an attorney attending on behalf of some rural land owners, addressed the Committee. Prehoda stated the options currently being considered by the Committee is a good direction. Prehoda referenced Wyoming Statute, Title 15-1-503 and noted that if elements are removed from the one-mile buffer area then encumbrance upon property owners can be avoided, since property owners can then modify their own land as they choose and do not have to conform to the encumbrances of the plan.
- 10.22.14 Linda Dunlavy-Johnson - Linda Dunlavy-Johnson addressed the Committee and stated she likes the options and as a landowner it gives her choices and knowledge. Dunlavy-Johnson said she felt like the previous maps were being foisted upon landowners but she feels much better about the three options presented.
- 10.8.14 Larry Romsa - Larry Romsa addressed the Committee and stated that they deal with an average of three trespassers per week at their property and that henceforth they will start calling the sheriff to report all trespassers.
- 10.8.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and noted that she was speaking on behalf of Thane McKinsey, who was concerned that several emails he sent were not included in the current meeting packet; and that McKinsey wanted a natural area that is on the NE corner of his property removed. Staff noted that further conversations are needed with McKinsey in order to provide some clarification on his requests and afterwards the Committee will be considering the specifics of his requests.
- 10.8.14 David Gertsch, County Planner - David Gertsch spoke to the Committee and apprised them of the County Planning and Zoning Commission's interest in the plan. The P & Z Commission had directed County staff to send around 130 notifications to County property owners about the plan and the Commission further requested that the Master Plan Committee consider the comments that the P & Z Commission would receive from County landowners at its October 8th meeting. Staff noted that comments will be gathered at the October 8th P & Z meeting and presented to the Committee and that additional research would likely need to be done, including

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possible follow-ups with the land owners to garner specific details on locations. The Committee inquired why the P & Z Commission meeting was being held in such a small room that would not be able to accommodate a large crowd, especially in light of the fact that around 130 notices were sent out.

- 10.8.14 Jennifer Stone, Albany County Attorney – Jennifer Stone stated that the meeting needed to be in that room due to the recording capabilities that were only present there. Stone stated that if the City passes the plan but the County does not concur, the County would appreciate it if any amenities in the County were not included, or if it could be made very clear that the maps showing conceptual amenities are drafts only. Stone further noted that the County does not necessarily agree with the City’s position that concurrence is not necessary. The Committee stated that the conceptual amenities are only to provide guidance if annexation were to ever occur. Stone stated that they understand that, but are concerned the public at large does not understand that point. The Committee noted that comments are still being received and addressed and they want to continue to receive public input as the plan moves through the public process.
- 10.1.14 Candy Hamaker - Candy Hamaker addressed the Committee noting that they have two to three placeholders on their property that they would formally request be removed from all maps. Hamaker noted they are concerned that their land and livestock will be impacted by the placement of these proposed amenities on the map.
- 10.1.14 JD Romsa - JD Romsa addressed the Committee and noted that roads already exist to provide access to the Monolith Ranch and he is concerned about liability issues and livestock impacts related to the path along the river that terminates at the Monolith Ranch.
- 10.1.14 Thane McKinsey - McKinsey also addressed the Committee and voiced concerns over liability issues and people trying to access the area from the path along the river. McKinsey requested that the shared use path along the river be removed but stated that he did not mind the path along the City property to the south, which borders his own property. McKinsey also requested the removal of the other path on the northwest corner of his property and the path crossing his property on the northeast. McKinsey requested that numbers 31 and 32 be removed from the gateway areas. The Committee noted that the gateway areas had been revamped in name to “interface areas” and in the description used for these interface areas. Upon review the Committee found that the proposed amenities referenced in interface areas 31 and 32 had previously been removed from the list of proposed amenities and so the numbers were eliminated from the map. McKinsey noted that he would like to see maps color coded to display the permissions received for the access of properties.
- 10.1.14 Tim Hale - Tim Hale addressed the Committee and questioned who the staff members are that have been involved in making staff recommendations related to the plan and when said staff decisions occurred. Hale questioned how many people have accessed areas around the river for recreation which resulted in trespassing issues. Hale stated he believes the Committee should be expending their energy on something constructive, like cleaning up LaBonte Park.
- 10.1.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey inquired as to the timeline moving forward and asked whether staff would be attending the County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on October 8th.
- 9.10.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey requested that all symbols and language be taken off the maps for proposed amenities. Since these amenities are located on private property they are not conceptual or hypothetical and should be removed. Starkey suggested that the phrase be changed to read “...at the time of development of property within the City limits” since that is where the plan is applicable. Starkey addressed the Committee and stated that Wyoming state statute requires people to stay in the river and that use of the banks within private property is not permitted which should be considered when trying to develop natural areas surrounding rivers.
- 9.10.14 Jeanetta Schmidt - Jeanetta Schmidt addressed the Committee and suggested that the phrase “at the

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time of development” in the disclaimer statement be changed to “if development occurs” since the current phrasing seems to imply a level of certainty related to said development.

- 9.10.14 Larry Romsa - Larry Romsa addressed the Committee and noted that all the symbols for proposed amenities are located on his privately owned, irrigated meadows. He noted that the land is used for his livelihood and not recreation. He asked that the Committee please consider that and remove the proposed amenities from his property.
- 9.10.14 Candy Hamaker - Candy Hamaker addressed the Committee and reported that they are already having issues with people trespassing on their private property. Romsa added that two people who were trespassing on his land had reported seeing a map showing public access to his property.
- 9.3.14 Stacey Snook - Stacey Snook noted that if the placeholder remains on the map it will be evaluated and considered by the City so it matters little what language is used. Snook stated that he did not understand the need for gateway areas since it is unlikely that the City would continue to grow beyond one mile out and noted that if it is on a map as a gateway there will be trespassing that will occur. Snook inquired if the meetings listed on the Master Plan timeline for final consideration of the Master Plan were still occurring in the coming week. Staff noted that the meetings were occurring but the Master Plan would not be on the agenda for these meetings since the Committee is still working on the plan.
- 9.3.14 Becky Riley - Becky Riley stated that some people interpret “proposed” to mean it is a “done deal”. Riley then stated that the proposed park at the end of Arapaho has made it difficult to secure grant funding to purchase property in that area to dedicate to open space. Riley urged the Committee to take into account the community understanding of the word “proposed” and consider changing the language. Staff noted that in actuality there are no proposed amenities in the area Riley referenced and offered to speak to any granting agencies to clarify this misunderstanding. Riley stated that the plan does not have total buy in from the community but the community appreciates what the Master Plan Committee has done. Riley noted that the County residents do have some points that she would urge the Committee to consider.
- 9.3.14 Don Prehoda - Don Prehoda spoke and stated that he is an attorney attending the meeting on behalf of some County residents. He stated that the Wyoming State Statute 1-15-506 is broad so the verbiage used in the plan is very important. In his opinion, the current language would have to comply with the provisions in 506, specifically in terms of concurrence. Prehoda addressed the Committee and formally stated that he disagrees with City Attorney David Clark’s interpretation of the issues surrounding the Master Plan and in his opinion, without County concurrence any action this group takes on property outside the City limits is unenforceable and might negate the Master Plan as a whole. He would encourage the Committee to consider how important the property outside the City limits is to the plan.
- 9.3.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey concurred with Riley’s assertion of how the community interprets the word “proposed” and requested again that the map symbols for proposed amenities be removed. The Committee requested that staff explore alternative disclaimer language for the Committee to consider at the next meeting. Starkey voiced objections to the use of the gateway areas, stating it was shameful and simply a way to continue showing amenities beyond the one mile boundary. Starkey stated that when the Comprehensive Plan was adopted it included only the City and City owned property and it was done properly, according to statute with County concurrence. Currently, the Master Plan timeline shows the County Commissioners considering the plan after the Council adopts it and that is not appropriate.
- 9.3.14 Candy Hamaker - Candy Hamaker addressed the Committee and noted that they had brought letters requesting that the placeholders be taken off their property since it could affect future land use permits. Hamaker contended that leaving the proposed amenities will limit her use of her property and is therefore taking value from her property.

- 9.3.14 Monica Snook - Monica Snook addressed the Committee and noted that the County residents own the land and that the proposed placeholders shown on the maps have consequences for the landowners if the placeholders remain.
  - 8.27.14 Glenn Moniz - Glenn Moniz stated that he objects to the approach that has been taken because it impacts county land owners but no notifications have been sent to all the land owners affected. He stated that all land owners impacted should be notified by letter.
  - 8.27.14 Candy Hamaker - Candy Hamaker addressed the Board and formally requested that all of her property have the placeholders removed from it and that she is appalled that property is being taken from people. She noted she was not notified and she is not interested in donating or selling her property.
  - 8.27.14 Larry Romsa - Larry Romsa noted that he had sent an email on July 10th requesting that the symbols that were on his land be taken off the maps and he only received one response.
  - 7.9.14 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and asked for clarification on several points or scenarios as follows.
    - Is the goal of presenting the plan to the County Commissioners for informational purposes only or is the goal that of concurrence. Staff replied that they will ask for concurrence but it is up to the Commissioners.
    - In the minutes there is an abbreviation used "ETZ", what does it stand for? The Committee answered it was an abbreviation for the extra territorial zone or one mile boundary.
    - What is the basis for the one mile standard, what is the significance? The Committee replied it allows for long term planning up to the one mile boundary.
    - As a point of clarification, Starkey stated she believes that the one mile pertains only to the subdivision rule and would like the statute that addresses the one mile boundary.
    - Which City staff has been responsible for creating the one mile standard and planning elements within the one mile boundary? Staff replied that all City staff noted on page thirteen of the draft Master Plan had assisted in creation of the document.
- The gateway areas included in the draft plan are not in the Committee minutes, were they in fact discussed by the Committee and if so when? The Committee replied in the affirmative that gateway areas were considered by the Committee and while they were unsure off the top of their heads as to the exact time or meeting where they discussed gateway areas it might have been in the Fall of 2011 when the issue was first discussed.
- The gateway maps included in the draft plan show gateways located on private property, who came up with these maps? The Committee replied that the Committee as a whole did.
- Starkey noted that the gateway maps were not included with the parks and trails maps that were posted to the website in May of 2013.
- If there is a parcel of private property within the city limits that the plan shows as having a natural area and shared use path on, what does that mean for the property owner once the plan goes into effect? The Committee replied it means nothing, as it is private property. It would be entirely up to the property owner what is done or not done with their land. If the owner wishes to sell, develop or negotiate a potential land swap with the City in the future then the Master Plan provides the framework that allows the City to discuss those options if approached by the land owner.
- If a person has property and decided to build a few houses will the Planning Commission state that you must give some land for parks or the like? Staff replied that if a parcel is being developed the subject can be broached of compensation and purchase for the land if the owner is interested. Sometimes discussions over property purchases, donations or land swaps prove fruitful and other times they are not. It was noted that the mechanism for park in-lieu fees is already in place as part of the unified development code.
- What if the person only wants to subdivide their land into two units? Staff replied it would be considered like all other subdivisions and noted that the in-lieu fees are already in place and applicable.
- If a landowner had 100 acres in the County, the Master Plan has been concurred to by the County, and the landowner wants to sell to a business but an area of that land is designated as a park in the Master Plan, what would happen? The Committee replied that it would be up to the County to

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decide any specifics related to that situation.

–Is there no mechanism to dictate what a property owner must do with their land if the plan is adopted? The Committee answered no; there is not any mechanism which dictates what a property owner must do with their land.

–If there is no concurrence to the plan but the City adopts it and a subdivision within the one mile comes under review, what would happen? Staff answered that subdivision plans within the one mile comes under the City’s purview and the subdivision would be reviewed but the City cannot require any land be dedicated to Master Plan elements.

–What if while under review the landowner is told that a major road is required to the subdivision. Staff replied that the major street plan is approved by the County, City and State and would be consulted in such an instance and would come to bear on any large scale subdivision development.

–Why is the parks plan different from the major roads plan? Staff replied that the parks plan has no regulatory component like the state has with major roads.

–Starkey requested that the statutes concerning major roads plans be provided to her.

- 2.26.14 – Kimberly Starkey – Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and asked for the state statute which gives authority to a City to make a plan. It was indicated that it would be provided to her. She then asked when we felt the plan would be done, in which a 3-4 month time frame was given to have the document ready for review. Finally a question was asked related to who would have to approve the plan, which an answer was given stating that the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee would recommend to the Planning Commission, who in turn would recommend to City Council for final approval.
- 6.12.13 – Stacy Snook - Stacey Snook, a County resident who lives southeast of town, addressed the Committee and noted that he was concerned about a very important omission in the minutes from the May 22nd meeting of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. Snook noted that County Planner, David Gertsch, spoke at the last meeting and stated that if a land owner was to submit a development to the County that the City of Laramie’s Master Plan is something

that County planners could look at and consider. Gertsch went on to say that although the Master Plan is not included or incorporated into the County subdivision requirements, County staff could bring the Master Plan to the developers’ attention. Snook noted that the May 22nd minutes glossed over these remarks when the distinction should have been made clear. Staff stated that a clarification could be pursued from Gertsch and any further information received could be brought forward at a future meeting. Snook went on to beg the Committee’s sympathy and asked them to not include any planned amenities out in the County in the final Master Plan. Snook questioned whether there were any proposed parks planned over private property within the City limits, or if this only occurred in the County. The Committee answered that proposed parks are planned throughout the City limits as well; sometimes they are shown over current private property on the draft map since these proposed amenities are placeholders only. The Committee also noted that these placeholders are simply a first step in the process of one-day making future parks a reality and that the eventual location will likely vary considerably from the proposed location. Snook again raised objections, noting that the Committee purports to plan for “Laramie” or the “Laramie community” yet county residents, despite being affected by the Master Plan, have no representation in the process.

- 6.12.13 – Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and questioned where the trails emanating from the Imperial Park Trailhead would be going. Starkey stated her opposition to the future amenity of a BMX park at the Imperial Heights Park and pointed out that such an amenity could produce considerable dust. The Committee did note that the survey conducted on the Master Plan showed that BMX amenities were highly sought by the public. Starkey observed that during the meeting the Committee expressed concerns over private property issues near Kiowa Park and yet the Committee has been told about trespassing and dumping issues in the County and have not taken any action. Starkey mentioned that the daily record in the Boomerang reported two trespassing complaints in her neighborhood at the beginning of June. The Boomerang also recently published a story

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on user conflicts in Rogers Canyon. Starkey cited the story as a good example of the problems with public lands. Starkey claimed the justification for creating public lands and trails within the County is specious. Starkey contended that there are plenty of parks and amenities already existing and that leaving the proposed amenities icons on the draft map amounts to harassment. Starkey renewed her request that all such icons shown outside the City limits be removed from the draft map and suggested that the Committee send out a survey to County residents if they really desired public input.

- 6.12.13 - Gary Espeland - Gary Espeland inquired if the historic clock that is budgeted for by the City would be placed in the 1st Street Plaza. Staff noted that the Plaza will be the eventual location of the clock and that it would be added to the future amenities list for that facility. Espeland also requested more public restrooms at park facilities and voiced support for further beautification of the main corridors into town, particularly at the 3rd Street and Grand Avenue intersection.
- 5.22.13 Stacey Snook - Stacey Snook addressed the Committee and stated that he lives south of town and is concerned that the draft map shows parks over current private property. He believes that it could be difficult for property owners to sell their private property when the draft map shows a future amenity over their property. Snook stated the resolution creating the Committee clearly said the group was to deal with City owned property. Snook questioned who particularly wants the proposed parks shown on the draft map. He again referenced the resolution creating the Committee and noted that the Committee and the City does not represent County residents. Snook stated that the process is an affront because the Committee is planning on private property and the county residents have no representation in the process. He noted that he has no issue with the amenities proposed within City owned property but requested all other amenities be removed.
- 5.22.13 Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey stated she believes the Committee is overstepping, since they were charged with creating a plan for City-owned property. She noted that there is little chance of annexation east of town and the Committee should focus on planning for City owned property only. Starkey also stated that Wyoming House Bill 85 limited the reach of municipalities and if such over-reaching continues the legislature might address the issue again. Starkey stated she appreciated the motion to move the bike path cutting through the Sherman Hills area to the southern perimeter of the area but it ultimately does nothing because the land where the Committee is proposing to move the bike path is already developed and infrastructure is in place. Additionally, the location the Committee is considering moving the path to is again private property. Starkey stated that no private property owners want trails shown over their land and requested that the Committee simply remove all icons of amenities from the map outside of the City limits. Starkey addressed the Committee again and noted that County residents can utilize the parks that exist in Laramie if they want to, so it is unnecessary to plan for parks within service area 11. Starkey requested that the Committee contact all the property owners where proposed amenities are shown and if those property owners are not in favor of them then the Committee should remove those amenities at the next meeting.
- 5.22.13 Sandra Eikey - Sandra Eikey, a Black Elk Trail resident, requested the Committee acknowledge that all six members of the public in attendance agree with the previous comments, even if they have not spoken as well. Eikey stated that five cyclists were travelling the road out in the Sherman Hills area and she believes it is due to the draft map showing a proposed trail in that location. Eikey noted that the draft map is increasing trespassing concerns and forcing resident to constantly call the sheriff to address the trespassing.
- 5.22.13 Marsha Ford - Marsha Ford addressed the Committee and noted that the roads in the Sherman Hills area are privately owned and maintained. She stated that none of the individuals in attendance want the conceptual plans in place. While the Sherman Hills residents might use other trails and parks in the community they don't want them in their area. Ford stated that there were trespassers in the area just last week and questioned why these areas

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must be included in the Master Plan since no one is relinquishing their property.

- 5.8.13 – Kimberly Starkey - Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and stated she found it disturbing that the City is planning beyond its boundaries and that some proposed parks and trails shown on the draft map are on private property. Starkey noted that the Committee was not charged with constructing a Master Plan beyond City property. She requested that all icons beyond the City limits be taken off the draft map as they encourage trespassing, which private property owners already struggle with. Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee again and noted that the community members in attendance are being directly impacted by the draft map and are requesting again that they be left alone.
- 5.8.13 – Gay MacLean - Gay MacLean spoke to the Committee about the proposed trails and parklands on the draft map which are over current private property. She noted that many property owners are already forced to fence their land in order to thwart destructive trespassing. MacLean stated she was surprised no one had contacted land owners prior to the creation of the draft map and asked that the Committee keep in mind that many of these lands are vulnerable and may be damaged by increased human traffic. Gay MacLean said she believes the draft map could negatively impact private property owners' ability to sell their land and also creates trespass issues.
- 5.8.13 – Max Coulthard - Max Coulthard addressed the Committee and noted that there are plenty of opportunities to recreate on state lands. The private property owners have no way to redress concerns over land degradation due to increased public access and there are a variety of liability issues stemming from illegal trespassing. Coulthard stated he has been forced to fence much of his land already due to these issues. He questioned who the plan is for and noted that creating avenues for public access is fine but not at the expense of taxpayers' rights. Max Coulthard addressed the Committee again and stated that development in their neighborhood was unlikely due to the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone issues and noted that tax dollars should be spent on more important matters such as infrastructure rather than parks and recreation services.
- 5.8.13 – Marsha Ford - Marsha Ford, a Sherman Hills resident, spoke to the Committee and noted that her family has always been good stewards of their land; but have often struggled with protecting it in the face of public egress as they attempt to illegally access the private property in the area. She noted that the land out near their property can be very fragile and therefore easily destroyed by wandering people. Additionally, increased public access could negatively impact the wildlife in the area. Ford stated that there has been an increase in trespassing and she believes it is due to the draft maps. In light of everything, Ms. Ford believes the placement of trails through private property is a bad idea.
- 5.8.13 – Kathy Puckett - Kathy Puckett, a Sherman Hills resident, spoke to the Committee and noted that the Sherman Hills residents maintain their own roads through a system which assesses residents' yearly fees. There is currently no access to public lands through that neighborhood and increased traffic into this area negatively impacts the road conditions. Ms. Puckett also raised concerns about the draft map increasing trespassing in the area and requested that any potential trailheads shown on the map be clearly delineated as unavailable for public use.
- 4.24.13 – Kimberly Starkey - -Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and noted that many paths and park areas are shown on the draft maps outside of the City limits. She also noted that the large natural area shown over the Aquifer Protection Zone is over private property. County residents and property owners within the APO already struggle with trespassing; the concern from many of these property owners is that showing potential future amenities on the Master Plan draft map would only encourage such trespassing. Ms. Starkey requested that all trails, parks and natural areas that are shown on the draft map over private property be removed unless a specific agreement is reached with those property owners. Ms. Starkey requested again to remove any and all icons denoting trails, trailheads, natural areas and parks which are over currently held private property.

- 4.24.13 Reed Pedrick - Reed Pedrick spoke and noted that as a private property owner in Albany County he already struggles with trespassers and he will not agree to public access on his property. Mr. Pedrick noted that many residents are concerned with wildlife being run off from their natural habitat if such unfettered public access is encouraged.
- 4.24.13 – Sandra Eiky - Sandra Eiky stated that the Committee is commissioned by the City, however, its work has clearly extended beyond the City limits and into the County. Ms. Eiky spoke about trespassing issues and dogs harassing wildlife in this region. She stated that the Master Plan draft map should not be made available to the public, especially because many members of the public already think these areas are available for public access.
- 12.12.12 – Seth Carson - Representing the local Wyoming Whitewater Society. Mr. Carson briefly spoke to the Committee and requested they consider incorporating a Kayak Play Park into the Master Plan. Carson cited Green River as a local example of a community constructing a successful Kayak Park. He noted that the Whitewater Society has 145 active members and that there is strong interest in developing a Kayak Park in Laramie. The Chair requested that the Whitewater Society submit a formal letter to the Committee detailing their request and providing information on the Whitewater Society. Staff stated that a stakeholder questionnaire would also be provided to the group.

*Personal Conversations (this includes face to face meetings and phone conversations. Some individuals wished to remain anonymous)*

- 5.13.2013 – Raquel Romero – (Phone Conversation w/Derek Teini, Senior Planner) Raquel Romero contacted Derek by phone and was concerned about a proposed park near her home off of Soldier Spring Road. She wanted to know if we were going to take her home and build a park in place of her home. After speaking with her I provided her the information she requested and answered her questions. She no longer had a concern after our discussion and was pleased a park may be located near her home in the future and did want to see the final document when it was

completed.

- 2.28.2013 – Helen Coates – (Personal Conversation w/Mel Owen, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant)

-The condition of the current Dog Park at Optimist Park is poor. Any future dog parks should include irrigation to keep the turf in good condition, more waste clean-up stations, a much larger area for dogs, and more signage reminding people to clean up after their own pets.

-Laramie needs more dog parks and should take a page from other communities who have successfully created beautiful, practical and useful dog parks. These parks are larger than our current park which is a necessity and have many amenities for dogs and their owners to enjoy.

-As dog parks are expanded, we must keep ADA accessibility in mind, so that these parks are available for all to enjoy. The current dog park at Optimist Park is far from the parking lot and poses a challenge for those with mobility issues to access the area. Additionally, there is no seating within the dog park for those that might require seating due to mobility issues. She requested that temporary seating be placed at Optimist Dog Park and that for all future dog parks, seating inside the fenced in areas be incorporated as a standard.

- 2.20.2013 - Marcia Gladstone – (Phone Conversation w/Derek Teini, Senior Planner) Marcia Gladstone is a resident of a Retirement Community located on 30<sup>th</sup> Street. She is okay with Shared - Use Path located on Spring Creek, however, she is concerned about noise and how it will be blocked from the trail. It seemed as if her concern was more geared towards the new student housing project on 30th Street, hoping the trail and associated landscaping would be intense and block the noise, dust, and pollution. She indicated that a lilac hedge would be good way to block the noise, dust and pollution.

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*Letters and Emails (these have been retyped and originals can be seen by contacting the City)*

- From: Shelley [mailto:stowler.laramie@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 2:55 PM  
To: hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Tim Sullivan; Tim Chesnut; PTRmasterplan; Mel Owen; Peggy Trent  
Subject: City Plan

Dear Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the county commission in their letter of March 17, with regard to the removal of information in proposed future plans. We normally get some trespassing in the spring in Sherman hills. Usually it is benign. However, I have had three trespasses with property damage in the last four weeks. This is higher than normal and is worrisome due to the property destruction aspect. Please also eliminate your activities which are drawing unwanted attention to private property. It is dangerous to not only property, but to people. Remove your maps notations as suggested by the Commissioners and those citizens who are indeed in jeopardy.

Shelley Leonard.

- From: John Nelson [mailto:jnelsonwy@carbonpower.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 11:34 AM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Change to County Maps

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
John and Judy Nelson

- From: lewshinstine@netscape.net [mailto:lewshinstine@netscape.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 6:08 AM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Zoning

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely, Lewis Shinstine

- From: Steve Grabowski [mailto:sonofarake@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 12:41 AM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: letter from Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

As a citizen of Laramie and Albany County, I request that you please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015. The city council members should have no designs on the property of people who cannot vote for or against them. It's un-American and unconstitutional.

Sincerely,  
Steve Grabowski

- From: Diane A. Kempson [mailto:DKempson@uwoyo.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 9:49 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: support for commissioner's request

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Diane Kempson kempdian@gmail.com

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Pamela Clarke [nightingalecowgirl@gmail.com](mailto:nightingalecowgirl@gmail.com)

- From: Roberta and Danny Dunlavy [<mailto:berta@wyoming.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 9:23 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen  
Subject: Rec. to remove all maps, text and referents to private property outside city limits in master plan

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely, Danny and Roberta Dunlavy

- From: KEITH WOOLF [[mailto:k\\_j\\_woolf@yahoo.com](mailto:k_j_woolf@yahoo.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 8:20 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; [tchestnut@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:tchestnut@co.albany.wy.us); [hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us); Peggy Trent  
Subject: Request for honoring of City staff recommendations

Dear Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

After reading the pertinent correspondence from Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Harrison, I respectfully request that the committee honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Such action by the committee will be a positive step to remove any possible confusion of the future use of private property outside the Laramie city limits.

Regards,  
Keith Woolf

- From: [hamaker@wyo2u.com](mailto:hamaker@wyo2u.com) [<mailto:hamaker@wyo2u.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 7:21 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: request

Dear Ad Hoc Committee;

I am requesting that you follow the guidelines that the Albany County Commissioners and the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has requested of you concerning the Parks and Trails Master Plan.

Sincerely,  
Candy Hamaker

- From: [annib56@bresnan.net](mailto:annib56@bresnan.net) [<mailto:annib56@bresnan.net>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 6:12 PM  
To: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; [tchestnut@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:tchestnut@co.albany.wy.us); [hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us); Peggy Trent  
Subject: honor letter

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County commission and the Albany County Planning and Zoning commission as described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Ann Marcott

- From: Stephen Paul Ford [<mailto:SPFord@uwyo.edu>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 5:46 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; [tchestnut@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:tchestnut@co.albany.wy.us); [hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us); Peggy Trent  
Subject: City Master Plan

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Stephen and Marsha Ford

- From: [geneborrows@yahoo.com](mailto:geneborrows@yahoo.com) [<mailto:geneborrows@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 5:41 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan;

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tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Support for removing maps, text and references to private property outside the City limits in the master plan

Dear Parks, Tree and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

I write in support of the request by the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015 that all maps, text and references to private property outside the City limits in your master plan be removed.

Thank you very much,  
Gene Borrows

- From: Rob Garland [mailto:rgarland@cbmainc.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 5:17 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; 'tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us'; 'hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us'; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Support to honor request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Rob Garland  
Albany County Resident /Tax Payer

- From: Kdbirks@aol.com [mailto:Kdbirks@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 4:53 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Request of ACC and ACPZC

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,  
Please honor the request of the Albany County

Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Keith and Dorothy Birks

- From: Leslie Miech [mailto:lmiech@farmersagent.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 4:51 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Master Plan

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Miech

- From: Mr. Stacy Snook [mailto:stacy@wyosnooks.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 4:38 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject:

I have appeared before the Ad Hoc committee many times, requesting that non-city-owned property located in Albany County be removed from the Ad Hoc Committee maps and plans. I now ask the Ad Hoc committee to honor the request made by the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission, via a letter sent to you, dated March 17, 2015.

Thank you,  
Mr. Stacy Snook

- From: Karen D. Singer [mailto:KSinger@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 4:28 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us

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wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: master plan

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Karen D. Singer

- From: Monica Snook [mailto:monica@wyosnooks.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 4:20 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Master Plan - Committee Meeting

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Please remove all maps, text, & references to private property outside the City Limits. The essence of this committee was for planning on CITY OWNED property. Let's keep it that way. Refusal to remove these items may be very costly in the courts to resolve later.

Very Sincerely,  
Monica Snook (County Resident)

- From: Pat Engler-Parish [mailto:ptenglerparish@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 4:12 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us  
Subject:

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and

Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Pat Engler-Parish

- From: Nathan Vasek [mailto:natevasek@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 4:12 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; Heber Richardson; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Vasek

- From: Jere C. Hamilton [mailto:hamjc@bresnan.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 3:49 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Master Plan

04/07/2015

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

My wife and I respect the work you have been doing for those of us in the county and close to the Laramie City Limits. We have an additional request. We ask that you please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Jere' & Linda Hamilton  
Sherman Hill property owners

- From: Keith Kennedy [mailto:agrimind@wyoming.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 3:41 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan;

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tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Master Plan

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Keith Kennedy

- From: Jo Ann B. Davis [mailto:jodavis2007@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 3:39 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Jo Ann B. Davis

- From: ecylvick@aol.com [mailto:ecylvick@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 3:31 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Letter to the PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Frank & Judy Cylvick

- From: Marianne Viner [mailto:lctaz@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 3:12 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan;

tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Please remove all maps, text and references to private property outside the City limits in the master plan. People have ALREADY assumed this plan has passed and that they have legal right to trespass on my land!!

Sincerely,  
Marianne Viner

- From: Clifford D Ferris [mailto:cdferris@bresnan.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 3:00 PM  
To: Mel Owen, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: City Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,

Clifford D. Ferris

- From: Larry Irving [mailto:l\_irving2u@icloud.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 2:55 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: Request!

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,

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Larry and Lois Irving

- From: Edward C. Cassidy [mailto:Cassidy@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 2:34 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject:

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Ed Cassidy Albany County

“If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it.” Marcus Aurelius

- From: Tom Nissen [mailto:tnissen@trihydro.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 2:26 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent  
Subject: Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tom Nissen

- From: Arnold Lee Willems [mailto:AWillems@uwyo.edu] Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 2:19 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent, Subject: City's Parks and

Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Arnie and Wanda Willems

- From: Rsmarti [mailto:randis.martinsen@gmail.com], Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 2:14 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent, Subject: Support for Commissioner's request

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Randi Martinsen

- From: Don [mailto:djboilmaker@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 2:11 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent, Subject:

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Donald L. Jarvis

- From: Don [mailto:djboilmaker@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 2:11 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us

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wy.us; Peggy Trent, Subject:

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Donald L. Jarvis

- From: Henry Richter [mailto:hrichter@trihydro.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 2:09 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Mel Owen; Tim Sullivan; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; hrichardson@co.albany.wy.us; Peggy Trent, Subject: Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

Importance: High

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Please honor the request of the Albany County Commission and Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission described in their joint letter to you dated March 17, 2015.

Sincerely,  
Henry Richter

- From: RoseMarie Aridas [mailto:raridas@charter.net]  
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2015 12:30 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan, Cc: Vicki Henry  
Subject: Just under the wire! Comment on the draft document

With regard to the Master Plan for Parks and Trails, I agree that there is no need, using the population formula, for additional parks on the West Side. (Unless we get an overlay that allows for building on the small infill lots, there won't be any residential building to speak of in this neighborhood.) I would support the acquisition of the ENTIRE BP/Amoco Brownfield for the sports complex, connecting trails to the greenbelt, and the water feature, etc. that I see described in the draft document.

I have let it be know that I don't think the Brownfield should be disturbed at all because I believe the deer population there is a delightful feature of the West Side. I also believe that the IBA (Important Bird Area) is a draw for both locals and visitors and to disturb the area in any way would affect the water fowl and nesting birds that use that area throughout the year and therefore the characteristics of the IBA.

But since there is the possibility that the Public Works facility might be built on 20 acres and would not, regardless of what was promulgated at our recent Ward 1 meeting, be an asset but rather a detriment to our neighborhood, I will throw my complete support behind the entire 95 acre+ parcel - not the remaining 75 acres for a playground as has been suggested which would be nothing but a bone thrown at the residents and not something that we really need - your document agrees.

I would need though a water-tight reassurance that the children who would use these recreational features would never be at risk of being exposed to asbestos. From time-to-time the greenbelt is closed in order to apply a layer of soil to cover asbestos that has risen to the surface. I understand, and this could be misinformation given as part of the support for remediation for the PW facility, that BP/Amoco would be responsible for remediation in perpetuity and so therefore, by extension, there is a potential risk of asbestos resurfacing after the initial remediation. What say you?

I am also in support of the pocket park in the plan for the Wye area. That would be a beneficial addition to the neighborhood even if nothing ever happens recreation-wise to the Brownfield. It would encourage the cleaning of the surrounding area including UP property I hope. It would also compensate for the intrusion of the Harney St. viaduct and could be a gathering place for those who live very nearby.

Go Parks and Trails! No Public Works facility! No sharing either!

RoseMarie Aridas

- From: John Nutter [mailto:Nutter@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2015 3:01 PM

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To: PTRmasterplan Cc: Paul Harrison; Randy Hunt; Janine Jordan; Derek Teini  
Subject: Comments on draft Parks & Rec Master Plan

We write on behalf of Northeast Laramie Greenbelt Connect project neighbors concerning the latest draft of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan. First, we wish to acknowledge and applaud the years of dedicated effort committed to this project by the members of the Ad Hoc committee. The vision and commitment to improving our community through parklands and natural areas is laudable.

As residents of the neighborhood described in the plan as Service Area 7, we appreciate and strongly support the recommendation to designate the recently acquired property adjacent to Kiowa Park as well as the property designated as Outlot A in the Indian Ridge Subdivision as “open space.” We were encouraged by the unanimous vote of the Parks, Tree and Recreation Advisory Board on January 14, 2015, to create a goal of working with citizen groups to increase open space in the northeast section of Laramie, in the Kiowa Park/Indian Ridge neighborhood. However, we had hoped that the Plan would also reflect the Ad Hoc Committee’s desire to acquire some additional property north of Outlot A as open space, as noted in its unanimous motion of December 10, 2014. The open space currently envisioned in the plan would be surrounded by housing development creating a “pocket prairie,” effectively precluding one of the benefits of our proposal—access for wildlife movement from surrounding open spaces.

We were encouraged by the support of the Plan for enhancing the system of trails throughout our community, and particularly in our neighborhood of Service Area 7. We feel the Plan, as progressive as it is, lacks one segment in our area that could give it far greater utility. The Plan recommends trails extending north/south on 30th Street, Inca Drive, and 45th Street, yet there is no northern east/west connection between them. The addition of a trail along the City’s northern boundary could connect these trails and tie them in with the proposed Cirrus Sky Trail and the Jacoby Golf Trail. Our Northeast Laramie Greenbelt Connect proposal sees this as a key part of making

open space in our neighborhood available to the many runners, walkers, and bikers of Laramie.

Again, we want to commend the significant work that has brought the draft Master Plan to its current iteration. We believe the small refinements mentioned above will serve our neighborhood even more. It is encouraging to see citizens working together with the City to plan for our future and to assure that future generations will be able to enjoy our community to the fullest.

Sincerely,

The Northeast Laramie Greenbelt Connect Steering Committee  
(John Nutter, Carol Frost, Marius Favret, Elizabeth Traver, Stephen E. Williams, Steve Smutko, Sue Favret, Suzanne Lewis, Lorraine Saulino-Klein, Heather Fleming, Eric Nye)

- From: sue & marius favret [mailto:suemar729@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:17 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan Subject: Comments

Dear members of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all the work that you have put in to developing the Master Plan. It will become a key element in the successful development of our community recreational infrastructure.

I live in Service Area 7, am a member of the steering committee of the Northeast Laramie Greenbelt-Connect and am pleased at the inclusion of Part 1 of our proposal: “Acquire Outlot A and create Northeast Laramie shortgrass prairie open space”. I am however disappointed that Parts 2 and 3 of our proposal have not been adopted. I request that these two points be reconsidered for the following reasons:

Part 2: Extend shortgrass prairie open space to the north of Outlot A This will allow a connection with the current open space of the Warren Livestock Company property allowing access for native wildlife. Without this extension and assuming development of the property per the preliminary Plat, native wildlife would not have any access to the currently proposed

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open space. Also a possible serious degradation of the ecosystem could ensue given a probable high pedestrian traffic in a relatively constrained area. The shortgrass prairie open space becomes a “pocket prairie” encircled by housing.

Part 3: Connect with the city greenbelt trail system  
The current Plan identifies recommended Street Bike Lanes and/or Shared Use Paths extending north on 30th, north on Inca Drive and north on 45th. There is no recommended Bike Lane and/or Shared Use Path going East/West between 30th to Inca Drive and to 45th, which would provide the best connectivity from the Cirrus Park Path to the proposed Shared Use Path that will be developed to the East of the Jacoby Golf Course. Part 3 of our Proposal would be a significant enhancement to the connectivity of the city’s trail system.

I thank you for your consideration of my comments and hope that Parts 2 and 3 of our proposal will be included in the Master Plan.

Sincerely,  
Marius Favret

- From: Thomas Flores <mailto:flores7318@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2015 6:07 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: Thank You for the Open Space

My wife and I live in Service Area 7 within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. We are so grateful that you have proposed to retain additional Open Space in our Service Area. We walk every day and we enjoy being in an undeveloped area with native grasses and flowers and an open view. Our community is fortunate to already have several developed parks such as Washington Park, and we need the mix of undeveloped areas to provide balance.

Thank you so much for all of your work. You did a great job.

Dick and Verla Flores  
Laramie

- From: Craig R. Johnson [<mailto:crjohnson1961@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 2:23 PM

To: PTRmasterplan Subject: Parks and Rec Master Plan

Greetings, as a Laramie resident in Service Area 7 of the Master Plan, I would like to extend my great appreciation to the Advisory Committee in the comprehensive and exhaustive development plan. Such forward-looking leadership will ensure an increasing quality of life for our present residents and serve as an invitation to many new residents as they discover the exceptional quality of life in Laramie. Open spaces are critically important in maintaining a sense of community and pleasurable living. Our area 7 in particular has great potential to increase in meeting this important need with the addition of proposed parcels/facilities. To see a city that is united and connected in healthy living spaces throughout will be very attractive to both new businesses and individuals, as well as providing a great sense of community pride, pleasure and satisfaction for our current residents. This comprehensive consideration protects all elements of quality living including ground water which is such a precious commodity here in the West. Kudos to you all!

Again, please accept my gratitude for your hard work in moving this proposal toward reality and may it move forward to fruition.

Sincerely,

Craig R. Johnson

- From: Lorraine Saulino-Klein [<mailto:lsaulinoklein@hotmail.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 7:15 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan Subject: Master plan

Dear City of Laramie planners and counsel,

Thank you for your support of this master plan for open space. Many neighbors and community members have been interested and working hard to see that Laramie has some open space. Protection of our quality of life and encouraging appreciation is a valuable endeavor for the plan.

I support this plan and thank you again for your continued progress on the open space project.

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Best regards,

Lorraine Saulino-Klein

- From: Maryalice Snider [mailto:maryalice.snider@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 12:32 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: support of Master Plan

Hello-

I wanted to write and express my sincerest thanks to the Advisory Committee and their hard work on the Master Plan. Please note my support for the plan, and especially for the acquisition of additional open space in Service Area 7. I know that this area has only the tiny Kiowa Park to serve this area of town. Acquiring outlot A in the Indian Ridge Subdivision makes excellent sense for securing the quality of living in an area experiencing a lot of development recently. It seems like an easy solution for the addition of recreational space in an under-served area. It would tie in nicely to the proposed bike/walking and running paths of the Cirrus Sky development and beyond.

My family and I value this area immensely and use it daily; it enhances our quality of life here in the Indian Hills subdivision and would certainly appeal to new and prospective residents.

Thanks again!

Best,  
Maryalice Snider

- From: John Nutter [mailto:Nutter@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 5:38 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: Pks & Rec Master Plan comment

As a resident of Service Area 7, I want to express my support of the draft Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan developed by the Ad Hoc Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

The acquisition and protection of open space is a major interest of mine and several of my neighbors. We were pleased that the draft Plan includes support for designation of additional open space throughout

our community, but especially in our neighborhood, identified as Service Area 7 in the Plan. I believe that the availability of open space within our community significantly enhances the quality of life for both current residents and prospective ones. Having a place to see birds and wildlife, to turn over rocks looking for bugs, to see the wildflowers of the prairie habitat, and to climb to the ridge for a view of the mountains make our open spaces so special.

Only with vision for what can be will we be able to protect open space for ourselves and for future generations. Because old city codes did not adequately call for parks and natural areas when subdivisions are developed, we must now act to assure that these features of our community will be there in the years to come. By maintaining open space to protect our water supply, by giving residents the opportunity to explore our community through bicycle, walking, and running trails, and by assuring people the opportunity to enjoy the out-of-doors—something so central to our way of life in the West—we can give a great gift to our community. I believe this draft Plan will do this.

For more than four years, a very dedicated group of citizens has worked diligently to develop a thoughtful, visionary, and practical plan for our parks, trails, and recreational experiences. I commend them and thank them for their terrific work. I also commend the city staff—Paul Harrison, Derek Teini, and others—who have guided the process, listened to the citizens, and worked with the Ad Hoc Committee to develop this Plan.

I encourage prompt adoption of the Master Plan as presented.

John F. Nutter

- From: Steve Smutko [mailto:lssmutko@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 9:51 AM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: Comment on Master Plan

Dear members of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee,

First, I want to thank you for you for your service to our community. The Laramie Parks and Recreation

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Master Plan is the result of a lot of hard work and dedication. Good work. I am a resident of Service Area 7 and I fully support your recommendations to include additional natural areas and a connected series of bike lanes, shared use paths, and rural trails in Laramie's northeast.

As Laramie's residential areas continue to expand, conservation of natural areas and the construction of paths and trails becomes ever more important to maintaining the high standard of 'livability' that Laramie residents value. The prairie-covered foothills of Service Area 7 are a unique part of the city, and can be a place for all Laramie residents to come and enjoy the views of the Laramie Valley and the remnants of a the grassland prairie that surrounds our city. Trails and natural areas provide the needed access to these natural amenities. Thank you for your work in creating a vision for a healthy, sustainable community.

Steve Smutko

- From: Lorraine Saulino-Klein [mailto:lsaulinoklein@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 8:02 PM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: Open space

March 15, 2015

Dear members of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee,

Thanks you for your wise thoughts and recommendations for connected bike trails and multi- use paths and trails in northeastern Laramie.

This proposal for improving access to open spaces will enhance life for those who live here and encourage business to consider residing in Laramie. This also protects our aquifer thus improving the quality and security for all of Albany County.

Thank you for outlining some of the steps required to make this open space a reality for our community. I look forward to watching the progress of this plan and being a part of this positive move for the benefit of citizens of Laramie.

Best regards,

Lorraine Saulino-Klein

- From: Carol D. Frost [mailto:Frost@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 6:36 AM  
To: PTRmasterplan  
Subject: Comment on Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear members of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee,

Thank you very much for your work on behalf of the Laramie community in developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. As a resident of Service Area 7, I particularly appreciate your recommendations regarding the desirability of additional natural areas and the need to provide a connected series of bike lanes, shared use paths, and rural trails in northeastern Laramie.

By acting on these recommendations to expand natural areas and connect paths and trails in Service Area 7, the City of Laramie will ensure that our community is appealing to potential new residents, enhance quality of life by providing the entire city improved access to open space, and protect our local groundwater supply in the Casper aquifer. Thank you for outlining the steps that will bring these substantial benefits to Laramie.

I am sure my neighbors join me in looking forward to seeing your recommendations become reality.

Sincerely yours,  
Carol Frost

- From: Thane McKinsey [mailto:thane\_mckinsey@yahoo.com] Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 3:39 AM

To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: recreational  
To whom it concerns

In regards to the maps, I think properly identifying private property on city maps serves the community well.

I think that it is fine that Amber Travsky put her own property on the map to become part of a public park.

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Now the proper thing for her to do is to donate her property to the public at her own expense.

As for the gentleman who believes that having public trails across a person's private property increases the value of that property, this guy should get a clue. If this were true, private property owners would be putting public trails across their own property instead of "No Trespassing signs" and the City of Laramie would "not" be trying to do it by force.

One more thing, why would a potential property buyer in the Laramie area be interested in buying a piece of property that could have a public path forced through it by the City of Laramie? Doesn't the city of Laramie already have great recreational opportunities like Happy Jack, Medicine Bow, The Snowy Range and Vedauvee just to name a few.

Thanks  
Thane McKinsey

- From: Bern Hinckley [mailto:bhinckley@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 10:09 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Planning maps - county "icons"

Dear Committee:

For your November 4 meeting, in addition to the various alternatives presented by your staff, you received two maps that I suggested. These were both titled "Conceptual Draft 11/4/14"; one was also labeled "No County Icons". They were prepared in response to your Oct. 22 invitation for public comment on the 3 map alternatives presented at that meeting.

As per my Oct. 22 comments, my objective is to illustrate the idea of trying to accommodate public concerns with planning elements appearing on private land, while preserving the considerable value of the maps in your draft plan. Please consider:

The map labeled "No County Icons" is basically the map being suggested by some county residents. To my eye, that map looks like the city is surrounded by some sort of no-man's land, like the DMZ between North and South Korea, or the wagon train circled up to ward off the circling hostiles. In some folks' minds that's probably about right, but I think we can and

should present a much more positive picture of our community.

The alternative map seeks to illustrate several important points:

1. The map shows that much of the area within the overall planning boundary is private property. Rather than the silence of the "no icons" versions (not very useful), this map clearly delineates both private property and public property. It is obvious to a would-be hiker or biker where they are and are not allowed to go without private property owner permission. The point is further emphasized by the specific notes on the "suggested future" features that are currently on private property. For those readers that get as far as the text in the corner, they are further alerted that "Permission is required to access private property".

And there is an important positive message as well. The map shows where there is nearby public property, on which folks are welcome to responsibly pursue their recreational interests.

The blank map provides neither the caution regarding private property, nor the invitation regarding public property.

Of course, trespassing is likely to continue at some level, as it has since long before this plan was begun. That's one of the downsides of owning land next to a city full of young, enthusiastic, outdoor enthusiasts. But I believe you can produce planning maps that help that situation, to the benefit of the potentially effected property owners.

2. The map suggests specific locations for recreational development if an area presently in the County seeks to be included in the City. Rather than a generalized description of a park "in the southern portion of Service Area 11, within an approximate radius of xxxx of a population of zzz, etc.", it says, "for example, right here". You're trying to get folks thinking about how these ideas could come to pass over the next 40 years - a map is clearly the best way to facilitate that creative thinking.

The maps are a visual invitation to current landowners - "We're thinking somewhere around about here

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would be a great place for a neighborhood park. If you ever decide to sell this piece, keep us in mind.” You’re doing the thoughtful homeowner a service to share your thinking. Maybe they’ll say, “over my dead body” and promptly put the land into a permanent conservation easement - good thing you told them. Maybe they’ll say, “hmm, something to think about - things would be pretty crowded around here before we got to that point, maybe I’d want to move.” It’s a matter of open communication, not conspiracy.

The maps are the visual illustration of what you’re recommending, at least at the “examples” level. The alternative is what?: to NOT share your thinking with the potentially effected property owners?

3. The maps present a specific vision for the future, recognizing that things change in 40 years.

For example, the plan suggests a future bike path connecting the city to the large tracts of open space to the east. At present, the suggested path is useless - it doesn’t go anywhere. But everyone knows that a connection between the City and the large open tracts to the east has long been a popular goal, and those tracts have twice been offered to the City for sale by their private property owner in the last 6 years. It is not unreasonable to expect that sometime in the next 40 years, that sale might occur.

Before the park proposed for the southeast edge of Service Area 11 would ever happen, there would have to be a sewer system in that area. Otherwise, it could not support the population density to which the proposed park is responding, nor could it meet the requirements for city annexation. When the Sherman Hills Subdivision was laid out in 1968, that was the vision. Every lot sold includes the covenant that the owner will hook up to central sewer, at their own expense, as soon as it becomes available. Yet when a sewer system was proposed in 2008, there was a mini-revolution. Things change.

Part of the disinformation campaign about this plan is a threat of negative impacts on property values. But we all read real estate ads:

1 - home for sale - surrounded by private property; no public access.

2 - home for sale - adjacent to municipal trail network; abuts public open space.

There’s not a realtor on earth that would take the first ad over the second. Did anyone’s property value ever go DOWN because they backed on the National Forest?!

Properly presented, this plan, with all its “icons”, could be good for property values.

4. The maps provide specific guidance for a future developer. If someone decides to buy a piece of property, subdivide, and request annexation, they want as much information up front as they can get. Having to read a generalized description and try to figure out what the city really has in mind isn’t near as useful as a map - showing “road here”, “park there”, “trail alongside here”. That doesn’t mean it has to go that exact way, but it’s a great place to start, to try, at the stage of the developer’s own visioning, to come up with something that fits. Why deprive the future developers of our city of this valuable tool?

I continue to think you can come up with a way to present your good work, all of it, in a way that not only serves City’s purposes, but is sensitive to the interests of our county neighbors as well.

- Bern Hinckley

- From: Terri Jones [mailto:btjones@wyoming.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 4:06 PM  
To: Paul Harrison  
Subject: PTR Master Plan

November 5, 2014

Terri E. Jones  
3918 Chinook Dr. / PO Box 1, Laramie, WY 82073  
Laramie, WY 82070

Dear Paul Harrison and PTR Master Plan  
Committee:

Dale B. Jones and I own land south of I-80 which is included in the PTR Master Plan, Service Area 14.

Icons on private property whether pictures, lines or words are still a part of the 5 PTR Master Plan example

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maps. Private property is exactly that, private property, until what time the City of Laramie purchases a parcel of land. The only “icon” reference on the maps to private property should be “PRIVATE PROPERTY - TRESPASSERS MAY BE PROCECUTED.”

Why if the City owns the land along Spring Creek has it not been developed as trails and bike paths? The Monolith Ranch has beautiful land along the Laramie River for trails and bike paths, this should be developed. The City owns land on the east side of Hwy 287 that could be developed for recreation. What Paul Harrison and the PRT Master Plan Committee are saying is, “It is just fine for us to develop someone else’s land, but leave the land owned by the City alone.”

Paul Harrison and the PTR Master Plan Committee you demonstrate only arrogant and glaring disrespect toward Albany County’s Private Property Rights, the Albany County Commissioners, and the Albany County Planning Board.

Now is the time for PRT Master Plan to be revised to exclude private property and include ALL land owned by the City of Laramie.

Very Sincerely,  
Terri E. Jones

Cc: Albany County Commissioners and Albany County Planning Board

- From: Bern Hinckley [mailto:bhinckley@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 12:37 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Reclaim Your Agenda

Dear Committee:

I urge you to re-claim control of your Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In politics, as in advertising, it’s all about “framing the issue”, and this is an issue which has been radically re-framed, to the detriment of your planning for our City. This Master Plan began as a positive, forward-looking vision of how Laramie could develop over the next 40 years. We all know recreation is an important element of the appeal of our community, and the dozens of meetings held by your committee, the dozens of groups specifically

asked to contribute over the last 3 years, and the scientific survey that you conducted all verified this. The good folks of the Planning Committee have labored long and hard, excited to bring to the City Council a vision for the future of our community.

Lately, however, your committee has largely been spending their time fending off a different vision - a fundamentally false vision, I think, that this plan is somehow a power grab by the City, a violation of private property rights, an invitation to trespass. Rather than working to accommodate this perverse vision by deleting elements of your plan, you should be working to dispel the misunderstanding. Extract the constructive suggestions from all this input, listen carefully to the concerns expressed, and seek solutions / presentations / graphics that maintain fidelity with what you set out to do in the first place.

You are being accused of making plans to impose on folks outside the City. Not so. Your plan is ONLY for the City of Laramie - but it’s the City of 2054. That’s what “planning” is. That’s what your assignment from City Council is.

What is so sinister about saying to your neighbor, “hey Fred, if you ever decide to sell that piece over there, let us know. We might want to buy it for a park.”? That’s what this plan IS - a template to guide CITY decisions for CITY property as the CITY develops.

I think it is highly significant that NO property has EVER been forceably annexed into the City of Laramie. If anybody in the county wants to make sure nothing in this plan ever happens on their property, all they have to do is NOT ever ask to join the city.

It’s as though you are being accused of a crime you have not committed. Yet the “solution” on offer seems to be to confess your sins and promise never to do it again. What sense does that make? Education is the solution to false accusations, not starting to tear pages and maps out of your vision of the future. Reasonable people will accept reasonable solutions. Those who thrive on conflict will never be satisfied, and your plan should not be compromised in a futile attempt to do so.

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Whatabouttherecently-submittedpetitionfromalarge group of county residents (and a few city residents)?

First, you should carefully read what it says. It goes far beyond the discussions of map icons. It explicitly opposes “all references” to “proposed or future parks, playgrounds, paths, ...” outside the present city limits. Basically, the petition demands that the City provide no plans for development (at least with respect to recreation facilities) beyond the present City boundaries. This is a legitimate philosophical position, but it should be clearly stated and addressed head on. Do we or do we not want our community to grow in size? Are the signers promoting “densification”, confined to the presently bounded City? Or perhaps the signers want the City to recognize that the present population, economic base, etc. is enough and we should just stop here? Our County neighbors raise an important issue for us to consider - What is our vision for our community?

I am not suggesting you reject this petition as irrelevant since so few of the signers live in Laramie. What I am strongly suggesting is that you get your process back on the rails of constructive, forward-looking planning.

You should listen carefully to what our neighbors are concerned about and think about how best to address their legitimate concerns while preserving all the value of your plan. Trespass seems to be the biggest issue by far. But instead of blanking out all the maps - trespassing was certainly an issue long before this draft plan came along – let’s ADD some maps. Maps that clearly say, “Private Property” “Trespassing without owner’s permission is illegal”. Better yet, add maps that correctly identify where there IS public access. Then you’d be doing BOTH the landowners and the aspiring hiker a real service. Make this plan a useful, educational tool for all concerned.

Get the City legal team to tell you, is it really an “encumbrance” to offer to buy someone’s land if they ever decide to sell it? Sounds like a stretch to me. But if it’s a real problem, let’s figure out a way to deal with it. In any case, letting the thought police tell us what we are allowed to THINK ABOUT should be aggressively resisted. You should address

the concerns expressed in this petition, but do it constructively. Take back control of your vision. We can do this in a way that addresses everyone’s legitimate concerns - and still presents to the world that Laramie is a forward-looking community that understands the importance of recreation elements in the City of 2014 and in the City of 2054.

Thank you for your three years of good work - let’s find a way to move it forward.

- Bern Hinckley

- From: Shelley J Leonard [mailto:sjleonard.laramie@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 5:35 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: master plan

I live in the county. I do not receive a news paper. I do not have internet. I was told by someone recreation trails are planned for my area. How can I get a copy of this map? I have received no notice or any info about recent meeting or plans.

Shelley

- From: sagorin@aol.com [mailto:sagorin@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 9:46 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: master plan

Dear PTR Committee Members,

As a former chair of the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission, I feel compelled to comment after this morning’s Boomerang article regarding the Master Plan “dust-up.”

I am sure one of the people interviewed in the article meant no disrespect, and is perhaps a veteran himself, but to compare a paper plan to Pearl Harbor is above and beyond - and, sadly, reflects the highly contentious approach taken by a small group of county residents pursuing a particular ideology (not to mention lacking a basis in fact, as Mr. Harrison pointed out). It was a continual source of puzzlement to me as a county planning and zoning commissioner to listen to residents of heavily covenanted subdivisions express the opinion that regulation reduces property values.

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Moreover, almost daily there is a real estate ad in the paper touting mountain properties with access to the national forest - more expensive than properties without access.

According to local news coverage, the recent "visioning" process conducted by local economic development leaders resulted in a outdoors/recreation-oriented perspective: that is, that Laramie should look toward communities like Bozeman as a model. We will not look like Bozeman if the master plan ends at the city limits. Polling done for the Albany County Comprehensive Plan, the thousands of winter visits logged at Tie City, the popularity of multiple local bike and outdoor/hunting/angling gear shops and the Greenbelt, the hundreds of people who participate in each year's UW gear swap, etc. etc., all point to the importance of parks, trails and recreation in our local economy - an economy that provides jobs and services for ALL residents of Albany County.

Many of the same folks before you now opposed strengthening the county's Casper Aquifer protection plan. You may be aware that a majority of the county commissioners ditched the improved plan that the county planning and zoning commission worked on for (literally) years, adopting a substitute plan at the last minute without discussion. I recently learned that language in this un-vetted plan now has been interpreted to negate the requirement for site-specific studies of certain proposed developments. This is a poor outcome for Albany County residents both inside and outside the city limits and it would be a shame to repeat it with the PTR Master Plan.

Unfortunately I cannot attend your meeting due to my work schedule, but I strongly (and sympathetically) urge you to carry on your work as you have envisioned throughout the many months you have devoted to it as community volunteers.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Gorin

- From: Kimberly Starkey [mailto:kimberlystarkey@msn.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:51 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan

Cc: Derek Teini; Paul Harrison; Randy Hunt; Janine Jordan; David Derragon; Council; David Gertsch; Jennifer Stone; Mel Owen  
Subject: Petition for Oct. 22 meeting

Dear Parks and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

Attached is the text to a petition submitted to the County Commissioners this morning. It was signed by 277 residents of Albany County. The pdf of the signed petition is too large to send via e-mail; however, Ms. Owen will provide you with hard copies prior to tomorrow's meeting.

Please consider and discuss this petition tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Starkey

*(Please see page 387 to view the petition appended to this email.)*

- October 20, 2014

Albany County Commissioners

Honorable Commissioners:

It has come to our attention that the City of Laramie has drafted a plan, referred to as the PTRMasterplan, outlining their intentions for proposed parks, play lots, recreational facilities, trails, paths, etc. to be placed on privately owned county land. They have already produced maps with icons/symbols placed on private property representing their future plans. These icons/symbols were put on the maps and distributed without the knowledge or permission from the property owners involved.

Although the proposed plan is currently mapped on properties around and near the City of Laramie boundaries, they are mapped as far south as the Hutton Lakes, a federal migration waterfowl refuge, which boundaries several privately owned ranch lands.

As ranch owners in that area, we do not approve of this type of overreach by the City. Placing icons/symbols on privately owned properties without the

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knowledge and permission of the property owners is totally unacceptable. The proposed plan does not currently affect our properties, but we will continue to be proactive in the future with respect to this type of overreach by the City.

Our ranches represent over 50,000 acres of County land in the general area of the Laramie River drainage starting at Laramie and continuing to the Woods Landing area, and we are requesting that this letter be posted and made a part of public record. We intend to bring the other ranches in the area on board with us which constitutes over 100,000 acres of land. If this overreach by the City of Laramie into the jurisdiction of the County continue to go unchecked, it has the potential of spreading like “cancer”, and will complicate and possibly negate any financing, transfer, and sale of land, ranches, and residences, etc.

This situation has the potential of unnecessarily financially burdening property owners, and will have a very detrimental impact to the Albany County economy.

Gary Spiegelberg Ranches  
Sand Creek Ranch  
Churces Ranch  
Lewis Ranch

- From: Celeste Colgan [mailto:celestecolgan@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 5:13 PM  
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Subject: Laramie’s Park & Rec Master Plan

Dear Albany County Commissioners:

I understand that you will take up the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission comments on the Laramie Parks and Recreation Master Plan at your meeting October 21. This message is to affirm my strong support for the PZC recommendation that all the map symbols on private property outside the Laramie city limits be removed.

Celeste Colgan

- From: Millicent Leaming [mailto:mtleaming@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 5:06 PM  
To: tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Fw: LaramieDraftPark and RecMasterplan

I live outside of Laramie City limits on Howe Rd. on a rural county property with our hours, pasture, home, and outbuildings. We want to live in open space away from traffic, congestion, and people.

One of Laramie City’s proposed trails puts at risk my living snow fence made of a long tree row which cost thousands of dollars and required many years of watering and maintenance to protect my home and driveway from being buried under snowdrifts and being closed. I do not approve of the Laramie City draft park and Recreation Masterplan. I ask the city to please remove all Ikon symbols appearing on their maps showing my property as earmarked in any way for future park, trail, natural area or any other facility.

The City of Laramie should serve its own residents who live inside the city limits, and not imply or plan intrusion onto private county properties outside city limits unless the city purchased these properties from the county owners with Albany Co. consent.

Thank you

Taylor and Millicent Leaming

- From: Cindi Scott [mailto:cscott@wyoming.com]  
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 11:10 PM  
To: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smoore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Parks/Recreation Master Plan

I am writing in reference to the City of Laramie’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Be it known, I do not support the Master Plan nor do I feel a need for it.

It has been my understanding, at some point in the

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future, the Laramie City Council intends for the city limits of Laramie be extended further south than presently on record. Past decisions made by the City Council members support this. Need anyone be reminded, however, that this has not occurred to date. Due to that fact, I question the legality of the City placing markers on private property, outside of the current city limits, without the owner's permission. Were the people who placed these markers not guilty of trespassing?

Our city government officials have clearly overstepped their authority concerning this issue. I would suggest that they reconsider their actions and take responsibility for what they did by removing the markers immediately. I've no doubt they will meet with opposition if their actions are not reversed. I believe the Albany County Commissioners should remember that it is county residents who they represent. I also suggest both the city and county representatives give serious consideration to reports and presentations delivered by the County Planning and Zoning Commissioners.

Cynthia Scott

- From: Gail Christensen [mailto:matjas@msn.com]  
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 9:56 PM  
To: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smoore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchestnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject:

I am writing in response to the postcard that I received last Wednesday regarding the upcoming meeting with the county commissioners. I attended the planning meeting several weeks ago. I had received a letter regarding that meeting about ten days prior. During that meeting I was shocked to learn that this plan has been in place for approximately three years. When I received that letter, it was the first that I had ever heard of it. I still did not realize exactly what was involved and what properties were affected until I arrived at the meeting and my neighbor had a map. I was shocked to find out that the proposed

trail runs long the property line on two sides of our property. The proposed trail runs the full length of our property on both the west and north property lines. We purchased our property because we wanted peace and quiet and not a lot of activity.

We are asking that the markers be removed from our property. It is very frustrating to think that we as landowners were not contacted regarding the proposals. We paid for the property and pay yearly taxes on the property.

I will be unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday due to work commitments, but hope that the landowner's voice is heard. Thank you for the information.

Wayne and Gail Christensen

- From: Rsmarti [mailto:randis.martinsen@gmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 10:02 AM  
To: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smoore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Map symbols on private land

PLEASE NOTE that I support the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to have all the map symbols on private property outside the City limits removed.

Putting symbols on privates property is an invasion of my privacy rights as well as my property rights.

Randi S Martinsen

- From: Linda Johnson [mailto:lindadjohnson@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 5:42 PM  
To: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smoore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Park and recreation symbols

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To Whom It May Concern,

I respectfully request the Commissioners to request the City to remove all parks and recreation symbols on private property, privately maintained roads, and private roads.

Thank you for the work you all do.

Linda D Johnson

- From: Pat Engler-Parish [mailto:ptenglerparish@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 8:19 AM  
To: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smooore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; Tim Sullivan; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Master Plan

Please consider removing all map symbols on private property outside the City limits. The symbols are located in the County's jurisdiction, not in the City's jurisdiction. You are the residents' of the county's only and last line of defense from the City's possible negative effects on our property rights. Although looking to the future is good planning, this Master Plan does not meet the needs of the residents of the county.

Thank you for your consideration,

Pat and Tom Parish

- From: Stephen Paul Ford [mailto:SPFord@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 8:19 AM  
To: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smooore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Laramie Parks and Recreation Master Plan

I strongly support the recommendations from the County Planning and Zoning Commission to remove the map symbols on private property, privately-

maintained roads, and private roads outside the Laramie city limits in the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. I will be unable to attend the meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday Morning October 21st, but wanted to make my opinion clear. I have already had to deal with increased numbers of trespassers who are looking for the City's trails, and I feel that the Laramie City Council is infringing on my private property rights and potentially affecting my property value. I am a county resident who paid for my property outside the Laramie city limits and pays to maintain it with no help from the city of Laramie. I were never contacted about this cities master plan before these map symbols appeared, and feel it has been thrust upon me with no buy-in by me or my neighbors. Plan stop the city from its bullying tactics on County Residents!!

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Ford

- From: jnbs79@wyo2u.com [mailto:jnbs79@wyo2u.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 10:59 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan; wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smooore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us  
Subject: Response to City's Park and Recreation Master Plan

I am writing this email in 100% support of the Albany County Planning & Zoning Committee's recommendation to remove the map symbols/icons that have been placed on the City Parks and Recreation's Master Plan maps – all unauthorized by the property owners.

My property consists of approximately 76 acres, all bordering the City of Laramie boundary, just south of Highway 230. My property address is 2796 Jackson St and includes my adjoining county acreage.

It is very evident that virtually all of my land is encumbered with proposed parks, play lots, paths and trails. These mapped symbols/icons that have

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been plastered all over my property, without my knowledge or permission, can be very detrimental to the value of my property with respect to future prospective sales, and in no way benefit me or the use of my land. I already have a trespassing problem, only to be heightened by these already publicized, symbolized maps. That in turn increases my liability on the property.

I am appalled at the City of Laramie's audacity in preparing this Master Plan without the knowledge or permission from the effected County property owners, and am demanding that the symbols/icons be immediately removed from the maps of this proposed Master Plan.

Jody Nordin

Brenda Spiegelberg

- From: Brian Florum [mailto:brian@modernwyoming.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:20 AM  
To: tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject:

To all concerned,

We would like to voice our opposition to the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Master Plan regarding symbols for proposed parks, trails, natural areas that extend BEYOND the city limits, therefore infringing on private property rights in the county. We expect our county commissioners to be our voice to keep the city in check against over-reaching governmental policies that affect their constituents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brian and Reesa Florum

- From: JOAN GARVER [mailto:garver1670@msn.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 7:41 AM  
To: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smoore\_dtre@hotmail.com; David Gertsch; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan

Subject: Your Property Rights!!!!!!

PRIVATE PROPERTY!!!!

WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ANY BICYCLE OR WALKING PATHS RUNNING THROUGH OUR \_\_\_\_\_PRIVATE PROPERTY!!!!!!\_\_\_\_\_ THAT IS USED FOR LIVESTOCK. PEOPLE USING IT WILL BE

CONSIDERED AS TRESPASSING AND CAN DEAL WITH THE SHERIFFS OFFICE.

- From: Bob Rucinski [mailto:rucinskir@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 10:45 AM  
To: David Gertsch  
Subject: City Parks & Rec Master Plan

To whom it may concern:

As an affected land owner I would like to go on record that I oppose the city dictating use of my land. The map symbols should be removed so as to not give people the impression they can trespass on private property.

Robert D. Rucinski

RDR, LLC

- From: Mr. Stacy Snook [mailto:stacy@wyosnooks.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 12:44 PM  
To: tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan; wyo58@juno.com; smoore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org  
Subject: Parks and Rec Ad Hoc Committee plan

Hello.

Please do not concur with any plans offered by the City (via the Parks, Trees, and Rec Ad Hoc Committee) which contain any delineations on non-city-owned property.

I have attended many Ad Hoc Committee meetings. I was not involved in the process because I live out in the county (the one mile zone around the city), and

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the founding documents for the Ad Hoc Committee was restricted to “City and City Owned Properties” (a term which was used six (6) times in the City Council’s motion to create a resolution to form the ad hoc committee, and a term which occurs five (5) times in the resolution itself - including in the title of the document). However, when the committee published maps which showed plans far outside of the “City and City Owned Properties”, I wanted to learn more about what the committee was doing.

I tried to become informed, but found several conflicting data points offered on the City’s website, Power Point Presentations, etc. So, I wrote to the committee, asking for clarification. In that correspondence, I admitted my ignorance of the issue, and voiced that I would like to learn more about the issues, and asked how I might become involved in the process. I asked whether there was any representation for someone like me, in the county. I asked if clarifications about meeting schedules could be made. I asked what the basis was for the committee’s makeup. I reiterated that I was trying to become informed, but had found inconsistent data provided by the committee and City, and would appreciate any clarifications.

I received only a response (addressed to several others) which assured me on the topic of trespassing (an issue I never touched on), and was supplied a meeting date for the next planned meeting. Nearly all of my questions had been ignored.

The website said that our input was valued, yet I was unable to get any answers on how I might become informed/involved, except for when the very next meeting would be.

Since I knew when the next meeting was, I attended, and asked the same questions there, but received no answers to these questions, which frustrated me. This was soon to become the pattern.

In the meetings I attended, 100% of the citizens who attended and spoke, did so in opposition to the “placeholders” (as they were called at the time) being placed on private property, and shown on maps. Yet, the committee voted in favor of keeping the “placeholders” on the maps - ensuring us that these

placeholders were nearly meaningless. This vote was in the summer of 2013. Continued opposition to these “placeholders” was voiced at future meetings.

A year passed, we learned (via a legal opinion from the City Attorney) that these “placeholders” were not benign, and would limit/restrict/regulate, and cost us...and once again, the committee had (on it’s “Public Comments/Topics of Discussion for the Ad Hoc Committee on August 13, 2014” document) the option to vote against placing these “placeholders” on the maps. Yet one committee member simply said, “I thought we had already voted on this, I don’t understand why this is even on the list!” at which point the issue was quickly pushed aside, thus a full year of effort/voices from the citizens of Albany County (speaking out against these “placeholders”) were summarily ignored/discarded from the conversation. Once again proving that the committee is not interested in dissenting voices. I encourage you to scour the correspondences to the committee and see how very few people have spoke out in favor of the placeholders. The opposition to these placeholders is overwhelming!

I feel from the very beginning, the committee has publically asked for input, and even states the reason for extending timelines is so that it can receive input; but that input has been warmly received only if sent by special interest groups, and not by the citizens who feel so strongly about the issue that they come to the meetings, take time off work, go through countless pages of records, etc. and voice their concerns.

For instance, on the same date (August 13, 2014) that the committee quickly discarded a year’s worth of input from multiple parties who had spoke again the placeholders, the committee spent several minutes discussing singular requests from individual bicyclists pertaining to bike lanes (whether to use one line, or two lines...or move the lane so that it was against the curb and push parking out from the curb), paint (which might be slippery to one cyclist), etc.

Through this process, it has become painfully obvious that the City (via the committee) is treating unincorporated county landowners with a mute ear because they know we have no recourse. We have no

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representation (elected or unelected) in this battle. They have bullied us, spoken down to us, and even become agitated with us for voicing our concerns.

As an example (a mundane one at that) of the views taken by this committee; one statement made by a committee member in casual conversation was: "There's a new house up there now, and - and, it's - it's coming up the hill; and I know that whomever built that has to know that that pathway's in the plan! I mean, their windows are gonna be looked on by everyone who walks that pathway. I'm like, 'Why would you design a house so that it's looked on by everyone that goes along that path?!'" - perhaps it is because the land is owned privately, and precedes the plan? Why is it this committee's business, and how dare they look down at a private owner simply for building a house the way they want to build it on private property!

Likewise, the committee sent correspondences to the BLM voicing the desire to limit use of Roger's Canyon to "non-motorized activities" and to make it a "no-shooting zone" which is "enthusiastically supported by the Committee..."

The agenda (January 11, 2012) listed "Wyoming Legislature, Joint Appropriations Committee"; a Letter of Support for Laramie aquifer protection and open space...possibly related was an "example" in document PTRAdHocCommittee3.13.13 for a vision statement: "Secure permanent access to the east of town to ensure preservation of the natural areas, and at a minimum, access to the National Forest." This statement makes much more sense when viewing the committee's plans for county land on the east side of town.

There are many, many more points, contradictions, disenfranchisement attempts, etc., along with legal opinions given by the former City attorney. We county citizens have been mistreated because they know we have no recourse.

The County Commissioners are our only chance of having our voices heard, so I beg that you refuse any plans which show icons, maps, placeholders, or other delineations on privately-owned land in unincorporated Albany County. Please do not concur

with any plans from the committee which show any such markings, and please let the Ad Hoc Committee and City know that you will not consider any plans which contain such markings, unless the committee/city has full agreement with the affected land-owners.

Thank you,  
Mr. Stacy Snook  
Resident of Albany County

- From: Marianne Viner [mailto:lctaz@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 6:43 PM  
To: Tim Sullivan; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; chesnut@co.albany.wy.us  
Cc: PTR Master Plan; wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; Shaun and Mandy Moore; David Gertsch; sadler@co.albany.wy.us  
Subject: City Parks and Recreation Master Plan Oct21-2014 Meeting

I am unable to attend the County Commissioners meeting of Oct 21, 2014 for discussion of the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) proposals. However, I want my opinions to be noted.

As a County resident, I am requesting that the Commissioners accept the PZC's UNANIMOUS recommendation that the map symbols for proposed parks, trails, and other natural areas be removed from the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan map!! These symbols are placed on PERSONAL PRIVATE PROPERTY!!!!

I own my land, maintain this land, and pay taxes for this land. It does NOT belong to the City; it does NOT belong to the County; it belongs to ME! If the City wants to purchase this land or provide land use payment to me for City trespassers, AND maintain the land, AND pay my taxes, AND provide liability coverage for private landowners, we can have an honest and open discussion concerning this.

With the City placing "public use" symbols on maps, it indicates these areas are NOT private property and implies it is perfectly legal for anyone to stroll along these trails and utilize private land as public parks. This is not so!

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Property values have already fallen as seen with homes placed on the realty market. Once a buyer hears that there is a government dispute over public use on private land, they are quickly disinterested. If these homes cannot be sold for true market value, then the County Appraiser needs to make a complete reassessment of these “public use” areas on private land and begin decreasing our County property taxes significantly.

Please support the removal of these misleading symbols and support the City staying the heck out of the County.

Marianne Viner  
15 October 2014

- From: Clifford D Ferris [mailto:[cdferris@bresnan.net](mailto:cdferris@bresnan.net)]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 9:07 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation

I support the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation to have all map symbols on private property outside of the city limits removed. The city does not seem to understand the meaning of private property. I live outside of the city limits.

Clifford D. Ferris

- October 14, 2014  
City of Laramie  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee  
  
Laramie, WY 82070

Dear Mr. Harrison and Members of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee:

We own property located within Service Area 12. A map showing the approximate location is attached.

This is a supplement to my comments dated September 12, 2014 (attached) and includes two recommendations for you to consider. Our

recommendations stem partly from what we heard from other County property owners at the meeting hosted by the Albany County Planning Commission October 8th.

1) Include County Representation on Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Membership and Participation

My first recommendation is to add two members to the committee who live and own agriculture use property outside of the City limits. The outside-of-the-City-perspective needs to be included in the way the City finalizes the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan.

At the October 8th meeting many of the property owners expressed anger and a feeling of distrust toward the City because they were “blind-sided.” The Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan maps included specific facilities denoted by icons on their deeded lands. The property owners had received no communication from the committee that they were doing this. Seeing these icons on printed maps and on the internet made many County property owners feel disrespected and threatened with more public trespass that would be encouraged by a planning map shown on the internet or printed for circulation. We feel very strongly this way. Experiencing trespass leaves rural property owners feeling violated just as a City resident would feel if they would discover a stranger enjoying himself in their yard.

Seeing these icons also made many County property owners feel like their property values would be jeopardized. The icons would be considered like encumbrances in the future, and this would be the first step toward “taking” property by right of public domain.

2) Replace the Icons on Lands Outside of the City Limits

My second recommendation is to take all icons outside of the City limits off the planning maps and replace with a narrative similar to the following:

In addition to the specifically identified Park and Recreation facilities within the City limits of Service Area 12 there is, with property acquisition, potential

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for several hundred acres of “Natural Area” and/or “Park Space.” Through acquisition of easements 5 to 10 miles of “Multiple Use Trails” and/or “Share Use Paths.” could also be developed.

We know the intent of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan is to identify, in a conceptual way, possibilities and alternatives for the future of Parks, Trails and Recreation development within the community of Laramie. However, seeing the specific facilities designated on a map has made many if not all property owners outside of the City limits feel ignored and threatened by the possibility of “taking” of their property and their rights. If the plan is only a “conceptual plan” the property owners should not feel the way they do. Also, if the plan is only a “conceptual plan” the icon map symbols do not need to be on private properties outside of the City limits.

The icons on private lands outside of the City boundary should be removed immediately from all maps and all private properties should be clearly designated as private properties.

This planning process is fostering distrust between the City government and County residents which can spill over and have negative effects on many other issues such as water needs, future transportation and access facilities, land acquisition, tax initiatives, public access across deeded lands like the Game and Fish Department acquires for public fishing access.

Again, the above are two recommendations to supplement our comments outlined in our letter of September 12, 2014.

Respectfully Yours,

Jerry and Jeanetta Schmidt

- From: Kdbirks@aol.com [mailto:Kdbirks@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 10:16 PM  
To: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmoline@wyfb.org; smoore\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Planning and Zoning Commission

recommendation

Sirs:

As residents of Albany County, we support the County’s Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation to have all the map symbols on private property outside the City limits removed. These symbols are located within the County’s jurisdiction, outside of the City’s jurisdiction, and placed on properties of County residents who were not contacted for permission. We consider this an over-reach by the City of Laramie under its Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith C. Birks

- From: Thane McKinsey [mailto:thane\_mckinsey@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 11:18 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Laramie

Hi Vicky @ city of Laramie

I am happy that you agree that the birds need protect too. About twenty years ago I had a friend from West Virginia who’s parents where both bird watchers. He knew the names of many of these birds. He is also the one who first suggested that I make this area into a bird sanctuary. I began to notice all the birds myself and many of my other friend also commented on how many birds are in this area.

I have identified three different species of ducks within a fifty foot diameter circle. They all had their little Quakers following them around. There is a flock of about ten Pelicans that live down on the river during the warm season. The Sand Hill Cranes graze out in the meadows. There is a Blue Herring Harem and many Red tailed hawks. It is not unusual for me to see a bird that I have never seen before. There are many, many species of migratory birds here. They all need a safe place to make a living and raise their young.

In the cooler months the Owls hoot down on the river through out the night. Big black Ravens find refuge here. I occasionally see Bald Eagles here hunting for prey. There is a really big Raptor type bird that is mostly black with a lighter colored head and white

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spots on the under side of its wings that spends the winter here. I was thinking that it maybe is a Bald Eagle but its head is not white.

Laramie is surrounded by barren wind blown, frozen [in the winter] grassland desert. The only sanctuary for wildlife is the Big Laramie River Valley. There are White Tail deer Mule deer, raccoons, skunks, possums, weasels, rock chucks or wood chucks I don't know which. There are at least two different species of foxes. I have spotted a Bobcat den and I have captured a Mountain Lion which I turned it over to Game and Fish. The Mountain Lion was living right here at the main ranch complex and was eating my domesticated Snow Geese. In the fall about this time of year thousands of wild Geese will stop here to rest for the night on their long journey south. I think it would be interesting to track some of these birds to discover where the go in the winter.

This path along the river is just ridiculous. The city has NO rights along this part of the river and the only way for the city to get this path is to buy a very, very expensive easement which neither me nor Romsa want. I am "Not" going to let the public into this Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Thane McKinsey

PS. Please share this letter.

- From: Arnold Lee Willems [mailto:AWillems@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 8:16 PM  
To: Paul Harrison  
Cc: wyo58@juno.com; sos@carbonpower.net; bmline@wyfb.org; smoores\_dtre@hotmail.com; dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us; sadler@co.albany.wy.us; jstone@co.albany.wy.us; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; PTR Master Plan  
Subject: City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Comprehensive plan

October 9, 2014

Dear Mr. Harrison:

After attending the October 8, 2014, meeting of the Albany County Planning and Zoning Committee, and

listening and thinking about all the comments and presentations made, we are requesting that all icons and planning notations be immediately removed from the planning maps on any land not located within the city of Laramie.

While realizing these maps represent planning that has not been approved by either the Albany County Commissioners or the City Council of Laramie, they have been posted on the City of Laramie website and we saw multiple copies of the map at the committee meeting. These maps are being used by some as a done deal. A trail is marked on the map; therefore it can be used. Property owners see these icons as an encumbrance on their property which likely affect property values. They also view the city's planning as unfair "taking" of their private property.

In addition, the planning process was grossly flawed. There were no landowners from outside the city of Laramie on the ad hoc committee. The maps, with all the icons and notations, were posted on the city website, printed, and publicized with no prior notification to landowners affected. They were left to find out on their own until into October about the possible location of a recreational site on their land. They should have been notified before any publication of the plans and informed about any options they had.

Once again the city of Laramie is attempting to impose control on us and our property outside the Laramie city limits. Governance without representation has no place in a democracy.

Sincerely,

Wanda Willems

Arnold Willems

- From: Thane McKinsey [mailto:thane\_mckinsey@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 9:26 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: please remove shaded area

To whom it concerns

Please remove the path and shaded areas from the McKinsey Ranch.

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Thank you

Greta McKinsey  
Thane McKinsey

• Oct 7th 2014

John M. Evans  
3501 Grays Gable Road  
Laramie, WY 82072

October 7, 2014

Master Plan Advisory Committee  
City of Laramie, Parks and Recreation Department  
Recreation Center  
Laramie, WY 82070

Dear Committee Members:

I am the owner of a quarter section of land (15 N 74 W 12 SW4 160.000 total acres) west of Laramie on the Laramie River. The proposed river trail west of town includes my property. I request that the proposed trail be removed from my property for the following reasons:

1. It would dramatically lower the value of my property since it would take all of my river frontage for the trail.
2. It would detract from my enjoyment of the land.
3. It would be contrary to my beneficial use of the property.

Kindly remove the proposed Laramie river trail from my property and respond in writing.

Sincerely,

John M. Evans

- From: Rebecca S Riley [mailto:BeckyR@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 11:51 AM  
To: Derek Teini  
Cc: Paul Harrison  
Subject: Re: Parks and Recreation Plan Meeting

Good Morning Derek,

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner, but I

just got back into town yesterday after an extended trip.

First, let me tell you, to get into great detail about the grants, you will have to wait until at least Friday. However, I spoke with Paul this morning, and I think what you need can be answered briefly.

1. We are looking for grants that will allow us to keep the open space in question undeveloped in any way.

2. The Nature Conservancy and a two other open space grants cannot be applied for with just the 16 acres, we need to have the seven acres that the city currently owns to make up a large enough parcel. To that end, we need to have the seven acres designated as natural space or open space. We as a neighborhood want to acquire the 16 acres, and when we can, deed it to the city.

3. The neighborhood has never wanted a developed park. First and foremost, this area, as we said many times, is not conducive to a traditional city type park with grass and water. Kiowa Park has parking available for access to this area, therefore there is no need for a parking lot.

4. We would like to see this parcel used in as a cross over for citizens to utilized the Cirrus Park Trail and the Jacoby Golf Course Trail. I will forward a poster under separate cover, it is difficult to read, but it will give you an idea of what we are thinking about. Know, that as a neighborhood, we will help in any way we can in support of this plan.

5. We still need the caveat that this “master plan” is a proposed or guideline plan.

6. Be aware, we do not have access to and encourage the neighborhood to not violate private property rights of our county neighbors.

If you have questions, I will be here and available until around 2:00 p.m. today.

Becky

- From: Thane McKinsey [mailto:thane\_mckinsey@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 12:17 AM

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To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Sanctuary

### Sanctuary

Let's talk about the Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary on the McKinsey Ranch. Now this isn't some wild dream and this is not a sanctuary want-to-be. This Sanctuary is real with probably well over a thousand different species of birds or even more. It is just incredible. Many of these migratory birds are protected by the Federal Government. They are protected by me also. There are some other critters here that are endangered also. I am sorry I will not tell you what they are because they are protected and endangered. But they are doing very well here.

Has the city of Laramie done any kind of environmental impact study here? The answer is no. What kind of impact will the public have on these birds and animals? What about dogs from the city? These birds just hate it when I myself invade their territory, especially when they have chicks.

One reason this place does so well is that it is isolated and very well protected from the impact of people. I protect the trees and brush by keeping the livestock out. I am the keeper and the shepherd of this land. My impact is small. I know only a little bit about birds. But I've been raising them all my life.

Not only does this Sanctuary include the river it also includes the meadows and it has great resources like water. This area is also wetlands protected by the Federal Government.

Stay away and keep the fuck out. "Private property." Don't you people have any respect? This place would be destroyed. Some things can only be saved by keeping it private. That is why it is called a Sanctuary.

Thane Mckinsey

- From: Thane McKinsey [mailto:thane\_mckinsey@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 6:57 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Dear City of Laramie

Dear City of Laramie;

I am requesting that the path following the Big Laramie River on the McKinsey Ranch be removed. Forced access is the same thing as RAPE.

This path will be curse and haunted forever by anyone who has ever experienced forced access. Including the path on Romsa property.

Thank you  
Thane McKinsey  
Oct 2 2014

- From: Btjones@wyoming.com [mailto:Btjones@wyoming.com]  
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2014 7:04 PM  
To: Planning  
Subject: Email Us: City of Laramie Parks, Trails and Rec Master Plan

Terri Jones  
Btjones@wyoming.com  
September 28, 2014

From: Dale "Brad" and Terri Jones  
PO Box 1  
Laramie, WY 82073  
307-742-7003

To: Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director and  
CITY OF LARAMIE PARKS, TRAILS &  
RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Amber Travsky, Amy Williamson, Bill Gribb, Dave Hammond, Evan O'Toole, Joe Lord, Mike Moeller, Peggy McCrackin, Scott Mullner, Vicki Henry, Dan McCoy.

The City of Laramie must look to the future to best service it's Citizens. In looking to the future and planning, the private property rights of the citizens of Laramie and Albany County cannot be violated.

Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director and CITY OF LARAMIE PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE have shown no respect for private property owners and their rights with the introduction and implementation of the CITY

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OF LARAMIE PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION  
MASTER PLAN.

By producing a map and making it available online the proposed parks, trails and recreation on private land you have opened private land to the public. This is, in effect a taking of private property by local government, “a land grab” if you will. Private property owners within the master plan have been experiencing trespassers as never before. The trespassers tell the private property owners, the area of land they want to use is public property according to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Map. How would each of you like numerous people wandering around through your yard, gardens and children’s play areas all times of the day and night? Then having to repair damages and clean up trash left by these intruders?

Remove the private property from the master plan map, until what time the City of Laramie purchases the land and it is no longer private. Show respect for private property rights and look to the future without infringing on the private property rights of the citizens of Albany County.

Our land affected is parallel to Interstate 80 and the proposed trail crosses the land somewhat east and west.

Very Emphatically,  
Dale “Brad” and Terri Jones

Cc: Albany County Planning Board and Albany  
County Commissioners

- From: Bern Hinckley [mailto:bhinckley@aol.com]  
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2014 11:38 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Master Plan Comments

Dear Planning Committee Members:

I have previously submitted comments on the draft plan (July 26), but would like to respond to a couple of items from your Sept. 10 work session:

1. Item #47 on your list asked if you should individually notify potentially affected property owners in the county. I think the only sensible answer is, “no”. First, it’s not like anything you’ve done has

been done in secret. You have diligently notified the public, from soliciting comments from a long list of specific groups, to running open and well-publicized meetings, to posting easily navigated web materials.

Second, property owners in the city have just as much right to be individually notified as property owners in the county. In fact, city property owners are far more likely to be impacted by the plan than county property owners, in that folks in the county can insulate themselves from impact by never asking to become part of the city. And yes, there are future parks projected for private land within the city. There are also obvious potential traffic and parking impacts on adjacent properties throughout the city if projected bike lanes are established, and not every property owner is going to be crazy about a bunch of screaming kids and stray baseballs in a neighborhood park. I’m not suggesting anyone’s concerns are illegitimate, and it would be great if you had the time and resources to gather input, one-by-one from anyone and everyone who might have something to add. But considering the hundreds and hundreds of property owners who might have some sort of beef with or inspiration for the plan, the only practical procedure is to deal with those specific issues when and if the time comes to actually implement a plan element (at which point there may be totally different property owners anyway).

2. Your work session and the press have been filled with stories of county property owners distressed at the thought of their land being dedicated to a bike path, park, trail, etc. under this plan. But as I understand the plan, every single element outside the present city boundary is a response to the question, “IF this area were ever to become part of the city, what do we envision it looking like?”. According to city staff, there has NEVER been a forced annexation in the history of Laramie. The protests and lamentations of our county neighbors are sincere, but simply misplaced. The future use of their property remains squarely in their own hands, not yours.

As I read it, this is a plan for the City of Laramie and, absent explicit County adoption, for not a square foot more than the City of Laramie. But it’s for the City of Laramie of 2054, not the City of Laramie of October,

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2014. A plan that looked no further than tomorrow could scarcely be called a “plan” at all. Imagine some bright young entrepreneur coming to Laramie and asking, “so how do you see your community growing over the next 40 years?” and the city having been forced by non-city protestors to answer, “sorry, we don’t do “vision” in these parts; no plans beyond what we’ve got in the City right now; guess we’ll just have to see what happens.”

Thanks again for all the solid work you have put into this plan. I hope you can remain open to adjustments as good ideas continue to be brought to your attention, while holding on to your vision of the City of Laramie of 2054, not 2014 (or 1914).

- Bern Hinckley

- From: Thane McKinsey [mailto:thane\_mckinsey@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 9:27 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Private Property

To all whom it concerns

The Laramie city Council and Ad Hoc Committee;

This letter is in regards to Map symbols and or markers on Private property, private roads and privately maintained road outside of the City of Laramie in Albany county that have placed there by the City of Laramie or its affiliates .

Please remove all signs and symbols from “River Ranch Road” any all other private property, private roads and privately maintained roads where permission has not been granted by the land owners.

Trespassers will be given “no trespassing warnings” run off and prosecuted if necessary.

“NO Permission is granted.”

Thank you very much.  
Greta McKinsey  
Thane McKinsey

- September 12, 2014  
City of Laramie

Director of Parks and Recreation  
Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee  
Laramie, WY 82070

Dear Mr. Harrison and Members of the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee:

We own property located within Service Area 12. A map showing the approximate location is attached.

This is a request to make three (3) changes to the Master Plan Map for Service Area 12.

#### 1) Designate Private Properties

Service Area 12 includes recommendations on privately owned lands that are both within and outside the City Boundary. Outside the City boundary land is owned privately and publicly i.e. County lands, State lands, BLM lands, UW Lands, leased public access routes and possibly other ownerships. It is often not clear where the public recreationist can and cannot go. Please designate all privately owned properties to clarify to the map users where they can and cannot go. Private land is not for public use unless otherwise designated.

For the following reasons we are requesting that you remove the following placeholders on our property from the current Master Plan Map for Service Area 12.

#### 2) Water Recreation

We have no objection to our public’s right to travel on river water through all properties. In fact at the two water-gaps where the river crosses our pasture boundary fence we are converting the water gap fence wire to smooth wire to facilitate river travel access. Most river travelers access the river on the Monolith Ranch where there is adequate parking and safe easy shoreline access.

We request the removal of the Water Recreation symbol located between 200 and 300 feet west of our house where Cottonwood Drive and the river are in close proximity. Trespass is already a property management and liability issue for us because some recreationist park next to our pasture fence and access the river with rafts and kayaks by going over

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and under our fence as well as through a gate at that location. Our fence condition is being damaged and occasionally our horses have escaped the pasture and wandered onto and across Cottonwood Drive.

Seeing this symbol on the Draft Map calls attention to this location for more recreationist who may see it as an additional opportunity they can start using now. Beside the problem with our fence condition, our property owner responsibilities and livestock control there is no designated parking space. Increased parking at this constricted location could interfere with Cottonwood Drive traffic safety.

Living adjacent to the City includes several issues involving property rights, liabilities and safety. Calling the County Sheriff or City Police is not always the best solution. In fact the best solution is not always clear.

### 3) Shared Use Path

In the introduction to the written section pertaining to Service Area 12 it states the following: “Proposed access to the Monolith Ranch via this SA and preservation of the riparian area along the Laramie River are highly desired”

To us these seem like reasonable goals. However, it is unrealistic to imply you can accomplish this by recommending a system of “Shared Use Paths” within and along the natural river corridor as recommended in the Draft plan. Please remove the “Shared Use Paths” symbol from our property and adjoining river-side properties and reword the priority statements for Shared Use Paths to be re-designated in flood-free areas. See attached suggestion.

Again, for the same reason given above in the Water Recreation discussion seeing this symbol on the Draft Map calls attention to this location for more recreationist who may see it as an additional opportunity they can start using now – trespassing.

Another important reason to remove the shared use pathway from the river corridor and riparian areas is because of the physical difficulty and cost of implementing this. The flood plain of the Laramie River is flooded almost every spring and certainly every 2 or 3 out of 5 years. The flooding creates forces

that alter the river channel and course location. The natural meandering of the river includes bank erosion and bank caving. It includes beaver activity and other natural activities brought on by the flooding that alter the exact course and pattern of flow. Also, along the river are small-sized willow and cottonwood habitats key to white tail deer and other species for security and raising of young. A system of shared path use through these areas will fragment these important habitats, causing some of the wildlife to go elsewhere and diminishment of the Natural Area character.

Successful development of a “Shared Use Path” along river channel will probably require some river bank stabilization and some straightening of the river channel. Doing this will jeopardize the condition of the riparian, the “Natural Areas” and fisheries within the river itself. Expensive straightening and bank stabilization has been done along the current segment of river running through Riverside Park on the west side of Laramie. Recently the Laramie River Conservation District led an expensive multi-year fisheries and aquatic habitat restoration project within this two mile river segment. If river stabilization is not done some of the path segments in different locations will have to, at times, be redeveloped.

Path development along the river within the flood zone can mean added cost to the taxpayers and tolerance of the pathways being closed during Spring run-off for 3 to 8 weeks each year, similar to the current Riverside Park trail system. Again, developed pathway and trail systems should for the most part be planned in flood-free zones.

The integration of more recreation along the river will make it difficult for property owners to keep livestock and, if so, grazing use will cease or decrease allowing increased rangeland fuel build up and an occasional grass- fire hazard after productive growing seasons such as this year in 2014.

Again privately owned properties are not for public use. The Master Plan Map, when used by some people, may create questions regarding public access along the river.

We suggest that the “Shared Use” access routes for reaching the Monolith Ranch be planned on the lands

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that are infrequently flooded and in conjunction with the other travel corridors (streets and highways) already developed for east – west travel.

Suggest rewording of the Shared Use Paths and Bike Lane priorities below is as follows:

Current wording:

- Develop Bike Lanes per SA 12 map. Development of these Bike Lanes should coincide with needed street improvements, such as paving, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and will provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.

Develop Shared Use Paths per SA 12 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.

- Develop Shared Use Paths per SA 12 map. Special attention should be given to making connections to the Monolith Ranch.

Suggested Wording and Priority Consolidation

- Develop Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths per SA 12 map. Development of these Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths should coincide with needed street improvements, such as paving, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and will provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.

Develop Shared Use Paths in flood free zones

per SA 12 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.

- Develop Shared Use Paths in flood-free zones per SA 12 map. Special attention should be given to preserving the character of the riparian zones and natural areas while making connections to the Monolith Ranch.

Jerry Schmidt

• August 29, 2014

City of Laramie  
Parks & Recreation Ad Hoc Committee  
Laramie, WY 82070

To Whom It May Concern;

My property is located in Service Area 12. Attached is the map showing the exact location. The map currently shows a “Shared Use Path” going across my property and an :”In Park Path”.

I am requesting that all placeholders shown on my property on the Master Plan Map be removed.

I had sent a letter to this Committee as well as to the Albany County Commissioners in July requesting the removal of the placeholder. I received no response except from Commissioner Chesnut. Since that letter was not part of the record as of the August 27th Ad Hoc Committee meeting, even though at least one member acknowledged receiving it, I would request that this letter be part of the record.

Thank you,

JD Romsa  
2920 Cottonwood Dr  
Laramie, WY 82070

Cc: Laramie City Council, Albany County Commissioners

• August 29, 2014

City of Laramie  
Parks & Recreation Ad Hoc Committee  
Laramie, WY 82070

To Whom It May Concern;

I am requesting that you remove any and all placeholders on my property on the current and any future Master Plan map.

My property is located in Service Area 12. A map showing the exact location and the legal description is attached. From what I can see on your map it erroneously shows that our property is in the city limits, which it is no. The map shows the City’s

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boundary on top of our Arena located on Chimney Lamp Rd. the Master Plan Map has a placeholder for an “In Park Path” on our property. I am requesting that this be removed.

Thank you,

Ag-Rec Inc.  
JD and Candy Hamaker  
PO Box 327 Centennial, WY 82055

Cc: Laramie City Council, Albany County Commissioners

Post Script: After closer inspection of this map it appears to have an additional placeholder on out property consisting of an on street bike land. CH

- August 29, 2014

City of Laramie  
Parks & Recreation Ad Hoc Committee  
Laramie, WY 82070

To Whom It May Concern;

I am requesting that you remove any and all placeholders that have been put on my property in regard to the City of Laramie’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan Map.

Specifically, my property is located in Service Area 12 south of the Laramie River. Currently the maps shows an “In Park Path, an On Street Bike Lane, a Shared Use Path, and a Natural Area” on my property. I am attaching a map showing the exact location.

Because this property is not suitable for development, it will remain agricultural, henceforth none of the proposed streets will be extended into this area.

No one from the City of Laramie or the Ad Hoc Committee has ever contacted me regarding their “long range plans.” If they had I would have informed them that I am not interested in selling, donating, or giving up any of my property for this or any other purpose.

I had send a letter to this Committee as well as to the Albany County Commissioners in July requesting the removal of the placeholders. I have received no

response except from Commissioner Chesnut. Since that letter was not part of the record as of the August 27th Ad Hoc Committee meeting, even though at least one committee member acknowledged receiving it, I would request that this letter be part of the record.

Thank you,

Larry Romsa  
125 Chimney Lamp rd  
Laramie, WY 82070

Cc: Laramie City Council, Albany County Commissioners

- From: Kenneth L. Driese [mailto:KDriese@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 2:40 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Cc: Kenneth L. Driese  
Subject: Comment on Draft Parks and Recreation Management Plan

11 August 2014

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to register my comments on the Draft Parks and Recreation Management Plan for Laramie. First, I would like to thank the committee for all of the hard work and time that was required to put together this comprehensive, well-crafted, and comprehensive plan. I believe that short- and long-range planning, as described in this document, are essential to enhancing our quality of life here in Laramie and that a well-coordinated plan for recreation, parks, and trails will encourage economic development as well by attracting businesses and jobs. It makes sense to look ahead as Laramie grows and to work together to plan for this growth in ways that improve opportunities for recreation and outdoor activities. This plan is a great step towards that vision.

I’d like to make several specific comments:

1. There has been a lot of controversy already about the portions of this plan that concern areas outside the city boundary. I think that it is essential that we plan for the future, which will inevitably include eventual expansion of city boundaries. Forward-looking

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planning can help insure that as the city grows outside of its current footprint, well-coordinated parks and trails can be built, including, but not limited to bike trails that would circle the city and other access to surrounding lands. It makes complete sense to plan outside current city boundaries. This document proposes a plan; it does not mandate any acquisition of lands without full public input. I'd also note that a well-conceived network of parks and trails will enhance property values both inside and outside the city boundary.

2. One of Laramie's great benefits is our proximity to the Medicine Bow National Forest. In particular, the opportunities for hiking, biking, skiing, and other outdoor sports at Happy Jack are what make Laramie a great place to live for many of us. I applaud the draft plan for noting that we should be open to finding ways to access the MBNF from town if opportunities present themselves. Many of us drive up and down I-80 to Happy Jack many times each week to exercise and recreate, and it would be wonderful to be able to leave the car behind and access these areas on foot or by bike. I see that many stakeholders share this vision.

3. It will be important in the future that as parts of this plan are debated that there be non-biased, scientific surveys that give voice to all of us in town and surrounding areas so that our voices are not drowned out by small groups that have particular agendas and who organize themselves to register their ideas better than do other citizens. Basically, I'd like the city to insure that the desires of the whole community be considered, not just interest groups. Survey results in the draft plan suggest that the majority of people in Laramie appreciate a well-developed system of parks and trails.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ken Driese

- From: [sindyndan@juno.com](mailto:sindyndan@juno.com) [mailto:[sindyndan@juno.com](mailto:sindyndan@juno.com)]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:42 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: A look at the draft master plan

I've written this to Paul Harrison, as he was the person who presented the plan to the Traffic Commission, of which i am a member.

Paul,

I'm writing on the Amtrak from notes taken before the last Traffic Commission meeting, without the plan with me, so please forbear.

First, I want to commend the writers and the committee, this report is unlike many I have read in that there isn't any of the usual boilerplate I've come to expect from the outside consultants. This is obviously the work of people who live here and care about the community.

Here are my comments by page number:

P. 60 "consideration of colored (bike) lanes. . ." A great idea as long as a way is found to color them so that they do not become slippery when wet or covered with wet leaves.

P. 62 On the recommendation for snow removal, its good to see the recommendation for connectivity. I'm really enthusiastic about cleared bike lanes.

P. 62 Controlled intersections—It doesn't matter what kind of device is used to detect and cycle the control device for bikes, it doesn't have to be a camera (some people may have privacy issues with cameras) I think most important is the wording about accommodating bikes. We would be better off saying that all controlled intersections "will" have bike sensors, or "shall" have bike sensors, not "should" have the sensors. I would specifically saying that at any time a controlled intersection is built or updated, bike sensors will be part of the design, or wording to that effect.

P. 64 In the discussion of pedestrian ways, keeping them clear of shrubs no only makes travel easier, but having clear sight lines can enhance a sense of safety.

Things you may wish to add include:

A date on the cover or title page.

The web address for the plan and the maps.

Make all (or as many as possible) park entrances ADA

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compliant.

Corrections:

P. 125, Map is Service Area 8 instead of Service Area 9

P 62, It should be “dual” not “duel.” The first means two, the second is a formal fight.

I hope these ideas contribute to the success of the plan.

Nancy Sindelar

- From: Bern Hinckley [mailto:bhinckley@aol.com]  
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2014 11:11 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Comments

July 26, 2014

Comments on DRAFT Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- Bern Hinckley (508 S. 11th St.)

1. First, thank you for the vision, commitment, and resources to put together a comprehensive and long-range plan. Unlike those who consider the very act of planning to represent an infringement by government on the freedom of the public, I think it is perfectly clear that if my hard-earned tax dollars are to be spent in an efficient and coherent way, planning is critical. If we are going to live in communities at all, it behooves us to engage in thoughtful planning - not as rigid rule books for future actions, but as guiding documents to generally herd the day-to-day decisions of government in the directions most likely to yield favorable outcomes 10, 20 and 40 years down the road.

2. I think it is not only appropriate, but critical that the City look beyond its present immediate boundaries in this planning effort. The opportunities for City growth through in-filling are limited. It would be absurd to create a plan for the future that denied itself consideration of where City growth is likely to occur into the surrounding areas and how the City would like that growth to occur if it does. The very essence of a plan is to anticipate the future and provide

guidance in how to deal with it. And this is a two-way street. Not only does a good plan provide guidance to City review of future development proposals, but it gives future developers a “heads up” regarding what proposals will be most favorably received by City reviewers.

3. The comments in the Appendix are rife with concern that the City is “making plans for private property”. While in some cases I think these comments simply come from a general antipathy to planning as a government process, in others cases the comments may reflect a genuine confusion about the nature and authority of the plan, particularly regarding the adjacent portions of the county. Individual notification of the hundreds of properties potentially impacted by an abutting bike path, pocket park, trail or other recreation element being considered throughout the planning area would obviously be unworkable. And it would also be premature, as many of the specific elements of the plan may never come to fruition, may be modified as development proceeds, or may not be considered for actual implementation during the tenure of present property owners. Given the expressed concerns, however, perhaps the introductory chapter could go a bit further to make it clear that each individual element of the plan could only be implemented with the full cooperation of a property’s owner, and, if presently outside the City, would only fall under City authority if the area were annexed into or purchased by the City. Similarly, the offending graphics of Chapter 4 could be improved by clearer distinctions between existing (e.g. in green) vs. potential future (e.g. in red) facilities. The “disclaimer” on the maps and in the summary chapter is certainly sufficient to allay legitimate concerns about trespass. To belabor this point any further simply detracts from the good work, creativity and vision of the plan. (The statement should not be in quotes on the maps unless it is quoting a specific document.)

4. I commend the use of scientific polling to help penetrate the inevitable bias of specific interests advocating specific planning directions. It is often difficult to discern objective public priorities in the cacaphony of well-intentioned, but inevitably self-interested lobbying. And many citizens will only respond to a direct question, not to just the provision

of opportunity to comment.

5. I was gratified to read that the first of the “common themes” of the stakeholder-group input was a desire to, at some point, develop public access between Laramie and the National Forest lands to the east, and to see this as one of the 8 explicit “vision” statements for the plan. This is a prime example of a planning objective with limited applicability in the current ownership and financial context, but which should continue to be “on our radar” for advancement as opportunities become available. More and more communities with whom Laramie competes for young, entrepreneurial talent are recognizing that desirable community recreation extends well beyond the traditional “city park” to encompass large, accessible tracts of open space. This is an asset in which Wyoming has a huge competitive advantage, but only if that asset is recognized and developed through long-range planning.

6. I also wish to specifically commend the goal of a comprehensive “green-belt” trail system eventually connecting the present Laramie-River based trail up the channel of Spring Creek and across the ridge systems in the eastern and northern parts of town.

Bern Hinckley

- To: Paul Harrison, Parks and Recreation Director  
Cc: Vicki Henry, Parks Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee  
From: Andrea Summerville  
Re: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Comments

Service Area 3

This section contains numerous typographical errors, including:

- refers to spatial analysis of SA 2, not SA 3 on pg 95.
- pg 95, neighborhood parks: This paragraph is confusing, is it saying that we will not put a neighborhood park in SA 3 because it is covered by the neighborhood park in SA 8 (which is across the railroad tracks on the other side of third street)????
- pg 95 and top of 96, Playlots: It states that two playlots exist in service area 3, Kiwanis and Linford Elementary. Is Kiwanis a playlot? Seems like a

Community park. This paragraph needs to be reconfigured to reflect actual current structures.

Pg 96 Playlots top left: Also refers to SA 8 instead of SA 3, and I think that these areas are being confused.

#### ADDITIONAL TYPOS

Pg 212: School playlot sites total 5, when there are six listed?

#### OTHER

There is an existing neighborhood park shown in SA 3 on the “Existing and Proposed Neighborhood Parks” map (shown on power point, not sure what page). Is this referring to Kiwanis? What is the designation of Kiwanis Park?

Are there any designated sledding areas in Laramie? Or could we make suggestions on legal places people could go? Given our cold climate and all.....

A “Google Earth” interactive type map, essentially providing a simplified comprehensive plan that is easily navigable and accessible online to everyone would be an exceptional asset for our Parks and Rec department.

Giving the Wyoming Territorial Prison State Park a page to describe what it brings to community recreation, as well as future greenbelt on this property would be an appropriate addition. It is a state park within our city boundaries, and as such is in a unique situation. It is barley addressed ( I believe one line) is it's service area. Any other entities of similar value should also be addressed.

Andi Summerville

- From: Sandra Eike [mailto:sandraeike7214@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 4:54 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us  
Subject: n McCoy, Peggy McCrackin

Having just returned to Laramie (and unable to attend your meetings - conveniently scheduled by

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you all for the same week) I am most distressed that this committee continues to ignore personal property rights. You have been requested, on numerous occasions, to remove all references to “gateway areas” currently on private property, private roads, and privately maintained roads. Many people are viewing these areas on your website, attempting to find them while trespassing and violating owners lands. This is unacceptable. The Sheriff’s department has been contacted regarding trespass laws. They are not thrilled with the thought of the numerous calls they may receive if this blatant disregard for private property rights continues.

It appears that your committee has exceeded what the City requested of you by including county property. It is time that you correct these errors and acknowledge that people living in the county are decent hardworking people who do not choose to have their rights violated by this plan.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Eike, Broker Associate  
Eike Real Estate

- From: Thomas Flores [mailto:flores7318@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 6:43 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: Comments Concerning the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan

First, let me compliment everyone involved. This Plan is extremely well done and well presented. A plan such as this can set out a vision for the long term and can be of great value in helping the City Council and others in their year-by-year decision making.

I have two comments, both concerning Service Area 7 and to some extent Service Area 11.

I was very pleased to see the City obtain title to the 8.7 acres north and west of Kiowa Park. I propose that this property be maintained as undeveloped open space and that additional acreage be added. People in this area are already using this property as a walking and view area. It is covered with native grasses and native flowers, with a series of native flowers blooming during the entire spring, summer, and fall. If a list

of the native grasses and plants in the proposed park area were to be made, it would be very impressive. It’s true that there are some invasive plants, but those can be controlled. That’s the only action I propose other than blocking off the area to motorized vehicles.

This is not presently a large area for walking. I propose that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan be amended to include the goal of enlarging this area through the purchase of the adjoining property up to and including the ridge line. The view from that ridge is astonishing. The ridge is primarily bedrock and it’s in a no-blast zone, making it very expensive to build. The developer might be amenable to a sale.

To satisfy the need for a developed park area, I propose that Kiowa Park be further developed. At the present time there is just one lonely picnic table, and there is adequate room to provide other amenities that would make the Park more attractive. I would even be open to enlarging the present Kiowa Park slightly to allow for some of these improvements.

My second comment concerns the State section to the east and south. I agree with the comments in the Master Plan concerning this section. It is another undeveloped open space and should remain as such. I feel that contact with the land and the wildlife is valuable, and Laramie is blessed to have such an area so close to the City.

Thank you for your attention.

Thomas R. (Dick) Flores

- From: Diane A. Kempson [mailto:DKempson@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 8:38 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: City’s Master Plan: Removal of map symbols on private property, private roads, and privately-maintained roads.

Attention:

Ad Hoc Committee: Amber Travsky, Amy Williamson, Bill Gribb, Dave Hammond, Evan O’Toole, Joe Lord, Mike Moeller, Dan McCoy, Peggy McCrackin

City’s Master Plan: I am requesting that the Ad Hoc

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Committee remove map symbols on private property, private roads and privately-maintained roads.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Diane Kempson

- From: Shawn King [mailto:sking307@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 5:53 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan  
Subject: In regards to city plan for use of private property

I would just like to state that I am not at all impressed with you guys feeling that you have to right to use out land if people want to live outside of town and use property then they can buy there own land. I personally will be bordering some of the trails and will not tolerate trespassers onto my property. They will be handled in a very unkind manner. I really think you guys should use your head a little and think about what you are doing. People have horses and other animals on this property and we do not need random people coming around. This kind of stuff need to stay in town. And on another not there are a few of us out here whom shoot firearms on our property being out of city limits that is legal. So I don't feel having people walking around is very smart.

Shawn King

Sent from my iPhone

- From: Edward C. Cassidy [mailto:Cassidy@uwyo.edu]  
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 4:10 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan; Council; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us  
Subject: master plan.

Hi Folks. I've written to you a few times regarding the inclusion of county (not city) private property on the Parks and Rec master plan map. The excuses I've received for these inclusion are disingenous and appear to be designed to make me stop writing. I find

it very offensive that the city, through Mr. Harrison, would be so unconcerned with private property rights. It makes the cities opinion of those of us in the county quite clear. It also explains why the legislature passed the recent bill limiting cities emergency powers. Since the city seems to be insistent on proceeding with this map, I would like to ask the County Commissioners to NOT agree to this invalid map that shows parks and rec trails on private property in the County. Ed Cassidy Laramie, Wy.

- From: Quade Romsa [mailto:qromsa@icloud.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 6:41 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan; Council; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us  
Subject: Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan

As a County property owner I do not want to be included in the City's Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan, and want the symbols on my private property, private roads, and privately maintained roads located outside the City limits to be removed from ALL Master Plan documents, including those on the City's website.

Respectfully,

James L. Romsa

- From: Quade Romsa [mailto:qromsa@icloud.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 6:37 PM  
To: PTR Master Plan; Council; tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us  
Subject: Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan

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Respectfully,

JD & Beth Romsa

- From: Kimberly Neufeld  
[mailto:neufeldenterprises@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 9:52 AM  
To: PTR Master Plan; wyosid@uwyo.edu; facultys@uwyo.edu  
Cc: firstlady@wyo.gov; Dave Paulekas; Klaus Hanson; Lee Kempert; Vicki Henry; Roger McKinley; Jayne Pearce; Joe Shumway; Joe Vitale; Tom@RichBroadcasting.com; JeremyRayJohn@gmail.com; stoven@uwyo.edu; davechaffin@townsquaremedia.com; contactus@kfbcradio.com; krsv@silverstar.com; Mel Owen  
Subject: UC Facilities in need of 50 meter pool, USA swimmers in our country see the need

Dear,  
Dave Paulekas (Mayor)  
Paul Weaver (Vice Mayor)  
Klaus Hanson, Representative  
Vicki Henry, Representative  
Lee Kempert, Representative  
Roger McKinley, Representative  
Jayne Pearce, Representative  
James Shumway, Representative  
Joe Vital, Representative &  
Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Your state needs a 50 meter pool. My children swim USA swimming for the Pleasanton Seahawks a Level 4, Gold Team. they would love to consider UW along with many other USA swimmers. There is great talk about UW around the Senior Elite groups at Pleasanton Seahawks Swim Team, Crow Canyon Sharks Swim Team, Santa Clara Swim Team, PASA Swim Team- Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics, Terrapins Swim Team, and Orinda Aquatics,

Our family is California ranchers in Livermore CA and my son would love to apply at UW as a Petroleum or Chemical Engineer, but as I read and others on the team tell him Wyoming doesn't have the ability to train Long Course. As I confirm this need with [www.swimswag.com](http://www.swimswag.com) <http://swimswam.com/swimming-in-wyoming/>

I ask and many others, please consider building a new 50 meter pool so that your great state looks attractive

to great swimmers within our country. As our country sees UW has great Academics, Academia!

Sincerely,

Mrs Kimberly Neufeld

As I read: Travel meets in Wyoming are very different, where many athletes have to travel 8 hours just to find a long course pool.

Collin Baldacci is the official USA Swimming representative for the state of Wyoming, and one of the biggest issues in his state is a lack of facilities.

Can Cowboys swim fast? The Cowboy State has produced three Olympians in events that require swimming just in recent memory, Scott Usher, Barb Metz and Ryan Bolton, but while in Wyoming, they didn't get to train or compete in great facilities. The entire state of Wyoming, an 8-hour drive from end to end, only has one 50 meter pool.

For those who don't know, Wyoming, while big in area, is the smallest state population-wise bolstering a just 563,000 residents. Now the swimming community in Wyoming is really not a large amount of people. Ranching, and other sports take a lot away from the swim teams due to the fact there are not super great facilities here.

Even our State University in Laramie has a dungeon pool where there's not even enough deck space for spectators to watch in the natatorium. Instead they have to sit in an adjacent classroom with a wall of windows viewing the pool and listen through the speakers to what the announcer is saying. They have tried the past decade to get a new pool built, but keep getting turned down. Tom Johnson the head coach has done a phenomenal job with what he's allotted though. Scott Usher a 2004 Olympian went to Wyoming, and just this past summer Coach Johnson took the largest amount of swimmers from Wyoming to ever go to Olympic Trials, but they didn't have the opportunity to TRAIN long course before. They competed down in Colorado before trials, but because of NBAC being at the training center in Colorado Springs, they couldn't get in to train in a long course pool.

So why aren't there any other 50 meter pools here?

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People around our state just don't realize the need is there.

In January of 2010 Casper Swim Club (CASC) brought in Isaac Sports Group, to do a pool feasibility study as the city was planning to build a new high school. Now Casper is located almost dead center of the state and already hosts many of the state championship events in their facilities. When the high school plan became a jumbled mess, CASC started pushing for a new pool next to the aquatic center that was just added to the existing rec center.

This aquatic center had a play pool, some slides, and a 4 lane- 23 yard lap pool, but no competition pool. There was a perfect opportunity to add to it, as the machines running that pool were made for pools two and three times that size, and there was an open field next to it with an ice rink on the other side (ice rinks and pools workout great together because of the heating and cooling needed for them). The Isaac Sports Groups study found that the town could easily accommodate a 50 meter pool, and that the benefits would reach far past just the competitive swimming world.

But that plan was turned down too, because the two high schools in the city didn't think they could share practice time. Now if a National meet can run a men's prelims, and a women's prelims at the same time – in one pool – why couldn't they run two practices at the same time? Simply put, it was an excuse to not spend money on a sport that isn't as popular.

Just think about the potential Wyoming Swimming holds. In addition to Usher, We've also produced two Olympic Triathletes, Barb Metz from Casper, and Ryan Bolton from Gillette. If we could get just ONE more 50 Meter pool in the state, we could reach out to so many more kids who don't have an Olympic-sized pool to swim at. Producing more college athletes, and who knows, maybe more Olympians. It does take strong kids to work on a ranch or farm like many kids do in Wyoming. All that's missing is the ability to get them in the water of a great pool.

BILLY

December 5, 2012 at 7:45 pm

Correct me if I am wrong, but I think that the State of Wyoming is fairly wealthy with all the natural resources contained within it's borders.

You would think that building a pool would not be that big of a problem.

That's my two cents worth

COLLIN

December 9, 2012 at 4:07 am

Sorry about the delay as I've been at juniors all weekend, but we are a very rich state, although that doesn't mean we spend it on what we want. Trying to stay out of the politics as much as possible, new tax and surplus regulations have decreased the amount of money our state has to spend on what they call "enhancements" which they categorizes pools under. Which means the facility isn't critical to the education of the students. This is a major road block for us in our quest for a pool, and makes it difficult if not impossible to have the state pay for any part of a new pool.

Cc: US Senator Mike Enzi,  
Cc: US Senator John Barrasso  
Cc: Govenor Matt Mead  
Cc: Dave Paulekas (Mayor)  
Cc: Paul Weaver (Vice Mayor)  
Cc: Klaus Hanson, Representative  
Cc: Vicki Henry, Representative  
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Cc: Jayne Pearce, Representative  
Cc: James Shumway, Representative  
Cc: Joe Vital, Representative  
Cc: Collin K. Keeney, Faculty, Senate Chair

- 7.1.2013 – Heidi Fuhrmann (Email)

Hi!

My soon-to-be husband and I are thinking of moving to Laramie. We currently live in Boulder, CO, and LOVE our trails and open space. We just want to escape the sprawling Denver suburbs and congestion a little bit. After visiting Laramie this weekend to

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check things out, I have a few questions about the open space on the east side of town. We love to run and bike, and it looks like there is potential for a great trail system out that way, but we couldn't really tell if that space is open to the public or if there are some trails out there or not.

I see on your master plan website that there is a plan to develop out that way a little bit. Some of the maps show developing trails just a mile or so outside of town, and other maps show the trails extending several miles up into those foothills (or whatever you call them). I have a few questions about that space:

1. Is that space currently open to the public?
2. Are there already trails out there...even if there aren't "official" trails.
3. Is the plan to develop just the little bit shown in some of the maps or to develop all the way up into the foothills?
4. When is the development of that area scheduled to take place?

I love getting away from town for a little bit for an evening run or bike ride. It's exciting to see that the town is updating their trail systems. I hope there are plans to open up all of that beautiful open space to the public! And if we do move there, I would love to help build the trails!

Thanks for your reply.

Heidi

- 5.8.2013 - Roger Steeve (Email)

Committee Members,

Many tax paying citizens in Laramie and surrounding county areas participate in recreational activities that do not include hiking, bicycling, archery, and tubing. The extensive bike paths and other proposed accommodations for recreation will cost a great deal of money. A significant amount of tax dollars will be required to build and to maintain this infrastructure. This financial burden mainly comes from property

owners. I am not willing to pay for the building and maintenance of a recreational infrastructure that only a select few will use -- on those few months of good weather. There are many areas very near to Laramie where people can participate in recreational activities. I am willing to support those ventures that affect most citizens within the city and county, such as paying for education and improving the infrastructure of the county and city.

Additionally, the master plan includes public access across private lands in the county. This concept is absolutely inappropriate. Laramie city government officials are not the government representatives of those of us who live in the county. Having a master plan with trails across private lands sets a precedence that perhaps this concept is appropriate -- or a concept that can be eventually allowed. This concept is absolutely inappropriate.

People from the county have different values that are often not respected by those who live in the city. People spend a lifetime working and paying taxes to acquire land for various purposes, such as owning horses and such. Livestock and people not accustomed to livestock do not mix. For example, people from outside our neighborhood have come onto our property and treated our horses as if they were visiting a petting zoo. These individuals had no idea of the potential dangerous situation they were in. Horses are not pets like dogs or cats. Furthermore, these people had no respect for us. What would they think if our family walked into their house to handle their pets?

The plan calls for a bicycle path down Sage Drive. This pathway will take away frontage from our property -- or place the trail immediately next to our property. Why spend money for a trail that is not needed? During the few warm months, my own children ride down this quiet street.

Furthermore, we saved our money and bought property in the county so that we could live in a quiet neighborhood and have animals. Why is it that the city now plans to have additional people bicycling and driving through our neighborhoods so that they can run their dogs (to poop on our property), toss trash, as well as, trespass onto our property (with the

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blessing of the city). I lived in the city of Laramie for a number of years -- and dog poop, trash, and noise from people and cars was a recurrent theme. People live in certain neighborhoods for a reason.

I am opposed to spending valuable tax dollars to an extensive recreational infrastructure. However, if the citizens of Laramie want to have bicycle paths in the open spaces, why not use the Monolith ranch? I believe that the city owns this ranch. A corridor on public land could be developed down 287 to the Monolith ranch. This public land could be used as a source of recreation for all people who pay taxes to Laramie. However, these same people also have numerous options for recreation on other public lands that are very close to Laramie, such as Happy Jack, Vedauwoo, Snowy range, and many other places.

I would rather have the city government focus on spending tax dollars that benefit everybody, such as improving the failing infrastructure of Laramie or providing more financial support for the high school. We can only pay for so much.

Respectfully,  
Roger W. Steeve  
2844 Sage Drive  
Laramie, Wyoming

- 5/2/2013 - Kimberly Starkey (Email)

Dear Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Harrison,

I am a resident and property owner in the Sherman Hill Estates subdivision, which is located in the unincorporated area of Albany County. I am also the Co-Chair of a homeowners' organization, the Casper Aquifer Protection (CAP) Network. CAP Network has a highly informed, engaged, and educated membership with a serious mission statement: "Preservation of clean, safe groundwater now and for generations to come, while retaining our property rights." The two stated objectives are on equal footing.

Upon review of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee website, minutes, and draft Master Plan, I have come to the conclusion that the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (herein referred to as the "Committee") has lost sight of the task assigned to it by the City

Council. Specifically, City Council Resolution 2011-25 established the Committee to "assist" with developing a Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan for the "city and city owned properties." The words in underlined-bold are used five times in the approximately 370 word-resolution. The Council could not have been more clear.

Since you, Mr. Harrison, were the "Responsible Staff" who recommended Council form the Committee, you are acutely aware that the Master Plan was to encompass city and city owned properties ONLY. You knowingly allowed the Committee to extend the draft Master Plan beyond city and city owned properties. Shame on you.

I believe your enabling the Committee to create a draft Master Plan to include properties outside the corporate limits and not owned by the City has fostered the "we know better than you" attitude and the "for the greater good" comments that Ms. Eike, Mr. Pedrick, and I received from two of the Committee's members on April 24.

Most of CAP Network's members own property in the subdivisions east and southeast of Laramie. We bought our properties, pay to maintain and improve our properties, pay property taxes, and pay a road assessment to maintain our private roads for our benefit, not the benefit of the general public.

That you would allow this Committee to design City-generated maps indicating locations for "future" open space, trailheads, trails, and parks on private property is a deliberate act of disrespect toward the owners of these properties and displays blatant disregard for property rights.

Many of the property owners, particularly those with larger parcels, already contend with activities such as: general trespassing, dumping, four-wheelers tearing up their land and driving on their expensive wastewater treatment drainfields, and people on horseback peering into windows. Should the current draft Master Plan be adopted, these "future" recreational uses indicated on the City's map will only encourage more of this kind of activity as well as the prospect of increasing the numbers of strangers on foot or bicycles entering our quiet neighborhoods.

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Simply noting on the Committee's website that trespassing is a violation which can be subject to prosecution does not relieve you (or the City of Laramie) of the responsibility for producing recreational uses maps over areas for which the City has jurisdiction but not beyond.

On behalf of CAP Network, I respectfully request that the Committee delete all "future" recreational uses on the draft Master Plan from the private properties in the subdivisions east and southeast of Laramie before sending your recommendation to Council.

As a private citizen, I respectfully request that the Committee honor the charge given to it by Council—to develop a Master Plan for city and city owned properties only—and delete "future" recreational uses on all other private parcels (from a park and playlot on Warren Livestock's corrals to the shortest length of trail on property that the City does not own), before sending your recommendation to Council.

I have blind-copied the membership of CAP Network on this e-mail and added a few names that you may recognize to the CC box. I would like to know if you will honor my request, preferably by 5pm tomorrow, Friday, May 3. Please Reply to All, as I think everyone included in this correspondence would like to receive your response on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Starkey, Co-Chair  
CAP Network

- 4.29.2013 – Robert L. Brownell (Email)

Let me get this straight. Private property in some of your eyes is not private. For the better good is what I heard. Please give your addresses so I can walk my dog, ride my horse, hike and camp on your property. It is for the better good. Bob Brownell, Sherman Hills

- 4.29.2013 – Connie M. and James C. Petrie (Email)

Thank you to all who serve on these committees.

I applaud people who exercise and would like to use these trails. I note that most or, at least many, of these trails are on private property. I am curious what the city and county plans will be to routinely clean up

these trails. Also, I am sure you are aware that the private citizens in these areas maintain our own roads. Will the city be paying for the added traffic and the cost to maintain the roads? I am sure you have thoughts on these issues and plans in place in order to not infringe on the rights of private property owners.

Thank you,  
Connie M. and James C. Petrie  
3238 Evergreen Dr.  
Laramie, WY 82070

- 4.24.2013 – Mr. Stacy Snook

I notice a large percentage of the parks and paths suggested by the "Large Parks and Recreation Map" are outside of the city limits, and are, instead in the county.

I'm curious as to how/why the "Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee" was, then, "Appointed by the City Council." If this plan includes a large percentage of County property, then I feel it would have been wise to also grant some of the appointment "powers" to the county. Has the committee considered using representation/appointment based on percentage of proposed usage? (i.e. It would seem to make sense that if 70% of the proposals are within the city, that 70% of the committee should be appointed by the city, with the remaining 30% being appointed by the county.) Without further information (I fully admit my own ignorance at this time), I am somewhat concerned that county residents might be under-represented.

Also, I am somewhat confused by the differences in the definition of "Who is the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee" when comparing the 2-26-13 PowerPoint presentation on the website, with the current definition on the <http://cityoflaramie.org/index.aspx?nid=456> website. They are different, with no explanation on the difference.

I only recently heard of this committee, and would be interested in attending the meetings, though I discovered today's meeting too late to accommodate it, I am interested in future meetings. The website states that such meetings are held every second and fourth

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Wednesday of every month from 11:30am till 1pm; but lists no further meetings in the schedule section... could you please verify whether further meetings will continue on the twice-monthly schedule?

I'm trying to become informed, but there seems to be inconsistent data as I look through the various offerings on the website and I would appreciate any clarifications you might offer.

Thank you,  
Mr. Stacy Snook

- 4.24.2013 – Ed Cassidy (Email)

I note that in the Comprehensive Parks, Trails, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for the Laramie parts of your grandiose plans extend into county and private property. While I am completely unconcerned with any silliness you inflict on the city, I strongly object to your attempt to inflict it on me. A bike trail down Bill Nye, in front of my house is completely unacceptable. I suggest that you restrict your meddling to areas where you have some minimal influence. Ed Cassidy

Ed Cassidy  
5905 Bill Nye Ave.

- 4.24.2013 – Shelley Leonard (Email)

The City and County have constantly. And I mean every single year for the entire Twenty years that I have owned land in the Sherman Hills area been doing something to interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the land owners in the Sherman Hills area. Now you are proposing again to take people's private land for a public purpose. And to have the public trekking across private land' private roads and privately maintained, roads. Every single year. This malignant coercive government. This will be fought. Leave us alone.

Shelley Leonard  
7407 Black Elk Trail

- 3.12.2013 – Tom Bryant (Email forwarded by Paul Harrison)

To: Paul Harrison,

Re: Park system idea.

I do not know if a new high school will be built...

But if it is, can the existing unused high school become part of the City Park system? It has a track and field, the Gym is already being used for City sports and outside it has open space.

I do not know how this could all work, but the existing high school has art rooms, wood working rooms, metal working, a welding shop, and auto work areas.

Maybe something like the existing Civic Center; where this could be made into another Community Center for those on the North end of town?

This maybe could be City run or a Board run facility.

Just an idea for the future of the park system, community and the use of that place if a new high school is built.

Tom Bryant,  
Bryant Assoc., LLC  
311 So. 2nd St.  
Laramie, WY  
307-742-0932

- 3.5.2013 – Mikell Platt (Email)

Hi,

I have provided (separately) some input to the Master Plan process for proposed parks and trails, and was glad to do so.

I would also like to make a comment/suggestion concerning the Laramie River Greenbelt Trail as it exists today. Great as the trail is, there is a significant problem with the trail underpass at the Snowy Range Road. There is so little elevation difference between the trail and the river that the underpass is frequently frozen over when occasionally water levels rise in the river and then similarly the underpass is flooded for at least several weeks each spring when river levels rise from snowmelt.

I believe that \*most\* of this problem could be corrected were the trail level in the underpass raised approximately 1 foot. I think there is enough

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clearance overhead to accommodate that, though I do not know if there are design rules/standards that mandate some minimum level of clearance that would be compromised. But, if possible, this would be a useful improvement, and one which should not cost too much money.

But I also believe an alternate route should be developed to ensure year round travel through this chokepoint, to consist of a pedestrian crosswalk across the Snowy Range Road, with connections to the River Trail on both sides of the road.

--Mikell Platt

- 2.26.2013 – Marcia Gladstone (Letter)

I would like to talk about plans for the greenbelt trail along Spring Creek.

Some of us here today live at the Regency Retirement Residence, which sits right across Spring Creek from the big student housing development that's going up back of Albertson's. It is called The Pointe at UW. When it's finished there will be 300 students going in and out to the new extension of 30<sup>th</sup> Street with their cars and bikes and stereos and such. Our residents are concerned with the location and landscaping planned for the greenbelt trail that will pass right by The Pointe.

Currently there is a dirt trail that runs along the berm on the west side of Spring Creek. It would make more sense to move the trail to the east side, adjacent to The Pointe's driveway and the extension of 30<sup>th</sup> Street. This is especially true if the city wanted to promote bike use over car use. We would also like to see something other than the standard landscaping of a few trees at spaced intervals. There will be more dirt blowing around, car fumes and noise in that area, as well as what some people consider to be visual blight. We think a lilac hedge on top of the berm would be a good response to these problems. Since it would be dense from the ground up, it would help block the noise and pollution, and would also be very pleasant to look at.

Thank You. Marcia Gladstone

- 2.19.2013 – Sean Moore – Email (forwarded via

David Gertsch, Albany County Planner)

David,

Thank you for sending me a map of the proposed future parks map. I do have a question though, I look over this map, which I think is a good idea and a good plan, but I noticed that a piece of real estate that I own already has a proposed use (Future Natural Area) and a proposed (Rural Path). It seems to me that it might be a good idea to include proposed anything (trails, ares, etc..) before talking with the land owner. Like I said, it is a good idea and looks like a good plan but it caught me off guard that there were proposed uses on my land and I wasn't even aware of it. I think other property owners might think the same thing and catch them off guard. I don't want anyone to be upset, because it looks to be set up good (the plan).

Just a thought.

Shaun Moore

- 11.16.2012 – Kimberly Starkey – Email

Derek,

Could you provide me with maps of Park Service Areas 7, 10, and 11 (electronically preferably) and any other Park Service Areas on or near the Casper Aquifer from the Park, Trails and Recreation Master Plan that the ad hoc committee has been working on?

Thanks,

Kimberly

- 5.10.2012 – Maryalice Snider - Email

Good Morning Derek-

I was going through the maps and data you handed out at yesterday's meeting and I have a few questions, and a request. Firstly, Dan Mc Coy asked for you to send some clarifying documents to the group and I was wondering if you wouldn't mind sending them on to me, as well.

As far as the maps and data, I just want to make sure I'm interpreting things correctly, so I have a few questions...

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1. SA-7 (and the exterior Service Areas) have lines that extend out beyond the city and into the county. Is this the '1-mile buffer', which appears in the legend of the first map? To me it looks like the red line extends further than 1 mile (SA 12, 20 and 16, for example).

2. Assuming I've got the '1-mile buffer' correct, am I correct in assuming that when the county acreage/ buffer is removed some of the SA density's increase markedly?

3. Do folks living outside of the city limits pay property taxes to the city of Laramie? Not really sure how that works.

4. What is the difference between a Community Park Need and a Neighborhood Park Need?

Thanks, Derek!

Maryalice

- 5.10.2012 – Amber Travsky – Letter (by Email)

May 10, 2012

I am a cyclist and have been biking up Rogers Canyon for over two decades. It's an excellent training ride from town and the canyon is a real treat with the lovely vegetation and wildlife. At the speed I go up the canyon, I have plenty of time to look.

Historically there has been a bit of an issue with trash and debris being dumped along the road and, especially at a few of the two-track roads that exit off the pavement. In the past I believe it was primarily the result of party activity. While there has always been some dumping of household items such as TV sets and furniture, I don't recall it being any where near the issue it is now. Additionally, the use of the area for target practice was not common until this past year when improvements were made to the paved road. I was horrified when I went up the canyon this spring to find it looking more like a dump site instead of the lovely canyon I remembered. The addition of new two-tracks going straight up the adjacent hills was especially disappointing.

I support the proposed action. Most important from

a safety standpoint is to make this area off limits to shooting. It is unnerving to be riding up the canyon and then hear shooting up ahead. While certainly not all shooters leave trash behind, it seems to escalate as one person fails to pick up their target debris and then the next one follows with the same behavior.

I was a part of a recent volunteer group that attempted to clean up some of the debris and it was especially tedious due to the small size of the trash. Most prevalent were pulverized beer bottles, the plastic plugs from shotgun shells, and the bright orange broken clay shooting targets. While the later may be identified as biodegradable, such degradation would be woefully slow making them, for all practical purposes, just more trash dotting the hillside.

I offer the following additional suggestions. This area has the potential to be a really lovely area - just one square mile - for non-motorized recreation. With it being just one section of land, I just don't see it being much of an area for motorized travel. Those on ATVs, trail motorcycles and trucks would have such limited distances to travel. I recommend reclaiming the existing two-tracks to single track and, possibly, adding additional trails as the terrain allows. With the lower elevation, as compared to the trails at Happy Jack Recreation Area, this area could provide excellent early and fall season recreational opportunities. Possibly adding a second parking area and trailhead along the road would spread out the users.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Amber Travsky  
1116 Albin St.  
Laramie, WY 82072

- 4.20.2012 – Tony Hoch -Email

Hi Mel,

I was out with a TU staffer from Saratoga this afternoon looking at Spring Creek. I'm sending you this message and copying local TU and other fish people in case there is still an opportunity, and if they would like to meet with you and the Park Managers to convey the importance of Spring Creek as a natural

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place, a fishery, and a gem of an educational tool for getting kids and all citizens out appreciating nature. It should be thought of in Parks planning as such.

I'm not sure I emphasized it enough on Monday, but I want to.

Tony

[Public Meeting Summary and Comments regarding the future development of Imperial Heights Park held on December 5, 2013](#)

Project Background:

The City of Laramie is seeking a Land and Water Conservation Fund award from the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources in the amount of \$50,000 to be used to develop the Imperial Heights Park, which is located near the intersection of Sherman Hills Road and Morgan Drive on the City's eastern edge. Matching funds in the amount of \$101,875, budgeted for the development of a playground will come from the City of Laramie. This project is a part of the City's commitment to develop and maintain parks that are modern, safe, accessible and responsive to community needs.

To this end, the Parks and Recreation Department held a public meeting to gather public input for the new park on December 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Laramie Community Recreation Center. Parks and Recreation Staff mailed 563 postcards to five subdivisions: Imperial Heights, Sherman Hills, Grand View Heights, Valley View and Laramie Plains; the announcement was also printed in Laramie Boomerang and posted on the City of Laramie website. The meeting was attended by 40 people.

The meeting had three goals. One: solicit public input for the new park, what program elements do park neighbors want in their park? Two: gather public input for the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, staff is preparing for consideration during the City Council regular meeting on December 17, 2013. Three: aid in the development of request for proposals (RFP's) for the park when professional services are considered.

The results of the public workshop exercise conducted at the public meeting are highlighted below. Participants were asked to place green dots and red dots on a poster to indicate strong "for" or "against" preference for a program element. The green dots indicated a strong preference "for" a program element, and the red dots indicated a strong preference "against" a program element. Meeting participants were instructed to place as many dots on the poster as they felt were strong

preferences “for” and “against.” However, they were instructed to only place one dot per program element. The poster received 278 total dots at the conclusion of the exercise.

The table below indicates the top ten responses “for” a program element and top ten responses “against” as a result of the public workshop exercise. From the public workshop exercise the public present desired, or wanted the development of, a traditional and non-traditional playground program element and does not want the City to take no action to develop the park, along with not wanting a BMX program element.

Comments and Questions from the meeting:

- A park may have some effect on the aquifer and should be seriously considered.
- The property boundaries shown on the map provided should be investigated to make sure they are accurate.
- If the park is developed with native grasses, there is a concern about the fire hazards.
- Isn't the alleyway on the southwest side of the proposed park dedicated in Albany County, and not part of the park?
- It may be difficult to establish a trailhead in such a small area.

Imperial Heights Public Meeting - Public Workshop Exercise December 5, 2013		
TOP 10: “FOR” Responses	Votes out of 167 total	Percentage of all “For” votes
Blend of Traditional Playground and Non Typical Playground	13	8%
Bridge	12	7%
Natural Playground	11	7%
Gravel Path	10	6%
Playground All Ages	9	5%
Shade Structure	8	5%
Merry Go Round	8	5%
Playground Ages 5-12	7	4%
Playground Ages 2-5	7	4%
Walking Paths	7	4%
TOP 10: “AGAINST” Responses	Votes out of 111 total	Percentage of all “Against” Votes
Taking No Action	18	16%
BMX	17	15%
Trailhead	14	13%
Picnic Shelter	11	10%
Fencing	11	10%
Dog Park	9	8%
Restrooms, Flush	5	5%
Restrooms, Compost	4	4%
Dog Free	4	4%
Developed Turfgrass	4	4%

- Residents in this area pay the highest water bills; would a park increase their water costs?
- If turf grass is not used, what are the other options?
- Will the park be accessible? Would there be more than one access point?
- Would the City consider creating a committee to represent the residents on the development of the park?
- Will there be lights in the park? If so, light pollution is a concern.
- What about the antelope? Will there be a corridor left open for them?
- Will the park be American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible?
- Will the park be for children of all ages?
- Will there be an off-street parking area? Will parking on the street accommodate the park?
- What is the zoning to the west of the proposed park?
- Will Sherman Hills Road be extended between Imperial Heights subdivision and the Sherman Hills subdivision in the future?

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- Will alcohol be allowed in the park?
  - Will there be fencing around the park?
  - What requirements will the City have to meet to submit the grant due by December 31st?
  - Could the City hold off submitting a grant for another year?
  - Maybe the City could pursue acquiring other property in the neighborhood that would not have as many obstacles.
  - Why are residents held to a higher standard than the City on possible pollution of the aquifer?

\*\*\*\* End Comments and Questions \*\*\*\*

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## NORTHEAST LARAMIE OPEN SPACE PROJECT

(Kiowa Park/Outlot A)

### Current situation

- Kiowa Park 7.4 acre expansion finalized 2/2014
- Outlot A reserved by city for purchase until 2/2016
- Neighborhood must show interest and develop ideas for city to purchase Outlot A (16.6 acres; value uncertain but likely \$300K-540K)
  
- City has long-term proposal to upgrade Kiowa expansion (see diagram)
- Some open space preservation grants require 20-25 acres minimum, so best if Kiowa expansion plan is not adopted

## NORTHEAST LARAMIE OPEN SPACE PROJECT

(Kiowa Park/Outlot A)

### Ideas for Open Space development

1. **Regional *plein air* natural history museum**
  - a. **Preserve area as native shortgrass prairie** (complements the riparian ecology of the Laramie greenbelt)
  - b. **Install loop trail for biking, skiing**
  - c. **Install gravel nature trail, benches and signs**
  - d. **Interpretive signs at appropriate places on:**
    - i. *Geology (on ridge looking E)*
    - ii. *Laramie's groundwater sources (on ridge)*
    - iii. *History of Warren Livestock Company*
    - iv. *Botany of native shortgrass prairie*
    - v. *Invasive species*
    - vi. *Wildlife (pronghorn, badgers, deer etc.)*
    - vii. *Laramie plains weather systems (looking W)*
  
2. **Observatory:** place where residents can set up personal telescopes, benches, signs with sky maps
  
3. **Natural Amphitheatre** for school groups, parks activities
  
4. **Connect with Laramie greenbelt** via UW Golf Course trail system, Cirrus Sky trail system

## Northeast Laramie Greenbelt-Connect

Regional shortgrass prairie  
preserve and open space

A proposal to the City of Laramie  
from citizens of the Alta Vista/  
Indian Hills Neighborhood

### Steering Committee:

Andrea Lewis     Jill West-Brown and

Steph Hulse     Andrea Casperich

Land Trust     Ruth Sawyer

Jan Fry     Amy Daymond

Elizabeth Brown     Robert Brown



## Northeast Laramie Greenbelt-Connect

Regional shortgrass prairie preserve and open space

### The Current Opportunity

In February 2014, the City of Laramie finalized a 7.4 acre expansion to Kiowa Park in northeast Laramie.

At the same time the city reserved the right, through February 2016, to purchase an additional 16.6 acres of undeveloped land located immediately north ("Outlot A") of the recent acquisition for Kiowa Park. The city has encouraged interested citizens to develop a proposal for this potential expansion.

The Alta Vista/Indian Hills neighborhood recognizes an unparalleled opportunity to provide much needed community open space in northeastern Laramie, and a chance to connect this space with the Laramie Greenbelt trail system. Hence, we propose a three-stage project, the:

### Northeast Laramie Greenbelt-Connect

Stage 1: Create NE Laramie shortgrass prairie preserve

Stage 2: Connect with city greenbelt trail system

Stage 3: Extend shortgrass prairie open space

### Stage 1: Creating the Northeast Laramie shortgrass prairie preserve

Stage 1 involves the following:

1. The city will preserve the Kiowa Park expansion as a natural area, and acquire Outlot A (16.6 acres) as additional, contiguous natural area.

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2. Together these parcels comprise contiguous open space of 24 acres, large enough to be eligible for open space preservation grant support. The neighborhood will lead or assist in grant applications.
  3. The city will develop the parcels as a regional open space that preserves and interprets the native shortgrass steppe of eastern Laramie. This project complements the riparian ecology of the Laramie River segment of the city greenbelt.

The Northeast Laramie shortgrass prairie preserve could feature:

1. Loop trails for walking, bicycling, and skiing that in the long term will connect to the city greenbelt trail system.
2. A nature trail with benches and interpretive signs on:
  - a. Geology (on ridge looking east)
  - b. Laramie's groundwater sources (on ridge)
  - c. History of Warren Livestock Company
  - d. Botany of native shortgrass prairie
  - e. Invasive species
  - f. Wildlife (pronghorn, badgers, deer etc.)
  - g. Laramie plains weather systems (looking west, source of prevailing winds)
3. An observation site: a place with benches and sky map signs, where residents can set up personal telescopes.
4. A natural amphitheater for school groups and city parks and recreation activities.

## Stage 2: Connect with the city greenbelt trail system

The second stage of the project provides connections to the city greenbelt trails:

1. An east trailhead at Shoshone and Indian Hills Drive and a south trailhead at the north end of Arapaho Drive provide easy access from the northeast Laramie shortgrass prairie preserve to the public trails on the UW golf course.
2. A west trailhead at Sioux and Apache Drive allow access to Northview and west to the Cirrus Sky trail system. (Note: Shoshone Drive will not be extended across the ridge north of Outlot A.)
3. Map boards help orient walkers and cyclists to the Laramie Greenbelt trail system.

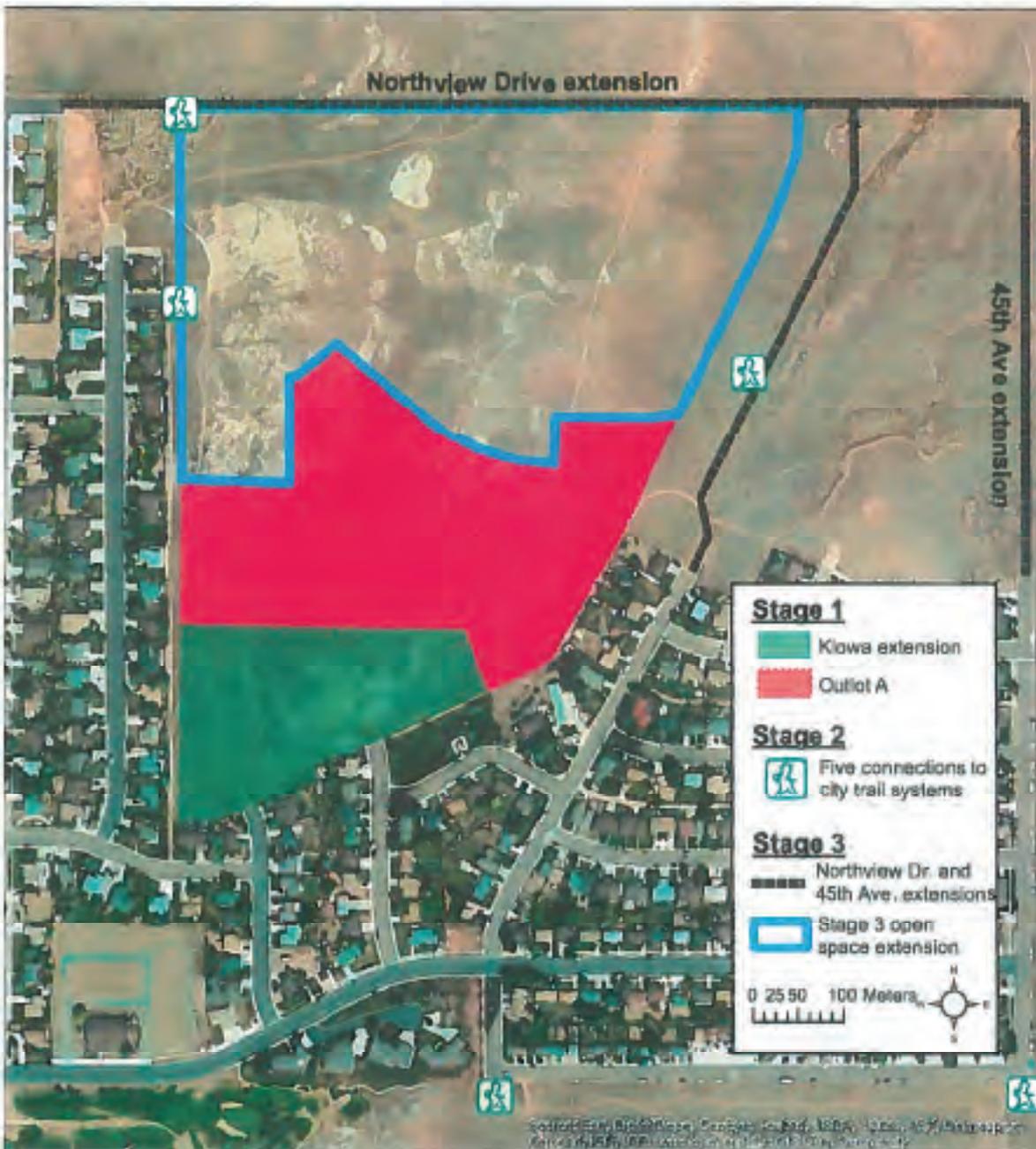
## Stage 3: Extend shortgrass prairie open space

The third stage of the project extends the open space northwards to Northview Drive.

1. Acquisition of the land north of Outlot A ("Stage 3 open space expansion" on map) for open space makes good use of land with exposed bedrock that would be difficult to develop.

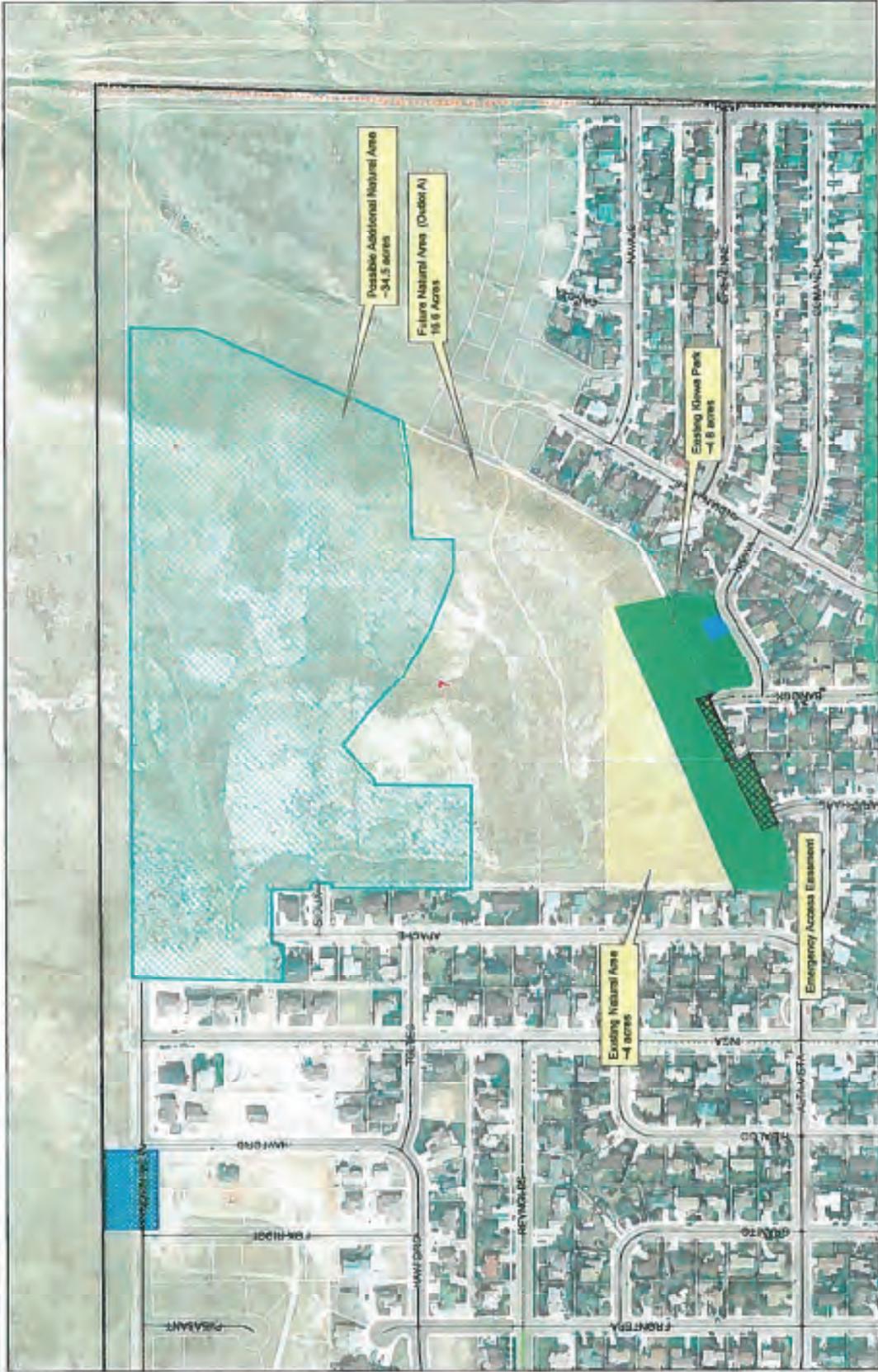
2. Eastward extension of Northview Drive and northward extension of 45<sup>th</sup> Street provide Indian Ridge subdivision a second point of access/egress, a direct route to the Cirrus Sky site, and allow for future development of the property north of Northview Drive.
3. A trailhead at Northview and Apache Drive provides more direct access to the Cirrus Sky trail system.
4. The extended open space provides a safe migration pathway for pronghorn and deer displaced by Indian Ridge development.

## Northeast Laramie Greenbelt-Connect





# KIOWA PARK AS PROPOSED BY NEIGHBORHOOD CITIZENS



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December 8, 2014

Mr. Paul Harrison  
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City of Laramie  
P.O. Box C  
Laramie, WY 82073

Re: Parks, Trails & Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Dear Paul:

I am assuming you are the proper person to whom to address this letter and that you will make it available to the members of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. Just to be sure, I am copying Dave Hammond with this letter.

I represent JD and Candice Hamaker and write this letter on their behalf. I have listened, with interest, to the exchanges between the committee members and various Albany County residents and landowners. Various reasons to exclude the county properties from the master plan have been presented to the committee. They have included trespass, lack of notice to effected landowners, authority of the committee, interference with property rights and a form of taking of private property. The recent discussions have centered on icons and now, shaded areas of county property located outside of the city limits. Rather than stand up at a meeting and express a position, I thought it may be better to articulate the points I'd like to make in writing and, hopefully, provide the committee an opportunity to consider the following prior to their meeting on January 10, 2015:

1. Wyoming Statutes, Sections 15-1-502 and 503, permits the formation of a commission, and after holding public hearings, to adopt a master plan. The Parks, Trails & Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee was charged with the duty of developing a master plan. Upon adoption and certification, the ad hoc committee then certifies to the governing body (the City) a master plan.

2. Wyoming Statute 15-1-503 (a) states that if the plan involves territory outside the City or town, action shall be taken with the concurrence of the Board of County Commissioners or County

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Re: Parks, Trails & Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee  
December 8, 2014  
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Planning Commission. This provision of the statute was specifically acknowledged by the City of Laramie in August of 2007, when it Resolution No. 2007-61 when the City adopted the 2007 Comprehensive Plan.

The ad hoc committee appears to have agreed to remove the icons from the County (extraterritorial) properties. The remaining issue is the inclusion of the shaded areas. It is submitted that the inclusion of shading, of any kind, on County properties necessarily requires the concurrence of the Board of County Commissioners or County Planning Commission. The last meeting before the County Planning Commission sent a very clear message that the County Planning Commission, and likely the Board of County Commissioners, will not concur with the master plan's inclusion of territory outside of the City.

I have been trying to determine how the master plan is either enhanced or diminished by the inclusion or exclusion of the shaded areas. If the shaded area were removed, the boxes identifying future needs could remain without necessarily implying specific areas under consideration. This removal also would serve the purpose of avoiding county residents from claiming their private property was being impacted by the master plan. Further, excluding the shading removes the necessity to bring the master plan to the Board of County Commissioners or County Planning Commission for their concurrence. Including the shaded areas does not seem to enhance the maps at all. It creates the illusion of a plan for the shaded portions. The icons which end at the City borders adequately demonstrate a vision, without highlighting an identified portion of the County.

I encourage the ad hoc committee to seriously consider the above points and remove the shaded areas from the maps. I think the process of obtaining certification of this master plan will occur with much less consternation if the shaded areas are removed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PREHODA, LEONARD & EDWARDS, LLC

By:   
Donald P. Prehoda, Jr.

cc: Dave Hammond, chairman  
JD and Candice Hamaker



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October 21, 2014

City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee  
P.O. Box C  
Laramie, WY 82073

RE: City of Laramie Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee:

Thank you for all the time and effort that has been put into creating a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Laramie community. We recognize the need to plan for the future needs of parks and recreation in Laramie as well as the public input process used to solicit feedback from a variety of stakeholders in the community. However, it has come to our attention that many County residents (property owners outside municipal boundaries) do not agree with parts of this plan that include property outside the City's municipal boundaries.

After over two hours of public testimony, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved two motions to address the issues they heard from rural County residents. The first motion recommended that the Board of County Commissioners request removal of any icons included on the City's Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan Maps (including maps currently on the City's website) that exist outside of the City of Laramie municipal boundaries. The second motion asked the Board of County Commissioners to deny any requests from the City to concur with this draft plan, until substantial changes are made as it concerns areas outside the City.

The Board of County Commissioners relies heavily on the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations concerning land use planning issues in the County. After receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's report, we respectfully request that all icons representing any type of proposed park; trail; natural area; or recreational facility shown on private property outside of the City of Laramie, be removed immediately from maps included in the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan. George Hurd made an alternative suggestion to use a legend noting the icons without actually placing them on the specific properties. Most importantly those available for public viewing on your website.

TIM CHESNUT  
COMMISSIONER

TIM SULLIVAN  
COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN

JERRY M. KENNEDY  
COMMISSIONER

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Tim Sullivan, Chairman  
Albany County Commissioners

cc: Janine Jordan, City Manager  
David Derragon, Assistant City Manager  
City of Laramie Mayor and Council  
Randy Hunt, City Community Development Director  
Derek Teini, City Senior Planner  
Paul Harrison, City Parks and Recreation Director  
David Gertsch, County Planner  
Jackie R. Gonzales, County Clerk  
Jennifer Stone, Deputy County and Prosecuting Attorney



PETITION REGARDING THE CITY OF LARAMIE'S PROPOSED RECREATION SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN - 2014  
 SUBMITTED TO THE LARAMIE CITY COUNCIL ON Oct 21, 2014  
 AND THE ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON Oct 21, 2014

SIGNATURE PAGE 3 / 21

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the Laramie City Council remove all references to the items enumerated below from the "Recreation Systems Master Plan" and symbols depicting these items on associated maps prior to adoption of the Plan, and remove all references to and symbols depicting the enumerated items from all city planning documents and maps, (including those found on the City of Laramie's website):

1. proposed or future paths, playgrounds, playlots, paths, bike lanes, trails, sidewalks, recreation sites, and natural areas outside the city limits and located on private property, unless written permission has been granted by the property owner(s)
2. proposed or future paths and bike lanes outside the city limits and located on privately-maintained roads and streets, unless written permission has been granted by those who maintain the roads or streets
3. proposed or future trailheads inside or outside the city limits or on city property which abut private property but not public property suitable for trails, unless written permission has been granted to the City of Laramie for trails or the City of Laramie has received a legally-agreed-to easement for trails by the private property owner(s)

Furthermore, we the undersigned, respectfully request that the Albany County Board of County Commissioners DO NOT vote in favor of concurrence with adoption of the City of Laramie's Recreation Systems Master Plan and associated maps until and unless all references to and symbols depicting the previously enumerated items are removed.

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<i>[Signature]</i>	DeLacour J. Platt	1867 - Lima, Alliance	2-5-2014
<i>[Signature]</i>	Guy Wagners	8200 W	2-5-2014
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Jack Eccley	1724 RIVERSIDE DR 82070	10/16/14
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Deborah Richardson	411 Hill Rd	10/16/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Christie F. Houshous	259 Riverside Dr	10/16/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Carrie A. Macgregor		10/16/14

PETITION REGARDING THE CITY OF LARAMIE'S PROPOSED RECREATION SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN - 2014  
 By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the attached Petition Regarding the City of Laramie's Proposed Recreation Systems Master Plan - 2014.

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Signature	Printed Name	Address	Date
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Angela Lester	105 3rd St. #201 Laramie 82070	2-6-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	William Mathews	48 Spring View Rd Laramie 82070	2-6-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Darriann Johnson	5204 Maple Ln Laramie 82070	2-7-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Jim Johnson	5203 Meadowlark Laramie 82070	2-7-14
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Marianne Viner	2017 Billings Ave Laramie 82070	2/7/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Arnold Williams	6577 Bill Nye Ave. Laramie 82070	2/7/14
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Doreen L. Atkins	43 Spring View Ct Laramie 82070	2-8-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Lore T Irvine	2000 Spring Ln Alliance 82070	2-7-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Larry V Irving	2400 Sky View Ln Laramie 82070	2-7-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Robert E. Garband	74 Buck Park Rd. Laramie 82070	2-7-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Shaw Rossler	2472 Mt. Shadow Laramie 82070	2/10/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Talene Rossler	2472 Mt. Shadow Laramie 82070	2/10/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Rae Johnson	1 Babcock St. Laramie 82070	2/10/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Chris Hill	1 Cedar Court Rd. Teton 70603	2/10/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Judy Su Herland	28 Coyote St. Laramie 82072	2/10/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Wayne M. Sutherland	28 Coyote St. Laramie 82072	2/10/14

PETITION REGARDING THE CITY OF LARAMIE'S PROPOSED RECREATION SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN - 2014

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By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the attached Petition Regarding the City of Laramie's Proposed Recreation Systems Master Plan - 2014.

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<i>Michael C. Brown</i>	Michael C. Brown	419 Lyon St	4/27/14
<i>Thomas H. Clark</i>	Thomas H. Clark	1200 300	4/27/14
<i>Spencer D. Cook</i>	Spencer D. Cook	25 N. Fork Centennial	4-27-14
<i>Robin Engler</i>	Robin Engler	271 Byron Rd, Centennial	4-27-14
<i>Tommy R. Rutter</i>	Tommy R. Rutter	2503 Sherman Hill Rd Laramie	10-17-2014

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<i>Leanne K. Kasper</i>	Leanne Kasper	2815 Manorside	8/24/14
<i>Kevin Kasper</i>	Kevin Kasper	3305 Hawthorn	8/24/14
<i>Janet Kasper</i>	JANET KASPER	2526 Sky View Ln	8/24/2014
<i>John R. Kasper</i>	John R. Kasper	221 Sherman Hills Rd	8/24/14
<i>Richard Kasper</i>	Richard Kasper	2805 Manorside	8/24/2014
<i>Sam F. Kasper</i>	SAM F. KASPER	1959 Lee Ave	8/24/2014
<i>Markus Kasper</i>	MARKUS KASPER	1718 Lee Dr.	8/24/2014
<i>Gene Kasper</i>	GENE KASPER	PO Box 785 Laramie WY 82002	8/24/14
<i>Tommy R. Kasper</i>	Tommy R. Kasper	201 River Ranch Blvd Laramie	4/26/14
<i>Gaila Kasper</i>	Gaila Kasper	201 River Ranch Blvd Laramie WY 82002	4-26-14
<i>Thomas J. Kasper</i>	THOMAS J. KASPER	2526 S. FORK CENTENNIAL	8-26-14
<i>Halida M. Kasper</i>	Halida M. Kasper	2526 S. FORK CENTENNIAL	09-26-14

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<i>[Signature]</i>	Leah Benson	4191 Happy Jacke Blvd. 82070	1-22-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Jac Benson	"	"
<i>[Signature]</i>	George Heard	2819 Barber Mill Rd 82070	1-22-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Greg Kerr	2706 Barber Mill Rd. 82070	1-22-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Dana Kerr	2706 Barber Mill Rd 82070	1-22-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Happy Kerr	3442 West Gate 82070	1-23-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Karen Biese	6805 Goodwin Dr. 82070	1-24-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	David C Shoensley	1629 Custer 82090	1-24-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Bartol MacIntyre	4222 Reynolds Ln 82070	1-24-14
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Bob Jirell	5330 Meadow Ln 82070	1-24-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Van Swartz	3230 Meadow Ln 82070	1-24-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Stephen P. Ford	12 Spring View Court 82070	1-25-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Marsha A. Ford	12 Spring View Court 82070	1-25-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Sam James Swanson	4315 Westway Drive 82070	1-25-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Jessie Habicht	4670 Riverside Blvd 82070	1-25-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	John Spitzberg	5217 Hill Ave 82070	1/26/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Robert J. Buckardt	958 Mackay Blvd in 82070	1/31/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	John Buckardt	4511 Mackay Blvd Lane 82070	1-31-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Tia Kald	875 N. 24th St.	2-1-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Anthony C. Choo	703 S 24th St 82070	2-2-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	LINDA D JOHNSON	6620 Pilot Peak Rd 82070	2-2-14

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<i>[Signature]</i>	Michelle Southwell	4415 - Quaker Pointe	1-26-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Lui Southwell	4815 Quaker Pointe	1-26-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Kimberly J. Stenberg	2216 Sky View Ln, Laramie, WY	1-26-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Ed W & Ed - C. Cassady	510 S. 20th - 7th Laramie, WY	1-10-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Antonia J. Cassady	5905 Bill 276 Laramie, WY	1-10-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Connors A. Cassady	4420 Bill 276 Laramie, WY	1-10-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Thomas Boers	6809 Goodwin Drive Laramie WY 82070	1/10/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Richard Southwell	2415 Mountain Shadow Ln Laramie, WY 82070	1/26/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Elizabeth Southwell	2415 Mountain Shadow Ln Laramie, WY	1/26/14
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Mary Brennan	3547 Mountain Shadow Ln Laramie WY	1/23/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Paula Clarke	6832 West Elk 82070	1/14/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Dianna Kompson	" " " "	1/14/14

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<i>Rodney W. Vandy</i>	Rodney W. Vandy	1717 Symons St	2-7-2014
<i>Gregory T. Frandberg</i>	Gregory T. Frandberg	1146 North 11th St.	2-7-2014
<i>James F. Bond</i>	James F. Bond	474 Roger Canyon Rd	2/7/2014
<i>Karen Valentini-Lewis</i>	Karen Valentini-Lewis	474 Roger Canyon Rd	2/7/2014
<i>Gregory W. Johnson</i>	Gregory W. Johnson	6410 Anderson Ln	2/7/2014
<i>Melissa N. Wilkerson</i>	Melissa N. Wilkerson	3414 Meadowlark	2/7/2014
<i>Scott C. Probst</i>	Scott C. Probst	540 Summit Dr	2/8/2014
<i>Jana Oppig</i>	Jana Oppig	4750 Sunset Ln.	2-10-14
<i>Theodore S. Sarduk</i>	Theodore S. Sarduk	2536 Sky View Ln.	2/11/14
<i>Darlene V. Sarduk</i>	Darlene V. Sarduk	2536 Sky View Ln.	2/11/14
<i>George W. French</i>	George W. French	164 Mandel Ln.	2/11/14
<i>Susan M. Cunningham</i>	SUSAN M. CUNNINGHAM	100 BUTTE LOOP	2-14-14
<i>Paul Lane</i>	Paul Lane	5051 4th Ln	2/15/14
<i>Gracie Fanning</i>	Gracie Fanning	5051 4th Ln	2-15-14
<i>Amey Bass</i>	Amey Bass	2226 Mountain Starwalk Ln	2-18-2014
<i>Kim Bass</i>	Kim Bass	2226 Mountain Starwalk Ln	2-18-2014
<i>Sae Morgan</i>	Sae Morgan	718 S. 9th St.	4/28/2014
<i>Matthew Young</i>	Matthew Young	623 E. University Ave	4/28/2014
<i>Eric R. Stewart</i>	Eric R. Stewart	623 E. University Ave	6/25/2014
<i>Cheryl R. Stewart</i>	Cheryl R. Stewart	623 E. University Ave	6/25/2014
<i>Gabriele Huber</i>	Gabriele Huber	380 N. Highway St	10/8/2014
<i>Jon Abbott</i>	Jon Abbott	316 N. Hayes	10/8/2014
<i>Charmaine Tupper</i>	Charmaine Tupper	362 N. Hayes St	10/8/2014

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<i>Eric Stone</i>	Eric Stone	5901 Juniper Dr. Laramie	7-21-2014
<i>Richard C. Pennell</i>	Richard C. Pennell	4000 Sunset Dr. Laramie	7-12-2014
<i>Carla P. Pennell</i>	Carla P. Pennell	4000 Sunset Dr. Laramie	7-12-2014
<i>William E. Walden</i>	William E. Walden	8428 Sage Drive Laramie	7-18-2014

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<i>[Signature]</i>	Helen Daniels	2721 Jefferson Laramie WY	10/21/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Michael Dwyer	2721 Jefferson Laramie, WY	10/21/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Eric Swickerton	4824-28th St. NE Laramie, WY	10/21/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Ben Swartzberg	501 Boulder Ave Laramie, WY	10/21/14
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Urban R. Richter	2503 Sherman Hill Rd Laramie	10-20-2014
<i>[Signature]</i>	CLYDE EDWARDS	4519 Bluebird Lane Laramie	10-20-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Rosemary Edmiston	4519 Bluebird Lane Laramie, WY	10-20-14

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<i>[Signature]</i>	Ken Babbitt	5520 Chaparral	3/3/2019
<i>[Signature]</i>	Lacy Galtier	520 B.W. Allen Ave	6/28/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Tommy Thompson	1726 President Street	6/29/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Cheryl Stamatel	1200 Canyon	7-9-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Mania Smith	34015 Buford Ln	7/16/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Ann Marie Hank	2119 Bruce Hill Rd	9/22/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Matt Kay	48 Hunt Rd	10-8-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Jusan Ray	18 Hwy 201	10-8-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Jessie Schmidt	2031 Glenwood	10-8-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Christina Schmidt	2031 Glenwood	10/21/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Margie M. Griffin	104 Cantwell	10-8-14
<i>[Signature]</i>	Caleb Richter	2503 Sherman Hill Road	10-20-2014











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September 22, 2014

Re: Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission's Request for Public Comment on the City of Laramie's Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission, I would like to invite you to the October 8<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. This meeting will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Room located in the County Courthouse (525 East Grand Avenue, Room 105) at 7 p.m. The Commission will be discussing the City of Laramie's Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The City of Laramie's Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes conceptual locations for parks and recreations facilities outside of the City of Laramie's municipal boundaries. Your property has been identified by the County Planning Office as a property that an icon or symbol representing a conceptual location of a future park, trail, natural area, or other type of recreational facility appears on maps included in the City's Draft Master Plan.

The Planning and Zoning Commission would like to hear your opinion on this matter. If you would like to make comments and are unable to attend, please provide written comments by mail, fax, or email to the Albany County Planning Office by October 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. If you would like to send an email please send it to [dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us).

Sincerely,

David Gertsch  
Planning Director



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September 11, 2014

Derek Teini, Senior Planner  
City of Laramie  
P.O. Box C  
405 Grand Avenue  
Laramie, WY 82073

Via Email

Re: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Map

Dear Mr. Teini:

I am writing in regards to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Map provided for the October Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. After a review by the Planning and Zoning Commission, they requested that modifications be made to the map provided them. The map provided did not contain all the areas that the City has icons for parks or recreation facilities and trails outside city limits. In addition, the map does not include existing roads and road names. For this purpose the Planning and Zoning Commission requests the following:

1. Include all areas with icons for parks, trails, trailheads, etc. The propose plan has icons north of Laramie that do not appear on the map. In addition, the legend appears to be covering a portion of the map that is south west of the City of Laramie. Any other icons outside city jurisdiction should be accounted for as well.
2. Please include roads with road name labels. The inclusion of roads and road names outside the city would be helpful in identify locations on the map.

The Planning and Zoning Commission requested updated maps be provided no later than Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

David Gertsch  
Planning Director

Cc: Brett Moline, David Cunningham, John Spiegleburg, Shaun Moore, Carl Miller

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**ALBANY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION  
OPPOSING THE CITY OF LARAMIE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S  
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN APPROVAL TIMELINE RE: ALBANY  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2014.**

Whereas, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has become aware of the intent of the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department to appear before the August 19, 2014 Albany County Board of County Commissioners meeting to request concurrence of the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This despite lacking consideration of the proposed City Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission; and

Whereas, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has NOT had the opportunity to review, discuss and take public comment upon said City Parks and Recreation Master Plan and, in fact, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has provided for such review, discussion and public comment at its October 8, 2014 regular meeting; and

Whereas, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has requested sufficient copies of the final draft City Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as detailed large scale maps of the areas and properties affected by said City Parks and Recreation Master Plan. NONE have been provided; and

Whereas, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has numerous salient questions about the intent and content of said City Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as its associated maps. Further, the Commission is aware of questions and concerns of Albany County residents. To not have these questions answered is poor public policy and is clearly contrary to the public interest; and

Whereas, no justification has been provided to the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission for the need of a sudden acceleration of the need for approval of the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan after years of official inactivity and a lack of Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission concurrence; and

Whereas, the request by the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department to present the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Albany County Board of County Commissioners at the August 19, 2014 meeting does NOT provide the opportunity for those Albany County residents who are otherwise engaged in their occupations, including agriculture (which is in its peak season), or are on vacation, to provide knowledgeable comments or concerns; and

Whereas, the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department's clear and contemptuous attempt to circumvent the designated authority of The Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission is contrary to the public interest. And, the citizens of Albany County can be adversely affected by planning and decision making by City of Laramie bureaucrats without proper consideration of this important topic and its relevant consequences; and

Whereas, any formal consideration of the Laramie Parks and Recreation Department's City Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Albany County Board of County Commissioners at this time would be grossly premature and would be based upon incomplete information and a lack of adequate public comment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission urgently requests that the Albany County Board of County Commissioners NOT place the Laramie Parks and Recreation Department's City Parks and Recreation Master Plan upon its August 19, 2014 agenda nor consider it for concurrence unless and until the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has the opportunity to consider, deliberate upon and hold public hearings concerning the said City Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be placed into proper form and forwarded, individually and collectively, to the Albany County Board of County Commissioners no later than Monday July 14, 2014. This will allow the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission sufficient time to conduct a thorough examination of the merits of the Laramie Parks and Recreation Department's City Parks and Recreation Master Plan with reference to its near and long term effect upon the residents of Albany County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.



David Cunningham  
Vice-Chairman  
Planning and Zoning Commission

**ATTEST:**



Susan Adler  
Secretary for Planning and Zoning Commission

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## Opinion

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### Community editorial board: Master plan looks to the future, but doesn't set anything in stone

Print Page

Published:  
Aug 10, 2014

The Laramie Parks and Recreation Master Plan draft vision for the future has raised a few eyebrows, mostly among Albany County residents concerned about projected city land growth.

It's important to remember, however, that the master plan is only a draft — and by no means a concrete plan for the future of Laramie's parks. It's simply a vision of what areas might best be suited for growth over the next 40 years, and any possible proposal for action on even a single item presented will be decided by city council members not yet elected.

Some county residents are concerned because they own property envisioned as a piece of the city parks system down the road. It is understandable for the property owners to wonder how these plans might ultimately affect them, but at the same time, it's inevitable the city will continue to grow over the next 40 years. Extending the plan one mile outside the current city limits is a logical approach to such growth. As Laramie Parks and Recreation Director Paul Harrison told the Albany County Commissioners on Tuesday, the city would be remiss to neglect planning for growth outside of its immediate boundaries.

We in Albany County are proud of the quality of life we enjoy, and our parks system is an integral part of that. The roughly 125 acres of various trails and parks are enjoyed by a wide range of residents year-round. Laramie will continue to grow in the future, and we must increase our green space proportionately to, at the minimum, maintain our status quo.

According to Parks and Recreation data, Laramie's population is expected to grow by 10,000 by the year 2050. The city will require an additional 65-83 acres if it's to maintain the current ratio of park acres for every 1,000 residents.

A booming community and its green spaces go hand in hand. Businesses considering Albany County as a future home look closely at recreational opportunities available. Likewise, existing businesses looking to hire a new employee from outside the area can help sell the community with its abundant parks.

With all of that said, we would like to commend the local volunteers who have dedicated countless hours of their time over the past three years as part of the ad hoc advisory committee: Dave Hammond (chair), Joe Lord (vice chair), Amy K. Williamson, Dan McCoy, Peggy McCrackin, Bill Gribb, Mike Moeller, Evan O'Toole, Amber Travsky, Scott Mulliner, Vicki Henry and Nadia Kaliszewski.

Harrison said this committee had 61 meetings, two weekend work sessions and 12 public meetings, while also interviewing 15 stakeholder groups before compiling the master plan. Harrison said the city's total cost for the plan will end up around \$40,000, a huge savings compared to the \$200,000 estimated cost for a consultant-based plan. Not only did this ad hoc committee save taxpayer dollars; they were better able to understand and relate to our local citizens' wants and desires than an outside consultant.

This doesn't mean planning for the future can't evolve. As Laramie changes in unexpected ways, the city's Parks and Recreation Department should take steps to ensure the groundwork they've laid with the Master Plan doesn't go to waste. That means updating it and changing it to best meet future growth.

For those of us lucky enough to be in Laramie 40 years from now, it will be interesting to look back at this plan and see what parts have actually come to fruition. In all likelihood, some areas will be spot on, yet others will not be touched at all. Other areas not even considered on this plan will probably be utilized as well. Our growing population will continue to enjoy our improved parks system, and it's likely that just a few will recall there was ever a debate. Only the future will tell.



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July 19, 2014

### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Attention: Derek Teini  
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PO Box C  
Laramie, WY 82073

Re: Comments on the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Master Plan Draft

Dear Mr. Teini:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposed plan and provide comments. First off, my comments do not represent the opinions of either the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Board of County Commissioners. The County Planning Department advises the Planning and Zoning Commission, who has been appointed to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on planning related decisions. With this introduction, this letter should not be construed as support for the City's proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan, but will only contain my brief analysis and comments on the portions of the proposed plan affecting the County.

My comments are as follows:

- **Chapter 1 (page 15) Statement concerning the Albany County Comprehensive Plan-** The introduction of this plan recommends that Albany County follow the recommendations of the Albany County Comprehensive Plan in regards to recreation and the development of the open space and trails plan. Along these same lines I would suggest that you include a statement describing that if the County does create a recreation or open space and trails plan, the City consider the County plan, specifically in areas near the city, when it goes through the 5 or 10 year update to your Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- **Chapter 1 (Page 15) Jurisdiction and Concurrence-** In the appendix, comments were included expressing concerns about the plan including areas outside Laramie. It has been explained in the introduction that if the County Commissioners do not concur with this plan, the plan will only apply within the City limits or when annexation occurs. Your statement explaining that planning outside municipal boundaries will only become "applicable and enforceable" if the County Commissioners provide concurrence needs further explanation. An explanation or a definition of concurrence would be beneficial. If concurrence is given by the Board of County Commissioners, that creates more

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questions. Will the City add regulatory requirements to the UDC affecting rural developments, such as requirements or park dedication or in-lieu fees? Another scenario may be that the City would expect the County to require park land to be dedicated. Who will be expected to maintain parks in the County? There is not a section that provides a clearly defined implementation process for the recommendations of this plan inside or outside the City. Recommendations are provided for each service area, but a discussion on when and how the recommendations are to be realized seems to be lacking.

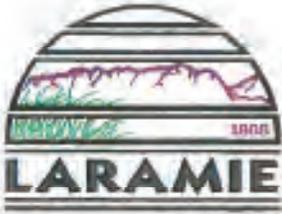
- **Table of Contents (Page 5) and Maps**– The inclusion of the note on page 5 and the language on all applicable maps is noted. The statement emphasizing the conceptual nature of the maps lessens perceived threats to property rights. In addition, the statement that these areas are not accessible for public use is a step towards addressing comments related to an increase in trespassing on private lands due to the maps included in the draft plan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review this document and make comments. If you have comments or questions about my comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,



David Gertsch  
Planning Director



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March 5, 2015

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Re: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Moline:

I would like to update the County Commissioners and the Planning and Zoning Commission on the status of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

As requested by Chairman Sullivan in your letter dated October 21, 2014, the Parks, Trails and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee has removed all icons representing any type of proposed park, trail, natural area, or recreational facility on private property outside of the City limits from all maps and exhibits within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

With this being the case, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan does not involve and is not intended to apply to territory outside of the City limits. Therefore, the City does not intend to request concurrence of the Plan from the County Commissioners pursuant to W.S. 15-1-501 through 15-1-512. The Plan does generally list the future extraterritorial needs outside of the City limits but within the one-mile boundary for future consideration in the event the areas outside of the City limits are ever brought under the jurisdiction of the City.

The most recent draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is now available online at [www.cityoflaramie.org/MasterPlan](http://www.cityoflaramie.org/MasterPlan) for a 30-day public comment period. If the County Commissioners or the County Planning and Zoning Commission would like to have a presentation on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's recommended Parks and Recreation Master Plan, I would be glad to attend any of your upcoming meetings and present you the Plan elements and receive any further comments.

On behalf of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your comments, suggestions, requests and feedback over the past three years of planning and preparation of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Laramie.

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Page 2

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please don't hesitate to contact my office at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Paul Harrison  
Parks and Recreation Director

cc: City Council members  
Parks, Trails and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee  
Janine Jordan, City Manager  
Jodi Shea, Interim City Attorney  
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March 17, 2015

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RE: Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Board of County Commissioners and the Planning and Zoning Commission are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Paul Harrison, Parks and Recreation Director, dated March 5<sup>th</sup>. We would like to address this letter and provide further comments on your proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

We recognize that some effort was made to remove icons off of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan maps on private property outside city limits. However, the inclusion of properties clearly outside of city limits in your service area boundaries; and the inclusion of text on the maps in Chapter 5 of the City draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide the future inclusion of parks, trails, natural areas outside city limits is skirting around the issues that the County previously asked for you to address.

The inclusion of the text and delineation of city parks and recreation service areas outside the city creates a potential conflict with the letter that Mr. Harrison provided. He states, "the City does not intend to request concurrence of the Plan from the County Commissioners pursuant to W.S. § 15-1-501 through § 15-1-512." The issue is that W.S. § 15-1-503 (a) specifically states, "If the plan involves territory outside the city or town, action *shall* be taken with the concurrence of the board of county commissioners or county planning commission." State statutes may be violated if concurrence is not properly received. The inclusion of the service area delineations outside the city and the text directing parks and recreation planning outside city needs concurrence to be in the plan. This draft that is currently available for public comment will not be taken to the County for concurrence according to Mr. Harrison.

The Board of County Commissioners and the Planning and Zoning Commission request the following:

- Removal of the service area boundaries that extend outside city limits and include private property.
- Removal of the text on the maps that specifically addresses future parks and recreation planning needs outside city limits that will affect private property.

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COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN

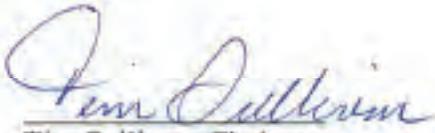
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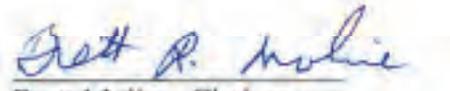
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- Removal of any other references that may exist in the plan that suggest planning implementation on private property outside city limits.
  - We also request concurrence by the County of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan be sought.

Although we understand your concern for future planning for parks and recreation, it would be more feasible for you to set up a general process that will address the parks and recreation needs at the time properties come within your jurisdiction.

We thank you again for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Sullivan, Chairman  
Albany County Commissioners

  
Brett Moline, Chairman  
Planning and Zoning Commission

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2216 Sky View Lane  
Laramie, WY 82070  
April 7, 2015

Dear PTR Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee,

I respectfully request that you show deference to the Albany County Commission and the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission as pertains to their March 17, 2015 letter to you.

It would behoove this committee to consider the following:

- This committee was charged with developing a master plan for city and city-owned property and you recognized that directive in your mission statement on July 28, 2011. The plan in its current form is in direct conflict with the purpose of the creation of this committee, disrespects the City Council's resolution and ignores your own mission statement.
- You have received numerous comments from citizens over the past two years who overwhelmingly do not want private property in the County included in this plan (unless permission is granted), as documented in draft Appendix C of the plan.
- At least 77 concerned citizens attended a public hearing before the County Planning and Zoning Commission on October 8, 2014. All but one person who made comments were not in favor of the plan for a variety of reasons, including its extension outside the City limits on to private property.
- On October 21, 2014, this committee received a petition signed by 277 Albany County citizens who made requests nearly identical to the requests in the aforementioned March 17, 2015 letter.
- As noted in the April 6, 2015 staff memorandum to this committee, the County Planning and Zoning Commission in 2011 declined an invitation to participate in the development of this plan, and you have received a very clear and strong message from the County Commissioners and current County Planning and Zoning Commission to not include private property outside the City limits in this plan. In other words, the County requests you constrain your plan to city and city-owned property.
- The staff memo also acknowledges that if this committee does not approve staff's recommendation, the concurrence question "may have to be answered in the courts." Consider the ramifications to City-County relations should you not respect the County's requests, and due to your recommendations, the City and County engage in, perhaps, a protracted legal battle. Your actions will have long-term consequences, quite possibly negative for the City.
- Although the County Comprehensive Plan states the desire to provide for recreational opportunities, it addresses many other aspects of county life. Its Vision Statement includes "supporting agriculture" and "recognizing property rights." "Providing recreational opportunities" is not included in the Vision Statement. Apparently support for agriculture and property rights rank above the County providing recreational opportunities.
- Specifically the Albany County Comprehensive Plan states the following:
  - "Private agricultural lands dominate the county...supporting diverse natural resources,"
  - "The Medicine Bow National Forest is a major recreational area and valuable natural resource," "and is a major source...for outdoor recreation opportunities,"

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- o “Albany County is a treasure...Our small communities...offer...abundant recreational resources...” “Public lands in Albany County are used extensively for recreation,”
  - o “Albany County residents wish to retain the privacy and individuality of our own ranches and homes, and be in charge of our own destinies. We do not wish to be overburdened with regulations that inhibit our freedom to live and work,” and
  - o “Rural and urban residents must accept the reality that country living is not accompanied by some of the amenities of town living.”

The reality is that Albany County does not have the resources to acquire land for additional recreation, and the vast majority of private property owners in the County have no desire to accommodate proposed parks, trails and other amenities covered by this committee. Without philanthropists donating land or granting easements, the chances for new, publicly-owned/accessed recreational facilities and land in the County are slim.

In summary, I am asking you to accept the reality that County residents have a different vision than your committee has and to ask that you devote your remaining time on this committee to make recommendations to improve or augment parks and recreation amenities currently under the City’s jurisdiction, because you owe it to the citizens you represent—the citizens of Laramie, not Albany County.

As to possible, meaningful and practical recommendations to make, you need look no farther than the lack of toilet paper in public park restrooms, in general, and to the dangerously full (and disgusting) port-a-potty at Optimist Park.

If it is not too late to consider, I would like to suggest a location for a new, small park (~6 acres) within the City limits. The land is in proximity to the Grand View Heights subdivision (which has no park), the Rec. Center, the Ice and Events Center, LCCC, Basic Beginnings, the new Church of Christ, the new high school and a future elementary school. The best part is that it is already owned by the City! The legal description is Turner Tract, Block 2 Revised Lot 4.

Since the City of Laramie and this committee do not serve Albany County in an advisory capacity, I think it appropriate that this committee eliminate the following text found on pages 11-12 in Chapter 1 of the draft plan:

“The Ad Hoc Committee has recommended within this Plan that Albany County follow the guidance in their own adopted Albany County Comprehensive Plan related to Parks and Recreation issues. Throughout the Albany County Comprehensive Plan multiple recommendations are given, including two of six key Implementation Actions referencing recreation opportunities and development of an open space and trails plan. Other implementation action items such as providing for recreational opportunities, open space and trails, and that plans be developed to support these initiatives are also found in the document.

It is recommended that Albany County follow these already adopted recommendations and goals related to the development of parks and recreation amenities in Albany County. The County should also consider development of a County Parks Plan, which if developed, the City’s Plan should consider the County Plan in a 5 or 10 year update to its own plan or in conjunction with an update.”

Finally, Garfield Street is mislabeled as Snowy Range Road on page 103 in Chapter 5 of the draft plan.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Stankey



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April 21, 2015

Mr. Paul Harrison  
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Re: Recommendation of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Dear Mr. Harrison:

A letter dated March 17, 2015 was provided by the Board of County Commissioners and Planning and Zoning Commission addressing the draft Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan. According to a Memorandum provided to the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee dated April 6, 2015, staff recommended approval of the requests made by the Board of County Commissioners and the Planning and Zoning Commission, except for making a request to the County for concurrence. Although disappointing, it is our understanding that the requests made by the Board and Commission were discussed, but were not approved by the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc committee.

As was referenced in our March 17<sup>th</sup> letter and again reference here, W.S. § 15-1-503 (a) states, "If the plan involves territory outside the city or town, action *shall* be taken with the concurrence of the board of county commissioners or county planning commission". If any reference to parks and recreation planning outside municipal boundaries remain in the draft plan, we respectfully request that concurrence be sought from Albany County prior to the presentation of the final draft of plan to City Council. In addition, we request that a written timeline be provided to the Board outlining the remaining process for approval, including the proposed date you will request concurrence from the County of the proposed plan.

Thank you in advance for your review of this request.

Sincerely,

  
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Board of County Commissioners

  
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cc: Janine Jordan, City Manager  
David Derragon, Assistant City Manager  
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# Appendix D

## Stakeholder Groups

The following information was used during the Stakeholder Group meetings held during the week of April 16-20, 2013. Meeting times were offered from 7:00am to 5:00pm, including evening times to 7:00pm on Monday and Wednesday. The letter and questionnaire were provided to each group prior to the meeting. Each Stakeholder Group was asked to provide answers to questions during a 20-minute time slot selected by the group, or in writing if the group was unable to attend a meeting.

Initially, 79 stakeholder groups (listed below) were contacted to attend the Stakeholder Group meetings. Stakeholders who did not schedule a meeting during the appointed times were encouraged to set up a meeting time at their convenience. In total, 18 groups either set up a meeting or mailed in the questionnaire provided by staff. A copy of the invitation and the questionnaire sent to Stakeholder groups follows the full list.

Stakeholder Groups who attended the meetings and/or submitted responses:

Albany County Historic Preservation Board  
Albany County Planning Department  
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Wyoming  
Biodiversity Conservation Alliance  
City of Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee  
Feeding Laramie Valley  
Friends of Undine Park  
Laramie Barnstormers Club

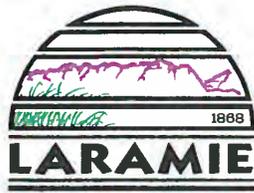
Laramie BikeNet  
Laramie Colts Baseball  
Laramie Local Foods Group  
Laramie Main Street Alliance  
Laramie Railroad Depot Association  
Laramie Rivers Conservation District  
Laramie Soccer Association  
Rawstone Development  
Sweetwater Development  
Wyoming Territorial Prison  
Wyoming Game and Fish Department

Stakeholder Groups who did not attend but were invited to the meetings:

Acre Company (Real Estate Firm/Developer)  
Albany County Commissioners  
Albany County Fair Board  
Albany County Planning and Zoning Members  
Albany County Planning Department  
Albany County Road & Bridge  
Albany County School District  
Albany County Tourism Board

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Albany County Transportation Authority	Laramie Plains Museum
American Legion - Laramie	Laramie Planning Commission
Ark Regional Services	Laramie Rangers Baseball
Boy Scouts Pack 136	Laramie Regional Airport Board
BP Amoco	Laramie Rifle Range
Bureau of Land Management - Rawlins Field Office	Laramie Traffic Commission
Delta Construction (Construction Company)	Laramie Trap Club
Downtown Laramie Business Association	Laramie Youth Baseball
Ducks Unlimited – Laramie Chapter	Lindy, LLC (Developer, Grant Lindstrom)
Endurance Riders	Lions Club
Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming	Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee
High Plains Harriers	Mule Deer Foundation - Snowy Range Chapter
Izaak Walton League	Optimist Club
Knights of Pythias	Shrine Club
Landmark Development (Development Firm)	The Rotary Club of Laramie
Laramie Advisory Commission on Disabilities	Tracks Across Wyoming
Laramie Area Chamber of Commerce	Turner Tract Board Member
Laramie Audubon Society	Union Pacific Railroad
Laramie Beautification Committee	University of Wyoming
Laramie Blizzard Soccer	University of Wyoming - Club Sports
Laramie Civic Center	University of Wyoming - Half Acre
Laramie Country Club	University of Wyoming - Intramural Sports
Laramie Co. Community College, Albany Co, Campus	University of Wyoming - Ruckelshaus Institute
Laramie Economic Development Corporation	US National Forest
Laramie Gardening Club	Wyoming Department of Transportation
Laramie Kiwanis Club	Wyoming State Parks
Laramie Lincoln Community Center	WyoTech
Laramie Masons	



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March 23, 2012

Laramie Community Groups and Organizations,

The Laramie City Council adopted a goal in 2011/12 to have city staff and community volunteers complete a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the city and surrounding areas city owned properties; along with completing a detailed location plan for the Greenbelt Trail system based upon the Laramie Comprehensive Plan.

In June of 2011, the Council appointed eleven members to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee with the goal to research and prepare for Council consideration of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. As part of the committee's work they have requested that the staff solicit and collect public comments with stakeholder meetings from individual community groups and organizations that may have an interest in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Stakeholder meetings are typically a vehicle for groups and organizations who may have an interest in the future parks, trails, recreation or open space to provide individual comments and ideas for further consideration within the master plan process.

With this being the case, we would like to take this opportunity to invite your organization to participate in individual stakeholder meetings that are scheduled for the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be scheduling twenty minute time slots for community groups and organizations to attend and give their input and comments concerning the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The meetings will be held between the hours of 7:00am and 5:00pm. Evening times will be available to 7:00pm that Monday and Wednesday. All of the meetings will be held at the Laramie Recreation Center small conference room.

Attached to this letter are six questions that we would ask all groups and organizations to consider when responding to the stakeholder meetings. Please note that if you or your organization would prefer to provide a written response to the questions rather than attending a meeting with staff, your written comments will be welcomed and considered by the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to schedule a time for a stakeholder meeting, please contact Mel Owen, Administrative Assistant for the Parks and Recreation Department at 721-3572 or email [mowen@cityoflaramie.org](mailto:mowen@cityoflaramie.org). Please note that meeting times are first come, first served. Additional information on the Ad Hoc committee including agendas and minutes can be found on the city's web site at <http://cityoflaramie.org/index.aspx?NID=456>.

On behalf of the City Council and the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, we would strongly encourage your participation in the master plan process as this critical planning document will guide the future of the parks, recreation, trails and open space in Laramie for the next twenty five to thirty years.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Harrison  
Parks and Recreation Director

  
Dave Hammond  
Ad Hoc Advisory Chair

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**Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee**

**Stakeholder Meeting Questions**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**7:00am to 5:00pm (evening times available to 7:00pm on Monday and Wednesday)**

**Contact Information**

Organization Name:

Chair of organization:

Physical or mailing address:

Phone number:

Email Address:

Web site address:

Active members within your organization:

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?
2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?  
Short Term: 1-10 years?      Mid Term 10 to 20 years?      Long Term 20+ years?
3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?
4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?
5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?
6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

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The following are responses to the questionnaire provided to each Stakeholder Group. The responses have been categorized by group, in alphabetical order.

**Organization Name: Albany County Historic Preservation Board**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Amy Williamson

Active members within your organization: 9 board members, appointed by the County Commissioners

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The Historic Preservation Board focuses on preserving historic areas and structures throughout the community. By doing so, tourism opportunities are increased and citizens are able to utilize these areas more fully. A comprehensive approach to preservation allows for otherwise disparate historic spaces to be incorporated into the Plan as recreational amenities.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

Short term, the Board is involved in the Harney Street viaduct construction mitigation and completing a map that compiles local historic places. For mid-term goals, the Board hopes to register the Ames Monument as a Historic Landmark and developing historic routes that tie into the monument and surrounding area. The Board would also like to focus on the restoration of the town of Sherman, replete with interpretive areas, as a long term goal. It was noted that these historic areas outside of town would make excellent trail destinations or connections.

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

In order to remain viable, the Board must continue to attract knowledgeable and motivated volunteers. It was noted that the Board receives very limited funding each year from the County Commissioners; the individual projects the Board undertakes are completely funded by grants and private donations.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

Future projects are focused on creating signage for local attractions, including the Overland Trail and a variety of historic buildings as well. Signage for general regions are also planned in order to note the specific activity or businesses which historically occurred there. The Board is also focused on creating a local register of historic places.

**5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

There is a greater recognition of the importance of historic structures and places. There is also more of a willingness to allow for outside involvement in attempts to preserve historic locales. Nationally, there are also more resources for the type of work the Board is undertaking.

**6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

A greater incorporation of historic spaces within the Plan is definitely seen as beneficial from the Board's perspective. Public education is also a key component of continuing the Board's efforts at preservation.

**Organization Name: Albany County Planning and Zoning**

Representative(s) present at meeting: David Gertsch

Active members within your organization:

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

County planning staff have been directed to create an open space and trails plan for the County as well.

Subdivision regulations are also being re-examined.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

The County is focused on preserving agricultural areas and natural resource areas, maps of these areas will be included within the county plan. The County Commissioners also seem generally supportive of trails connecting residents to state forest lands and the acquisition of the APO area from Warren Livestock.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**
4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**
5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

At this time funding for parks facilities have been low and overall park land dedication is a low priority.

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

County planners have noted that growth has been focused south of Laramie. A presentation of the Master Plan to the County Planning and Zoning Commission was recommended when further progress had been made.

**Organization Name: Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Steve Hammaker

Active members within your organization: BBBS served 652 youth last year, from ages 5 to 18.

1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

Big Brothers Big Sisters offers one-on-one mentoring programs, intervention programs, after school programs for grades sixth through twelfth and a progressive youth diversion program. BBBS utilizes recreation facilities and events to help incentivize youth participation in their programs. Their programs are based upon the relationships forged with the youth participants; recreation is used to help with bonding and often offered as a reward for success within the program. The program helps to introduce youth to the recreation opportunities available in the community, which they otherwise might not have an opportunity to utilize or participate in. Transportation to and from recreation sites and events remains the largest barrier for BBBS.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

Connectivity and equal access are two major issues BBBS would like to see the Master Plan tackle. Parks within a few blocks of "home" are necessary to encourage use; this means that parks need to be well distributed and a park facility of some type should be within walking distance for most Laramie residents. The addition of the Lincoln Community Center was noted as a huge benefit to youth on the west side of Laramie, who were previously cut off from many recreation opportunities. It was suggested that an introduction program or classes be explored to help youth in accessing and learning how to utilize recreation opportunities at the Recreation Center.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

BBBS is exploring purchasing Nellie Isles, which houses their current facility. The possible purchase and renovation of the facility would enable economic stability and more long range planning. Their central location is beneficial, but having only one location in Laramie does limit their ability to

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provide service to all segments of the population. They have found that those they provide services to are overwhelming local youth, meaning they live within easy walking distance of Nellie Isles. This phenomenon would seem to support the contention about the accessibility of parks, and the necessity to place parks and recreation facilities throughout the community rather than in centralized locations which would place a travel burden on participants.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

BBBS is open to partnering opportunities in the future. In the short term, the organization plans to continue utilizing recreation facilities and services as a core part of their programs.

**5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

There has been a shift in focus to positive youth development goals. Attendant with this change has been a shift from prevention to intervention. A correlation could likely be drawn between this shift and recent funding cuts for education and after school programs.

**6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

It was noted that much of the youth in Laramie have no idea of the myriad of recreation opportunities available to them. Beyond simply educating them on the possibilities though, other barriers such as prohibitive cost and transportation remain.

**Organization Name: Laramie BikeNet**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Evan O'Toole, Nancy Sindelar

Active members within your organization: 50 members

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

BikeNet is a relatively small group whose primary function is to organize small races and rides around

the Laramie community, such as the Dead Dog Class and the Wednesday Night Series. BikeNet helps to support the community's affinity for bike recreation and transportation which will be a component of the new Master Plan.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

BikeNet fully supports greater connectivity throughout Laramie. The group would also like to see a master map of bike trails and paths developed and disseminated for use within the community. A bike path connection from Wal-Mart to Spring Creek is a necessity. The group also noted that McCue Street and Highway 230 are problematic areas for cyclists and should probably be examined for safety concerns. BikeNet would also like to see bike lane safety standards applied to Highways 130 and 230 which are major bike corridors. The group would also like to see a bike park in the vein of Valmont Bike Park in Boulder, with jump features and trails added to the Plan. A cyclo-cross area would also be a great addition to the parks and recreation facilities. Additionally, the group would like to ensure that a large scale Greenbelt loop is in place around the outer boundaries of Laramie.

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

There are no distinct plans to grow BikeNet's membership rolls, however the group fully expects membership to remain steady. The current membership dues are low which helps to promote membership and there are also no plans to increase said dues.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The group hopes to begin more community

outreach efforts, such as a bike event around July 4<sup>th</sup> and possible roles in public education campaigns related to bike safety.

**5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

There is an increase in bike use nationwide and locally due to health considerations, the cost of gas and concerns over the environmental impact of motorized travel. Due to the increase in bike use, greater attention is being focused on creating bike friendly infrastructures in order to promote safety and encourage greater use.

**6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

There is definitely interest in creating another bike arterial along Garfield Street. Avid cyclists would also like to see bike lanes painted on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Lewis and Grand Streets and the placement of bike triggers at the lights of major intersections, such as 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Ivinson as well as 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Ivinson. Signed or striped bike lanes to area recreation opportunities such as Lake Hattie, Sybil Canyon, Rogers Canyon and Herrick Lane would also be beneficial additions.

**Organization Name: Biodiversity Conservation Alliance**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Duane Short

Active members within your organization: 300 regular members

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The Biodiversity Conservation Alliance's mission is the protection of wildlife, wild places and public land. The members of the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance are outdoor and fitness focused individuals; often the focus is on outdoor recreation or non-organized outdoor sports. The BCA is very active in aquifer protection efforts and believes that land preservation over the aquifer can ultimately offer a variety of other compatible recreation uses.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

One of the primary goals the Conservation Alliance is committed to is Aquifer Protection. In the short term the BCA would like to see the expansion of the Greenbelt Trail system and more trails overall throughout Laramie. Mid-term goals would be an expansion of public transportation, in particular environmentally friendly public transportation. The creation of an expansive local trail system is an important goal which will help to bring a greater focus on outdoor fitness opportunities to the community.

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The BCA is focused on promoting smart growth that does not outpace community support for the underlying projects.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The BCA tries to support sustainability on a community-wide level. An expansion of the current recycling program, water conservation efforts, energy efficient living, and supporting means of non-motorized transportation are all future concerns of the BCA. The BCA is also trying to promote a long range winter recreation plan for the Medicine Bow National Forest which would help to mitigate user conflicts between non-motorized and motorized recreation. Ultimately the goal is to create more "livable communities" by reducing carbon dioxide production, water consumption and minimizing the number of vehicles on the road.

**5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

Nationally and locally there is a much greater focus

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on sustainability and encouraging sustainable living thereby decreasing negative impacts on the environment.

**6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

The Alliance would like to see further protection of the surrounding waterways and riparian areas around Laramie. There is also a desire for an increase in the amount of science and education (interpretive) programs offered in the community.

**Organization Name: Laramie Colts**

Chair of organization: Kent Kleppinger

Active members within your organization:

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The Colts have implemented team building activities centered on a team project which kicks off the beginning of each season. It would be beneficial to use these team projects to tackle required maintenance or upkeep at Cowboy Field, such as painting locker rooms.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

There are a variety of maintenance and upgrade concerns the Colts would like to see occur at Cowboy Field. It was noted that the over-use of the field greatly affects the condition of the field, which should be taken into account when setting schedules; it would likely be of benefit to all to limit fall use. The irrigation needs to be upgraded and a segmented tree re-planting needs to occur along the fence. All potholes need to be addressed for safety concerns. Tarps are also needed to cover home plate and the mound. Concrete repairs need to be undertaken to fix the bleachers. A monument to previous UW teams should also be considered

at the entrance of the facility. In the long term, the Colts would prefer not to see artificial turf in the infield. A new permanent concession area would be a beneficial upgrade with revenue promoting possibilities.

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

At this time, the Colts are unsure of their future within the League, but they plan to stay active in Laramie, and possibly add other teams locally.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

**5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

**6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

It was noted that an outside turf grass specialist or consultant might be a good idea in order to keep the field in good health and make recommendations for the future.

**Organization Name: Country Club, LLC**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Bill Edwards

Active members within your organization:

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

Providing a good residential product to Laramie, but also making Laramie a better place by improving its quality of life, through access to parks and recreation opportunities.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

Would like to see the detention pond at the corner of Beech Street and Glacier Street improved and incorporated into the parks system. Little water is in this area for any given time and improvements could be made to make this space usable for everyone.

The city should partner with the State and look at developing a state of the art golf course along the Laramie River. Use of existing park lands, state land and BP Amoco site should be considered. Long term economic benefits would include, West Side redevelopment, Tourism, Quality of Life improvements, business driver for existing and new business. Also be a unifier for West Laramie and East Laramie. Would have to have expertise on this issue brought in to help.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

Will be providing the City a new Preliminary Plat for the Grand View Heights area in the Turner Tract. Open space a trails will be incorporated.

4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

Same as #3.

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

n/a

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

Business and Residential development want amenities. Not only within their proximity but in the community as a whole; Golf Course, East Laramie, Trail/Beltway Network.

Willing to set up meeting or help the City towards the East Laramie Access issues and acquiring the property.

**Organization Name:** *Environmental Advisory Committee*

Representative(s) present at meeting: John Evans

Active members within your organization:

1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The Environmental Advisory Committee is a citizens' advisory group dealing with environmental issues. It is broad based in that it deals with a variety of topics including natural disaster mitigation, ecological concerns, and active flood control. Recreation opportunities could be created or protected through some of the efforts supported by EAC.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

Some high profile cleanup projects could also be tied to recreation opportunities. The clean-up of the old Sawmill that Mountain Cement has began work on could lead to the placement of a natural park. The site was originally a series of ponds that acted as floodplain, it could again serve this purpose and act as a fishery if properly rehabilitated. The area could be transitioned into a natural or open space area with interpretive opportunities after the clean-up is completed. The other Mountain Cement site, adjacent to the Greenbelt in west Laramie, would be an excellent addition to the community's public lands. A park or even an amphitheater on this parcel could act as an excellent entry feature for Laramie. The Committee would also like to see the clean-up of the BP Amoco site with the area used for recreation purposes if possible. Areas with flood control devices could possibly be utilized for recreation purposes as well, such as fishing. Along Cottonwood Creek and Shepherders Canyon there will likely be dikes or entrapment ponds installed for flood control purposes, these areas could potentially be developed into fisheries as well.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with**

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the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?
5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission? Locally there has been increased support from citizens for environmental protection measures. Industrial mitigation measures to reclaim land for recreation purposes are also on the rise. There has also been a greater emphasis on non-motorized transportation routes and paths nationally. And there seems to be an increase in incorporating water features for recreation purposes into municipal parks and recreation services.
6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

Locally water conservation issues center around water temperature, rather than quality. High temperatures can degrade/destroy fish habitats. This would need to be taken into account if attempts at cultivating local fisheries are undertaken.

**Organization Name: Feeding Laramie Valley**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Lena Dunning

Active members within your organization: Currently 25 active members

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Feeding Laramie Valley is focused on promoting production of local food, ensuring equal distribution of local food resources and educating the public. A primary goal for Feeding Laramie Valley is the expansion of community gardens throughout Laramie. Community gardens increase a sense of ownership in Parks and foster good stewardship of public lands. There is currently a need for both production and demonstration gardens in Laramie.
2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?

Clearly, the expansion of the community garden program is a key goal for Feeding Laramie Valley; it should be noted that in addition to more garden spaces, there must also be a geographic balance of demonstration and production gardens within the community to ensure equal access. The group would love to see demonstration gardens located within Kiwanis, Undine, LaPrele and Optimist Parks.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

Feeding Laramie Valley has secured a five year funding source with the receipt of a Food Dignity Grant through the University of Wyoming. The group hopes to cultivate a dedicated volunteer base during the five year period in order to continue the group's work after funding has lapsed.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

Currently the group is focused on local produce; they hope to formalize long term plans after potential production sites are finalized.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

Concerns about the common problem of "food insecurity" are finally entering the national and local dialogue. There is also a greater focus on increasing the nutritive value of meals for school lunches and other at-risk groups. Food concerns and the interest in food production seem to bridge generational divides, suggesting that the subject of local food production will continue to remain important.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

The group is open to any size land dedication for gardens. Larger plots are preferable for production gardens, but they hope to expand the overall acreage

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of gardens in Laramie and are therefore open to all possibilities. The expansion of small gardens into City playgrounds and school property would also be an important part of raising the visibility of local food production and reaching more people on an educational level about Feeding Laramie Valley's mission.

**Organization Name: Friends of Undine Park**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Eileen Byrd

Active members within your organization: six very active members

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The Friends of Undine Park (FOUPs) consider themselves custodians of Laramie's oldest park and work to raise the profile of Undine Park, while keeping it a vibrant part of the community.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years?    Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

The FOUPs have seen a distinct need for lower speed limits around the park boundaries. A reduction of the speed limit to twenty miles per hour around the perimeter of the park would help safeguard the safety of citizens enjoying Undine Park. The volleyball court has seen high use in recent years, improvements to the court would be beneficial. An expansion creating one or more sand volleyball courts should also be considered. From observing use of Undine, an in-path park around the perimeter of Undine would also be well used. The tennis courts receive high use, but are currently in disrepair. Repairs to the courts, including replacing the backboard, should be considered.

The Friends also noted that large events held at Undine Park often create parking issues; it would probably be best to look at alternatives to the

current on-street parking scheme. The majority of the group felt preserving the existing green space is more important than creating off street parking spaces; however they are supportive of other ideas to increase parking such as a potential lease of the Nellie Isles parking lot, a bump out to accommodate diagonal parking or reducing the lane size on surrounding streets in order to fit in diagonal spaces. As a long term, large scale project, the group would like to see the construction of a Gazebo based on the historic structure that once stood in Undine.

There also continue to be problems with dogs off leash in the park and owners not cleaning up after their pets. Robert and Leslie Waggoner, who have an Adopt A Park Agreement for Undine Park, were also present at the meeting. The Waggoners have cleaned Undine Park of trash and dog waste since 2006. Recently, they have noticed an increase in dog related problems in the park and would like to see the City address some of these issues. There has been a large increase in the amount of dog waste left behind in the park and there are continued problems with dogs at large within the park. The Waggoners and the FOUPs both noted that enforcement of the existing dog ordinance needs to become a priority otherwise people will continue willfully ignoring the existing rules. An information letter and supporting documents regarding these problems were submitted by the Waggoners, and are appended to this summary.

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The Friends plan to continue their active advocacy for Undine Park and will be planning large events in the Park as weather and volunteer staffing allows.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The Friends continue efforts at growing the annual Arts in the Park, which has proved to be a successful event in the past.

**5. What are the national and local trends within your**

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**organization's goals and mission?**

**6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

Alternative uses of the park area were mentioned such as Bocce Ball. The Friends noted that the Undine Park Splash Pad has really helped to revitalize the park; it has proved very popular with citizens and has greatly increased traffic to the park. The FOUps and Waggoners did want to note that they hope Undine will not be considered as a future off leash dog area. The problems stemming from off leash dogs and waste issues would only be exacerbated if Undine was designated as an off leash area. The creation of an off leash dog area within the park would also severely limit the overall use of the park, likely creating user conflicts in every sector of the park.

**Organization Name: Wyoming Game and Fish**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Mike Snigg, Steve Gale, [Lee Noxx (3.25.13)]

Active members within your organization: n/a

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

One of the main goals is to provide for fishing opportunities for all Wyoming citizens. Increased participation in fishing is a major goal for the G&F.

Provide for habitat.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years?    Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

Future Pond Sites/Fisheries: Spring Creek Channel, a pond located south of Spring Creek and west of Corthell Road, Simpson Springs, Go Forth Res., pond south of Optimist Park (multiple locations), along Laramie river just north of City Limits (north of Curtis Street), BP Amoco Site,

See questions 4 and 6.

The archery range on the Monolith is a good idea. Having this area available so close to town would be great and possible partnerships with the Bowhunters of Wyoming would be a possibility to look at.

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

Overall this questions does not apply. However long term funding for the G&F and it's stocking program should be no issue. There are no issues with continuing to stock Huck Finn Pond or any other fisheries that may be created in the future. A lot of fisheries would have to be brought on line for the G&F resources to be stretched and subsequently not being able to stock ponds. In short, if we build fisheries they will be stocked.

The area east of town is a critical range for Antelope. At one time the Mule Deer population was good in this area as well. Preservation of this area would be great for not only access to the NF, but for the antelope.

Monolith Ranch is good habitat for Antelope and White Tail.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The Go Forth Reservoir is on the G&F radar and would be a great fishery when repaired. There may be some wetlands mitigation needed before this can happen.

Continue to work with the City on any work related to the Spring Creek Channel. The G&F has resources for design and can provide expertise related to the project.

The G&F believes that the area the Ad Hoc has identified as a future pond, south of Spring Creek and west of Corthell Road, is a good idea and should be considered.

The G&F thinks that the Simpson Springs area

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would be a good location for a fishery as well. Also recognize the wildlife value as well.

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

Continued participation in fishing for all segments of the population.

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

It was recommended that any park, especially if water is available either by proximity to water like the Laramie River, Spring Creek or natural springs that a fishing pond be considered as an amenity in any park. Additionally, if water is not available, wells could be considered as an option to provide water for ponds.

If Spring Creek was to improve as a fishery, no age restrictions would be recommended.

Huck Finn Pond could have the age restriction eliminated if desired by the community.

As new streets or other infrastructure cross streams, lakes or rivers, working with the G&F could provide opportunists and design to improve habitat in these areas.

The City should produce a fishing map for the Laramie River, where can you fish, where can you not.

Possibly look at reducing vegetation along the Laramie River in some areas to improve fishing access to the river on City property.

Continue to hear that access to the City gun range is difficult. Membership, intro class, etc. makes it a bit more work than it needs to be. Because of this they see a lot of people using public property all over the area and really using it hard. It may be time for the City to consider better operation of their facility or an additional facility (or indoor range) that would improve access.

**Organization Name: Laramie Local Foods**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Katie Hines, Peggy McCrackin

Active members within your organization: 20-25 people at monthly meetings, 300 on mailing list

1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

Laramie Local Foods' mission is to foster the increased production and consumption of sustainably grown food in the Laramie Basin and the surrounding region needed to supply Laramie's food needs. The group's goals are as follows: increasing the number and economic viability of local small and moderate sized food growers; supporting ecologically sound and socially just farming practices; increasing production of food in home gardens; expanding knowledge of fresh food preparation and preservation through outreach to both adults and children; and ensuring that all Laramie residents have access to affordable, nutritious, and safe food that is grown in a humane, socially just, and ecologically sustainable manner.

The group noted that there is a growing interest in Laramie about growing your own food. There is also a greater desire for community gardens. The group believes that increasing community garden space will also increase opportunities for public education which fits in with the group's goals.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

Laramie Local Foods hopes to develop a production garden, of five to ten acres, in the future to help meet broader goals of food access. The preference would also be to have a community garden within each Laramie park. The following locations were noted as potential sites by the group: the west side of Optimist Park, Harbon Park (which is a highly desirable location due to its no-spray designation), Undine Park and possibly other small locations along the Spring Creek corridor.

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3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee**

The group was formed in 2008 and is entirely volunteer driven. Recently, the group has experienced an influx of members from a younger demographic. In order to remain a viable organization with an active membership base the group is dedicated to increasing interest in their group, continuing their advocacy for a local food movement, completing fundraisers in order to forego charging membership dues, and collaborating with other organizations in the community and statewide.

4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The group plans to continue with hosting community outreach events such as the Tour de Coop and a local producers and garden tours. A local food festival is also planned for the summer of 2013 as well as preservation workshops offered to the community. It was noted that the group has investigated grant possibilities to fund a large scale community garden.

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

There is a growing local and national trend of concern with where our food comes from. The local food movement is growing as individuals develop a greater stake in local food production. An important trend is also the development of partnerships which provide local food to area schools, thus educating younger generations about food production.

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

A ten acre parcel, with a minimum ten year lease, would be ideal for the development of a production garden. The group would like to work in partnership with the City in ultimately securing such a site. On another note, the group stated that they believed many residents would support a native plant garden and natural areas that are kept as native rather than maintained as manicured turf areas.

**Organization Name: Laramie Rivers Conservation Districts**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Tony Hoch and Trish Penny

Active members within your organization: Over 1,300 on the Newsletter mailing list, over 13,000 distinct hits on the website.

1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The LRCD is a local government entity that encourages involvement in nature and promotes good stewardship of the environment. Outreach efforts are targeted to youth in the community in particular. A variety of education programs, field trips and gardening demonstrations are offered in Laramie, Rock River, Centennial and the surrounding rural service areas as well.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

The LRCD would like to see the addition of natural playscapes and edible landscapes to the parks system with some educational or interpretive components. The LRCD also supports efforts towards entryway beautification. More bathroom facilities are needed in City Parks, and future facilities might explore green designs with an emphasis on solar power. Off street parking at some City Parks would also be a great improvement to explore. An expansion of tennis courts and the addition of lighting and of seating adjacent to the courts would also be beneficial. LRCD would also like to encourage the development of other affordable recreation programs at locations other than the Recreation Center. Another need within the community is the development of dog parks. Ideally locations outside of town with ample trailways should be explored for this purpose.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

Currently there is strong constituent support locally for the LRCD, and supporting state statutes and the mill levy will help to ensure the organization's survival.

4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The LRCD would like to expand their office, with an increased office space area and multipurpose room to house meetings and educational programming. The LRCD would also like to see the rehabilitation of the BP refinery property within three to five years. LRCD has been very supportive of greenbelt development and tries to encourage biking and alternative transportation.

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

There is an increase in community gardens and edible landscapes nationally. Outdoor learning centers are also on the rise. Overall, there is a strong commitment to interpretive programs that promote environmental awareness and stewardship.

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

LRCD would like to see an expanded Nature Center at LaBonte Park in the future. The west side of Laramie seems to be under-served by Parks and Recreation services, and would benefit from additional infrastructure. It is imperative that protection of the Aquifer be secured, and the LRCD supports any future land acquisition that would serve that purpose. Laramie would be well served to continue expanding the Greenbelt bike transportation system throughout town, which should include a connection from Laramie up to National Forest lands. As charter members of the Laramie Beautification Committee, LRCD fully supports the Committee's work in entryway and community planting and landscaping, as well as the continuation of the Public Art Program.

**Organization Name: Laramie Soccer Association**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Crystal Hammaker

Active members within your organization: 700-750 throughout the year, counting youth and adult participants

1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

LSA services a wide range of people in the community, including those in lower income brackets through their scholarship program. Their mission is to give every child access to learning and playing youth soccer. LSA has also expanded to include adult soccer leagues, thereby filling a void in the community's adult soccer offerings.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years?    Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

The largest short term goal is the transition to "small-sided" games in the youth leagues; however there are currently not enough facilities in Laramie to accommodate all the games necessary to schedule games. The switch to small sided games would double the number of teams in each division, thereby doubling the number of fields needed. The expansion of LSA's programs is thereby dependent upon the availability of more soccer facilities.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

LSA plans to continue focusing on offering recreational soccer opportunities for the community, since that is clearly the niche that they have been successful in thus far. The group believes the development of more fields is the key to sustaining growth within their organization. The Association also plans to work with other sports organizations in coordinating schedules so that

youth have the ability to accommodate multiple activities and sports with minimum scheduling conflicts. The increase in scholarship requests over the last few years also means that LSA will have to continue finding scholarship funds in order to serve all segments of the community.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

As part of ensuring the viability of the organization, LSA would like to explore the development of a large soccer complex; part of such a development would necessarily be the pursuit of grants and large-scale fundraising efforts.

**5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

Nationally, soccer participation has become static which is largely attributed to the multiplicity of options for youth sports and activities. Locally, participation remains strong. The movement towards small sided games is definitely a growing trend, which LSA would like to help foster on a local scale.

**6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

LSA would fully support the development of a large soccer complex by the City; however ensuring that all outside agencies and organizations receive fair access to the facility would be of paramount importance. User conflicts at the existing facilities have proved problematic, ultimately more space and a fair system overseeing use is necessary. The group also wanted to note that some of the current facilities in use, such as Scout Park, will need further maintenance and work in order to remain viable soccer facilities.

**Organization Name: Laramie Main Street Alliance**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Margaret Brown

Active members within your organization: 300 members comprised of area businesses

**1. How does your organization's goals and**

**vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

Connectivity is seen as key; walking and biking have grown in popularity for transportation. For downtown Laramie, barriers such as 3<sup>rd</sup> Street must be mitigated in order to continue encouraging non-motorized traffic downtown. Concern was expressed about the possible dedication of Ivinson Avenue as a bike lane, it was noted that the Fire and Emergency vehicles currently utilize Ivinson Street as a primary route. Additionally, consultants for Main Street have stated that University Avenue should be the main connector from downtown to the UW campus. The Main Street Alliance's five year plan has already noted that University Avenue will be explored as the primary connector to downtown. There also exists a need to create a primary connection to downtown for residents south of Grand Avenue.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

Bicycle lanes will need to be developed or enhanced, with a particular focus on north-south routes after the removal of the Clark Street overpass. Better signage is also needed for downtown, especially way-finding signs guiding visitors to the downtown area and signs denoting parking locations, Depot Park and the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Plaza.

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The Main Street program receives funding on a year to year basis, however the Downtown Development Plan was recently completed which lays out a multi-year plan of action.

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The Downtown Development Plan is still in draft form, work on finalizing the document is a priority.

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

Small neighborhood parks seem to be gaining in popularity. There has been a marked residential movement towards downtown, creating a greater emphasis on non-motorized transportation. Main Street wants to forge greater connections with UW students, and encourage more students to patronize downtown Laramie.

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

It would be ideal to see the eventual expansion of the ACTA public transportation system. The development of University Square will help to fulfill a future need for increased park/green space.

**Organization Name: Rawstone Development LLC**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Paul and Warren Greaser

Active members within your organization:

1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

Ultimately as costs for development increase, these costs are passed on to the consumer, as developers, Rawstone is interested in sustainable development in the community.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years?    Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

Rawstone has a vested interest in seeing corridors for pedestrian and bicyclist transportation developed throughout Laramie. Trails and paths connecting the community to public lands and to Laramie parks are seen as equally important. If greater connectivity is fostered, then developers

have a greater incentive in cooperating to create new trail pieces. The preservation of wildlife corridors are also seen as an important part of Laramie culture or lifestyle. The preference would be for greater flexibility in the designation and use of mini-parks, tot lots or community gardens within the UDC and Parks and Recreation. More flexibility would allow for the completion of more projects and parks lands, which would benefit everyone.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

One local trend of concern is the community mores of trespassing. For some reason, access to lands, be they public or private, is seen as an entitlement and therefore the preservation of private property rights becomes problematic. Beginning to change these mores is definitely desirable, however part of doing so would likely mean ensuring that the Laramie community has adequate, legal access to public lands on the outskirts of town.

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

From Rawstone's perspective there are adequate park lands within the city limits, the most important thing for the future will be fostering connections to existing parks and developing more pedestrian and bike trails. It was noted that the current UDC, which requires in lieu of fees, can be difficult for developers; it is often easier to plan for land dedication during the preliminary plat process rather than paying up-front cash at the beginning of a project.

**Organization Name: Laramie Railroad Depot Association**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Larry Ostresh

Active members within your organization: around 50 people

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1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The Depot Association hopes to see continued cooperation and support of the Railroad Heritage Park within the new Master Plan.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years?    Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

The Association sees the protection and stability of north Depot Park key to their longevity and therefore hopes to see no large scale changes to the north of the park. The preference would be to simply leave the park area north of the Depot as open space. The south side of the park would benefit from the addition of a few picnic tables. The addition of a sidewalk along the east boundary of the park, contiguous to the street, would be an excellent improvement to the area. The Association hopes to open as an operational museum in the Depot building in July of 2012. All work and upkeep on the museum is reliant upon volunteer labor, interns from the University of Wyoming and outside funding. Further lighting of the Park and the display train within the Park is also a short term goal.

The completion of a Railroad Legacy Trail with the appropriate interpretive signage is also a goal the Association would like to see addressed within the plan. Ideally the Railroad Legacy Trail could tie in with the existing Greenbelt. The following locations were all noted as potential sites for interpretive signs: the 1901 train tracks; the Laramie, North Park and Pacific railroad beds; the Ice Plant and Stockyards.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The Association is forming an active volunteer group to assist with the necessary upkeep. At this time, there are no plans on charging admission

to the museum; by focusing on volunteer based staffing costs can be kept down. Offering the Depot for private rentals will cover the operational costs of the building.

4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The primary goal is the opening of the museum; related to that goal are some building improvements such as heating upgrades and the addition of a small kitchen in order to encourage more private rentals of the space during off hours. The Association would also like to assist with the development of the Railroad Legacy Trail. Their vision of the initial trail would incorporate the following route: beginning at the Depot, across the footbridge to the engine house, to the Y, and back over the Railroad bridge. Extensions of the Railroad Legacy Trail could include the following: south to the old tie plant, further south to the Laramie North Park and Pacific Railroad beds, west along the old LHP&P road to Highway 130 in west Laramie, north to the former stockyards, further north to the PFR ice plant.

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

Overall, railroad enthusiasts are growing in numbers and more interest has certainly been seen locally. There has also been a growth in railroad oriented tourism as well. With the expansion of the Depot Museum and further efforts to memorialize the history of the railroad throughout Laramie, the Depot Association is well poised to take advantage of this growth.

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

As a group, there is little support for the proposed off leash dog area in Depot Park. Safety concerns, combined with the higher traffic that such an area would produce, and the attendant clean-up problems are all concerning to the Association. Such detriments to the area could have a negative impact on the Associations ability to market the Depot for private rentals and encourage the public to spend time at the museum after the opening.

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**Organization Name: Sweetwater Limited, LLC**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Paul Hoffman

Active members within your organization:

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

Sweetwater Limited strongly believes that the Westfield Business Park needs a pocket park and trail connection.

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years?    Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

A pocket park and trail connection within the Westfield Business Park.

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

At this time Sweetwater has no plans to add a park or playground within the development.

**5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

Both nationally and locally there has been a rise in rental housing, in particular multi-family housing developments.

**6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

Under the current UDC, charging per residence within a development works against developers putting pocket parks in their developments using their own funds. It would be beneficial to have some relief for those that might be willing to develop their

own park. If the City would accept parks built by developers and the responsibilities to maintain it, Sweetwater Development would be more inclined to build parks within developments. Different detention designs should be examined in order to potentially utilize detention ponds and drainage areas as parks.

**Organization Name: Walker Construction**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Doug Walker (4/11/13)

Active members within your organization: n/a

**1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

To provide housing in Laramie, but overall, parks are good for residential development

**2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years?    Mid Term 10 to 20 years?  
Long Term 20+ years?**

n/a

**3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

n/a

**4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

Currently working on the Walker Subdivision and the Final Plat associated with it was recently approved. A future Preliminary Plat is expected for the area to the west of the current Final Plat. Prior to this discussion with the Park and Recreation Department would be desired to possibly accommodate a play lot park. Also open to the idea of a larger park in the subdivision.

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

n/a

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

Work together prior to submittal to work through issues and possibly find cost savings on both the developer and city end of the project.

Overall for us, giving the fee is better than giving the land.

**Organization Name: Wyoming Territorial Prison**

Representative(s) present at meeting: Debra Ahmend

Active members within your organization: The Territorial Prison is open for six month out of the year, seven days a week and averages 26,000 visitors per year.

1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The Wyoming Territorial Prison is a Wyoming State Historic site focused on recreation, land management and offering interpretive programs to the public. There are several distinct ecosystems within the site and opportunities for nature and trail interpretative sites abound.

2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

**Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?**

Depending on the projects, there is certainly a potential to partner with the City in resource management projects adjacent to or within the state property. As natural resource management is a critical issue for both the State and the City, a greater focus on educating the public about resource management and becoming caretakers of public land is necessary.

3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for**

**growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

A ten year Master Plan for the site was recently conducted which fully lays out plans for the future of the site and the services offered to citizens. Included in the plan, is a three year project to create a nature path tying into the Greenbelt Trail with interpretive signs installed in the upland and wetlands area.

4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The expansion of non-motorized trails, like the one mentioned above, could easily be tied into the existing system of trails within the community.

5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

The key goal of the Wyoming Territorial Prison is to increase visitor traffic to the site. Preservation must go hand in hand with public education. WTP hopes to become a national destination site while remaining an integral part of the community. In order to do so, the site must continue to foster recreational opportunities for visitors and the community.

6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

The Wyoming Territorial Prison site has been negatively impacted by Greenbelt users. The WTP wants to continue their support of the Greenbelt however attention must be paid to issues stemming from user conflicts or abuse in order to mitigate these impacts. There are severe erosion issues along segments of the trail due to the creation of the trail and the attendant soil compaction. Users have also damaged fencing at the WTP site and there is an ongoing problem of boundaries designating WTP land (and therefore a "fee area") being ignored. There has also been damage from an illicit BMX bike course that people have created by trespassing on WTP land. The WTP would also like to see the McCue Street connection to the Greenbelt identified as a recreational trail in order to count visitor numbers stemming from this location; the

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McCue connection has been identified by WTP staff as a point of entry that receives heavy use, counting the numbers at this point would help paint a more accurate picture of trail use.

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# Appendix F

## Optimist Park Development Plan by Russel Mills Studios



### OPTIMIST PARK REDEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION PROJECT CONCEPTUAL DESIGN BOOKLET



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NOVEMBER 2, 2009

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**PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN - OPTION B**



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- UNDERPASS CONNECTION WALK
- RE-CONFIGURED PARKING LOT WITH 55 PARKING SPACES
- POTENTIAL CRUSHER FINES RIVER ACCESS TRAIL WITH CANOE PUT-IN AREA
- PLAYGROUND (REFER TO ENLARGEMENT)
- GATHERING AREA WITH BENCH SEATING
- LARAMIE GREENBELT TRAIL
- NATIVE GRASSES AND SHRUB SEEDING AREA
- CONCRETE TRAIL CONNECTION

- PROPOSED TREE, TYPICAL
- RELOCATED DOG PARK WITH OBSTACLE COURSE
- EXISTING TREE, TYPICAL
- NEW RESTROOM AND PICNIC SHELTER
- CONCRETE CONNECTION WALK FROM SPRUCE STREET
- MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD
  - TWO YOUTH
  - ONE STANDARD

**LARAMIE** draft

**OPTIMIST PARK REDEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION PROJECT**  
**PREFERRED CONCEPTUAL PLAN**



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- LARAMIE GREENBELT TRAIL
- LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES STAND-UP SPINNER
- RE-USED WOOD FIBER MULCH
- RESILIENT PAVEMENT RIVER FORM
- 18" WIDE CONNECTING PATHS
- RE-USED WOOD FIBER MULCH
- KOMPAN SUPERNOVA
- CLIMBING BOULDERS
- LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES DIGGER
- RESILIENT PAVEMENT
- SAND PLAY AREA

- RELOCATED 4-BAY SWING
- RELOCATED PLAY PIECE
- SHRUB BEDS
- GATHERING AREA WITH 2 BENCHES AND TRASH RECEPTACLE ON CRUSHER FINES
- LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES TOT SWING
- SHRUB BEDS
- RE-USED WOOD FIBER MULCH
- LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES WEEVOS #5

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**PLAYGROUND ENLARGEMENT PLAN**



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DOG PARK AREA WITH OBSTACLE COURSE

BENCH SEATING FOR DOG PARK VISITORS

DOG PARK GATE ENTRY

COLORED CONCRETE PLAZA AREA WITH UPDATED PICNIC SHELTER




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**DOG PARK ILLUSTRATION**

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COMBINATION OF NEW AND RE-USED PLAY EQUIPMENT

RELOCATED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

GATHERING AREA FOR PLAYGROUND OBSERVATION

OPEN LAWN AREA  
PICNIC AND RESTROOM FACILITY




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**Optimist Park Conceptual Plan**

Estimate of Probable Costs  
 Plan Date: 11-2-2020  
 Prepared by: Russell + Mills Studios

SECTION NUMBER	ITEM	UNIT	UNIT COST	QTY.	EXTENDED COST	NOTES
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; MOBILIZATION</b>						
01010-1	Construction Testing	L.S.	\$25,000.00	1	\$25,000.00	
01010-2	Construction Surveying	L.S.	\$10,000.00	1	\$10,000.00	
01010-3	Permits (DWR, Dep., etc.)	ALLOW	\$1,200.00	1	\$1,200.00	
01010-4	Vehicle Tracking Control	L.S.	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	
01010-5	Erosion Control	L.S.	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$39,200.00</b>	
<b>DEMOLITION</b>						
02101-1	Clear and Grub	S.F.	\$2.50	14,000	\$35,000.00	SE parking lot area
02101-2	Tree Protection Fencing	L.F.	\$2.25	1,000	\$2,250.00	Parking lot
02101-3	Remove Asphalt Pavement	S.F.	\$2.50	20,000	\$50,000.00	
02101-4	Remove Concrete Pavement	S.F.	\$9.00	1,845	\$16,605.00	
02101-5	Remove Existing Basketball Court Pavement	S.F.	\$2.50	1,365	\$3,412.50	
02101-6	Remove Existing Playground Wood P-Barn - Full Removal	C.Y.	\$1.75	340	\$595.00	6,105 s.f. at assumed depth of 18"
02101-7	Remove Existing Concrete Curb	L.F.	\$2.00	440	\$880.00	
02101-8	Remove Play Equipment and Site Furnishings	L.S.	\$2,000.00	1	\$2,000.00	
02101-9	Remove Existing Signage Equipment	L.F.	\$1.00	180	\$180.00	
02101-10	Remove Existing Dog Park Fencing	EA	\$500.00	6	\$3,000.00	
02101-11	Remove Existing Dog Park Fencing	S.F.	\$2.50	1,300	\$3,250.00	
02101-12	Remove Existing Dog Park Fencing	L.S.	\$15,000.00	1	\$15,000.00	For new trails and plazas
02101-13	Remove Sign	L.S.	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$128,932.50</b>	
<b>EARTHWORK AND GRADING</b>						
03010-1	Earthwork	ALLOW	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
<b>BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENT</b>						
02101-14	Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement	S.F.	\$4.50	22,445	\$101,002.50	Parking lot - 4" thick grading 5X
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$101,002.50</b>	
<b>CONCRETE FLOWWORK</b>						
02101-15	Concrete Pavement	S.F.	\$46.00	2,247	\$103,382.00	6" thick, grey
02101-16	Concrete Pavement	S.F.	\$65.00	427	\$27,725.00	Colored and patterned
02101-17	Thickened Edge	L.F.	\$13.00	365	\$4,745.00	
02101-18	4" x 4" Concrete Mass Curb	L.F.	\$25.00	450	\$11,250.00	
02101-19	ADA Ramp	EA	\$1,500.00	1	\$1,500.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$148,597.00</b>	
<b>MARKINGS</b>						
02101-20	Paving Markings	L.S.	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,000.00</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>						
03010-2	Site Lighting and Electrical	ALLOW	\$30,000.00	1	\$30,000.00	
03010-3	Water Line	L.F.	\$30.00	240	\$7,200.00	
03010-4	Sanitary Line	L.F.	\$20.00	240	\$4,800.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$42,000.00</b>	
<b>SURFACING</b>						
03010-5	Resilient Surfacing	S.F.	\$20.00	770	\$15,400.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$15,400.00</b>	
<b>IRRIGATION</b>						
03010-6	Irrigation Adjustments	S.F.	\$0.58	197,805	\$114,726.90	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$114,726.90</b>	
<b>FLAT SURFACING</b>						
03010-7	Sand Surfacing	C.Y.	\$27.00	305	\$8,235.00	
03010-8	Wood Fiber Playground Surfacing - New	C.Y.	\$26.00	9	\$234.00	Total wood mulch needed to cover = 8,260 s.f. (at rate of 6.105 s.f.)
03010-9	Wood Fiber Playground Surfacing - Reused	C.Y.	\$26.00	340	\$8,840.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$17,309.00</b>	
<b>SITE FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT</b>						
03010-10	Dog Park Fence	L.F.	\$15.00	1,000	\$15,000.00	
03010-11	Dog Park Gates	EA	\$1,000.00	4	\$4,000.00	
03010-12	Dog Distance Course	ALLOW	\$20,000.00	1	\$20,000.00	
03010-13	Porch Tables	EA	\$1,450.00	10	\$14,500.00	
03010-14	Benches	EA	\$1,050.00	8	\$8,400.00	Wabash Valley 6' length
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$60,900.00</b>	

03010-15	Tree Revegetation	EA	\$1,050.00	6	\$6,300.00	
03010-16	Black Rock	EA	\$500.00	2	\$1,000.00	
03010-17	BBQ Grills	EA	\$500.00	2	\$1,000.00	Iron Mini Forge - 200K
03010-18	Chimney	EA	\$10,000.00	1	\$10,000.00	
03010-19	Play Equipment Restoration of Old	L.S.	\$15,000.00	1	\$15,000.00	Landscaping Structures
03010-20	Play Equipment Installation	L.S.	\$15,000.00	1	\$15,000.00	Landscaping Structures
03010-21	Waterline #5 Polystructure	EA	\$10,000.00	1	\$10,000.00	Landscaping Structures
03010-22	Single Post Top Swing with 2 Full Bucket Seats	EA	\$7,500.00	1	\$7,500.00	Landscaping Structures
03010-23	Substructure	EA	\$7,500.00	1	\$7,500.00	Kompanj
03010-24	Steel-to-Steel	EA	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	Landscaping Structures
03010-25	SuperGroup	EA	\$800.00	1	\$800.00	Landscaping Structures
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$172,550.00</b>	
<b>PLANTING</b>						
03010-26	Topsoil (Strip, Stockpile, and Place)	C.Y.	\$7.00	198	\$1,386.00	From areas for new trails and plazas, assumes 2" depth
03010-27	Topsoil (Strip and Place)	C.Y.	\$24.00	45	\$1,080.00	2" depth for shrub bed area
03010-28	Soil Bed Dressing	S.F.	\$5.00	4,500	\$22,500.00	
03010-29	Reilly Sphagnum Soil	S.F.	\$1.00	1,300	\$1,300.00	
03010-30	Open-Graded Gravel	S.F.	\$1.50	70,350	\$105,525.00	
03010-31	Dutchman Tree	EA	\$100.00	62	\$6,200.00	Planted by Parks
03010-32	Patience Lady Tree	EA	\$50.00	10	\$500.00	
03010-33	Ornamental Tree	EA	\$65.00	11	\$715.00	Planted by Parks
03010-34	Planting	S.F.	\$2.00	16,265	\$32,530.00	Watermark planting
03010-35	Landscaping Plant Buckets	TON	\$200.00	26	\$40,000.00	Assumed height of 2'
03010-36	Organic Street Mulch	C.Y.	\$60.00	103	\$6,180.00	4" depth
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$169,530.00</b>	
<b>ARCHITECTURE</b>						
03010-37	Recreation and Picnic Shelter Building	ALLOW	\$300,000.00	1	\$300,000.00	
	<b>CATEGORY SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$300,000.00</b>	
<b>BASE BID SUBTOTAL</b>						
	<b>3% Design Contingency</b>				<b>\$97,657.25</b>	
	<b>5% Construction Contingency</b>				<b>\$48,791.40</b>	
	<b>10% General Conditions (contractor's profit, overhead, miscellaneous)</b>				<b>\$82,282.78</b>	
	<b>BASE BID GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,317,367.70</b>	



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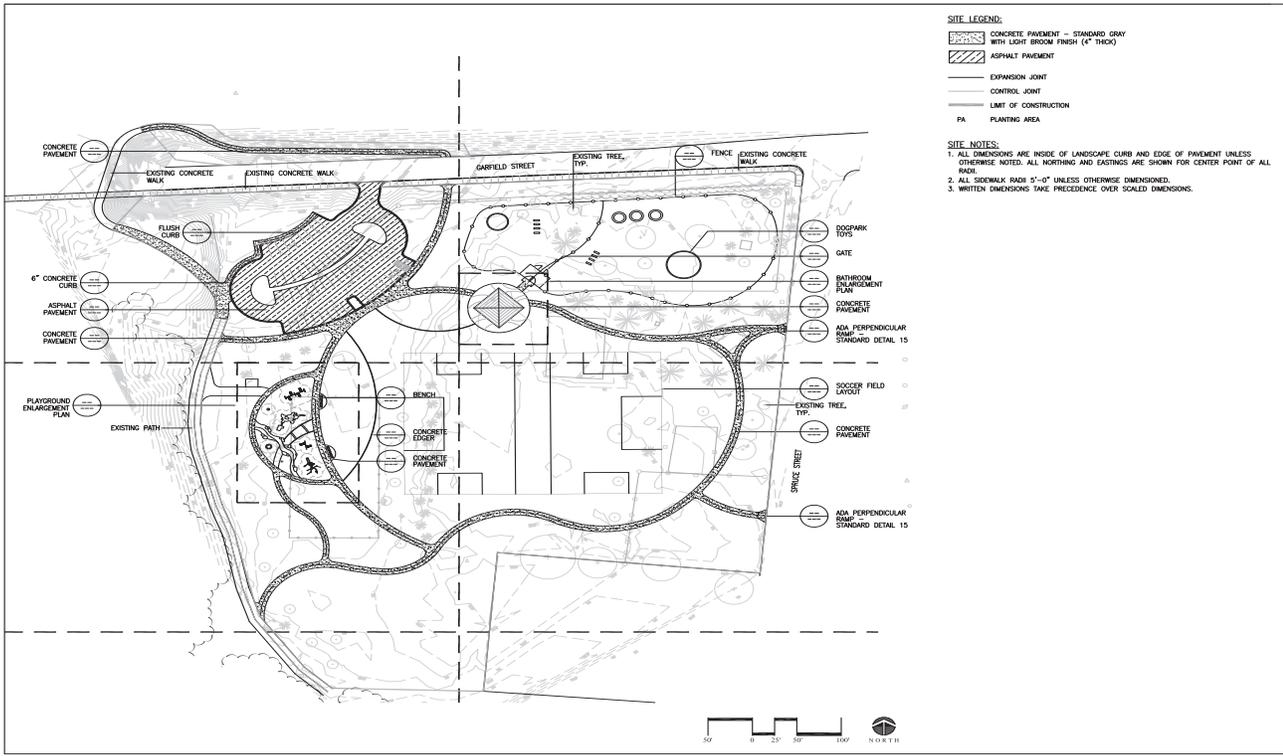
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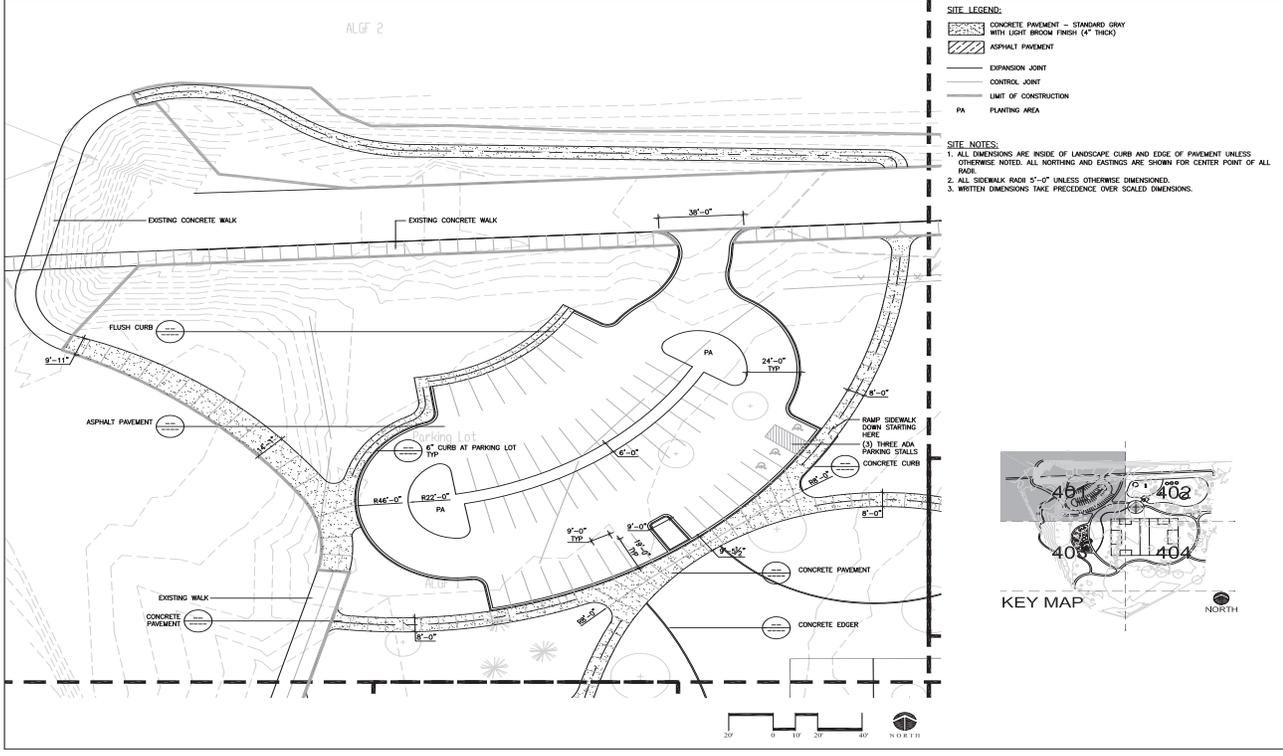
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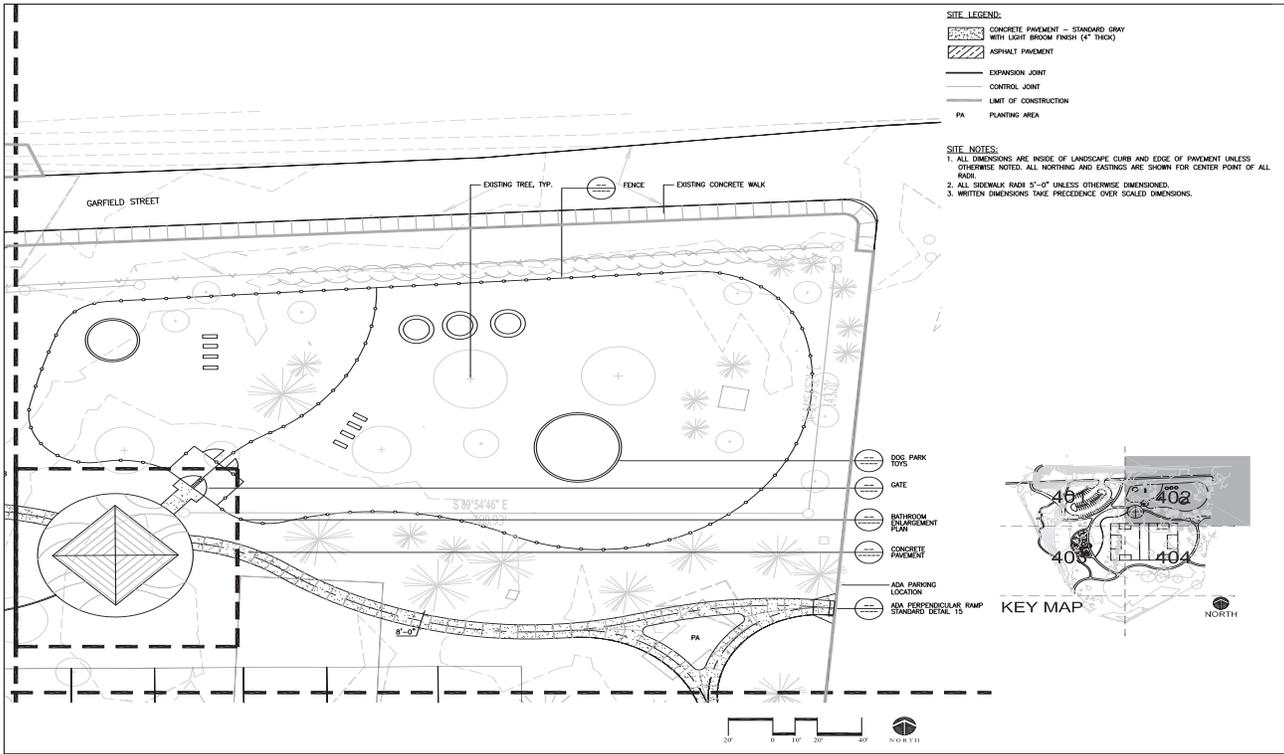
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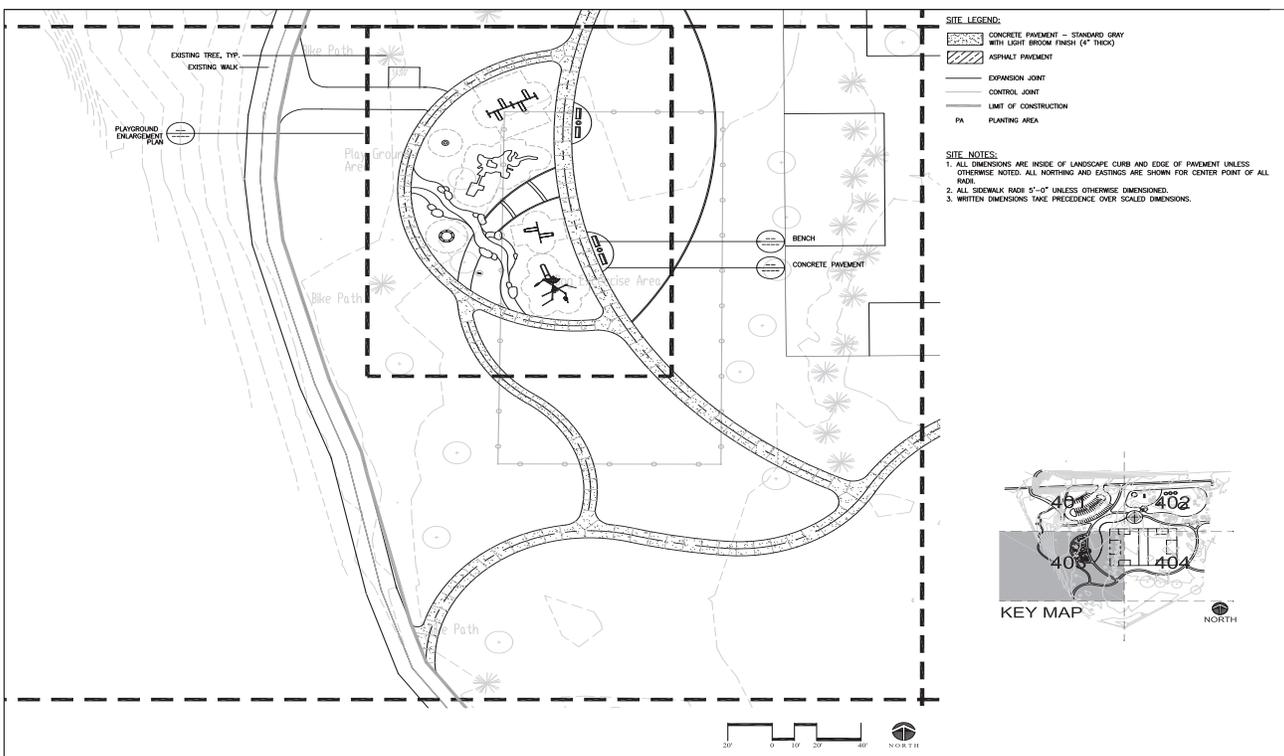
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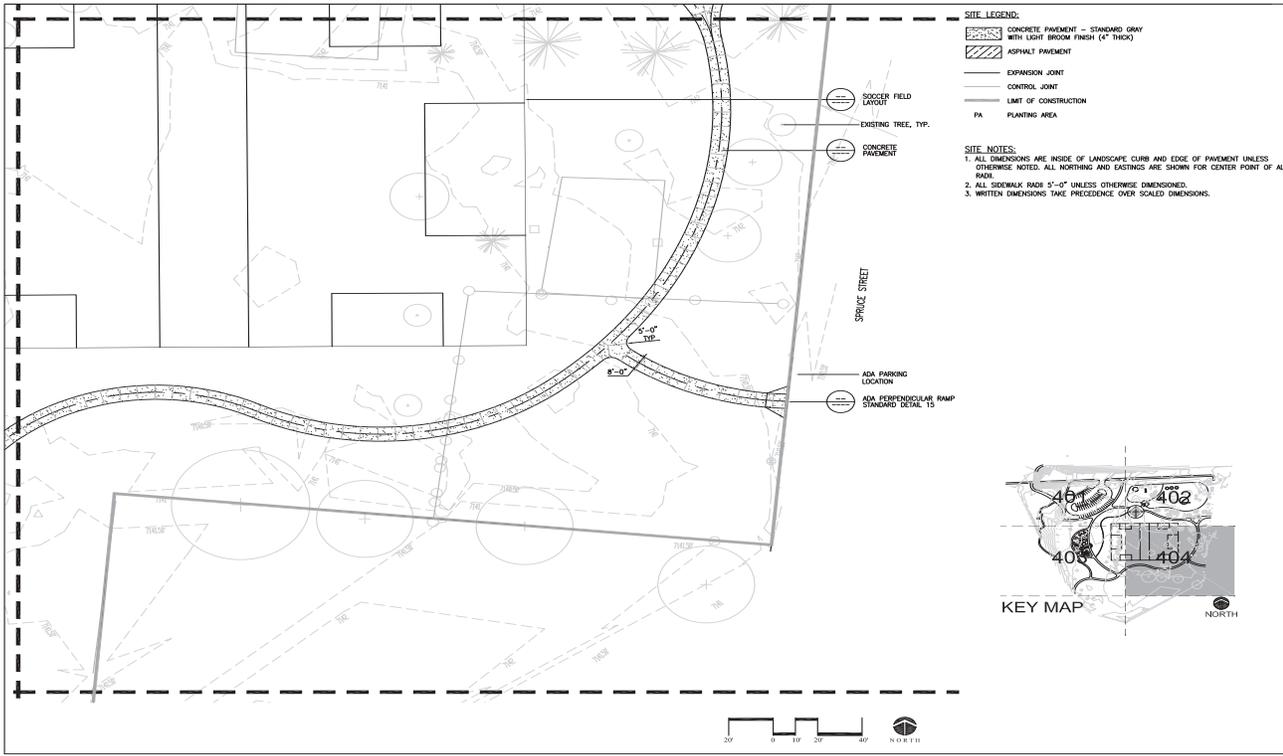
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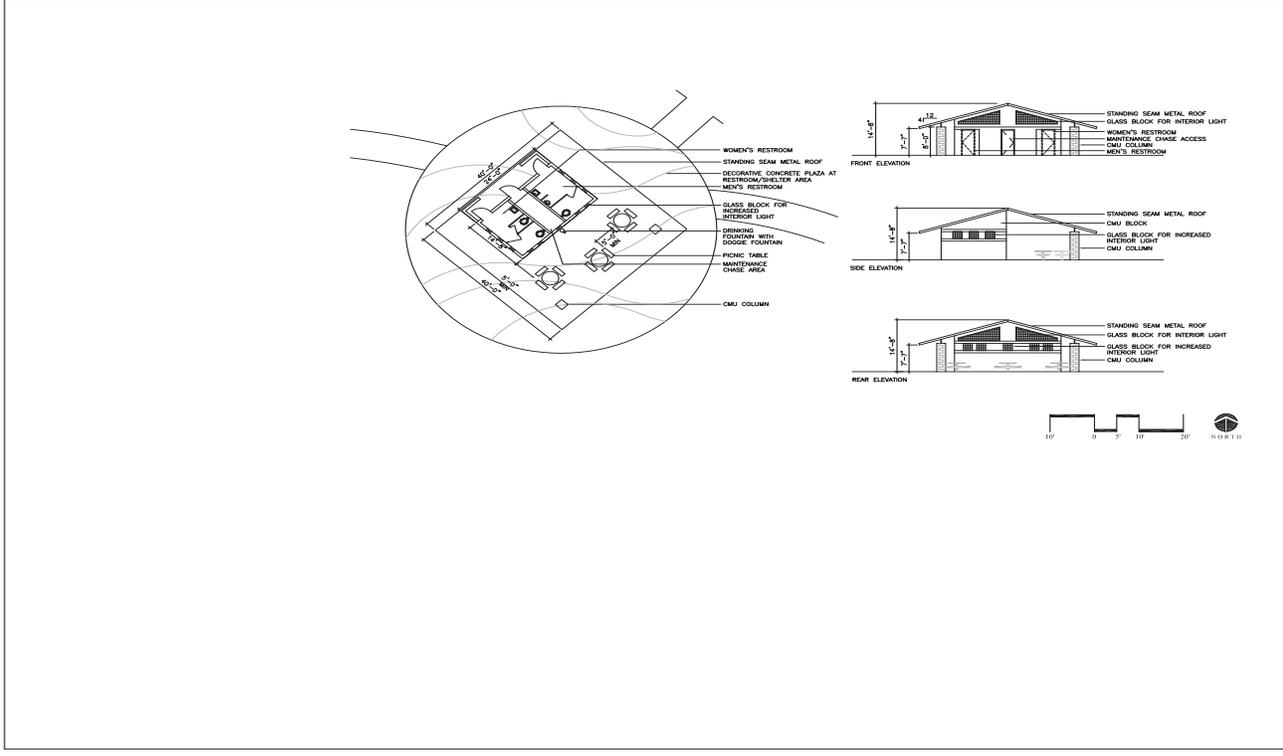
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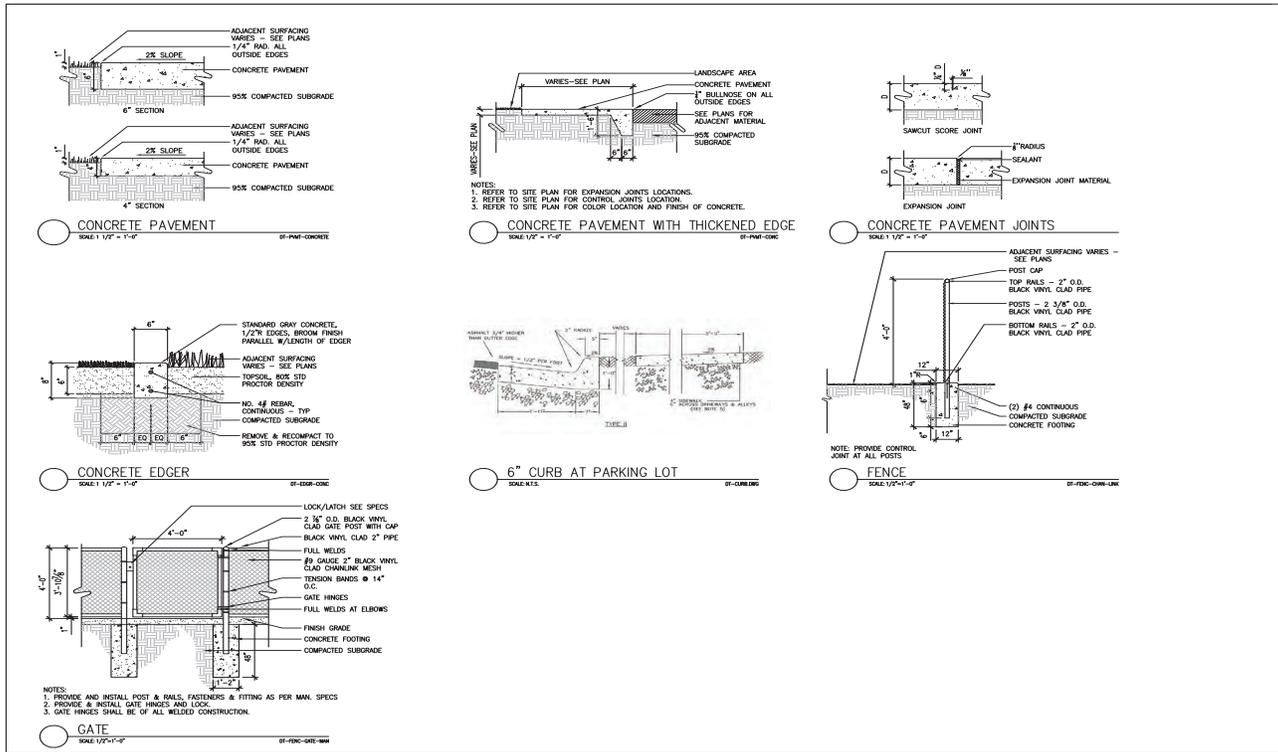
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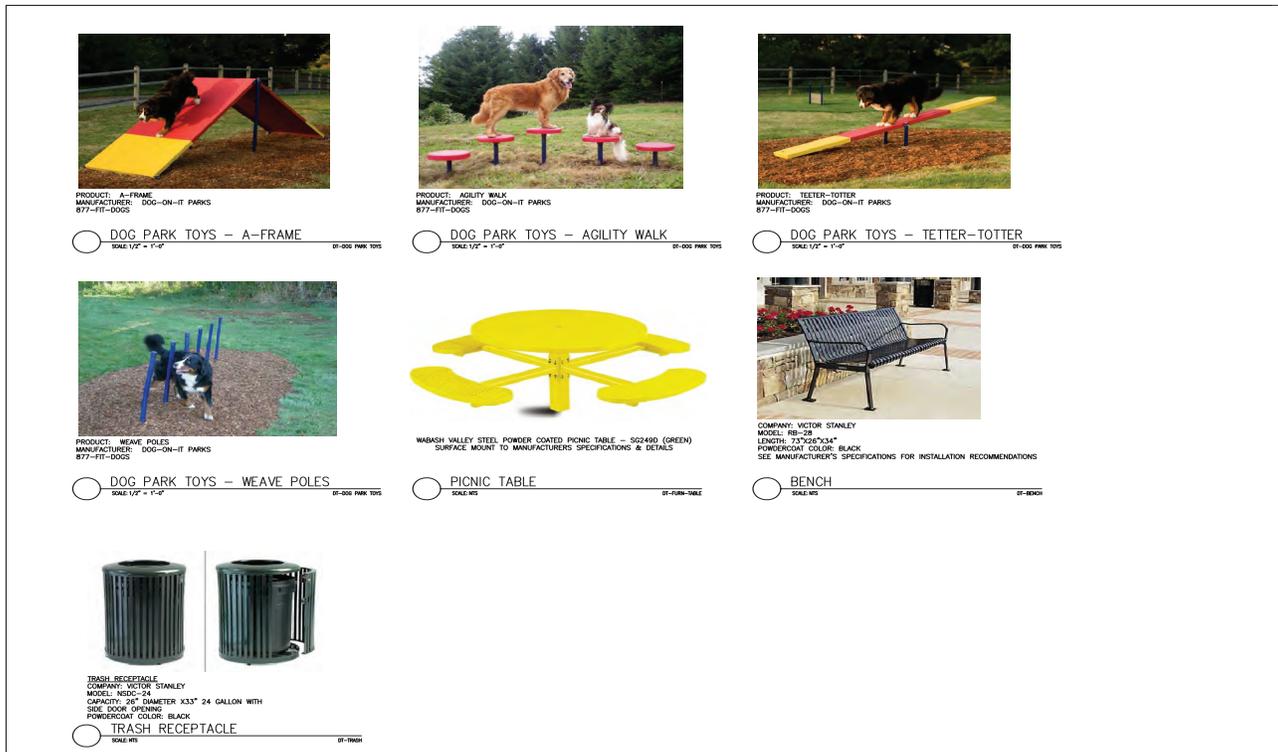
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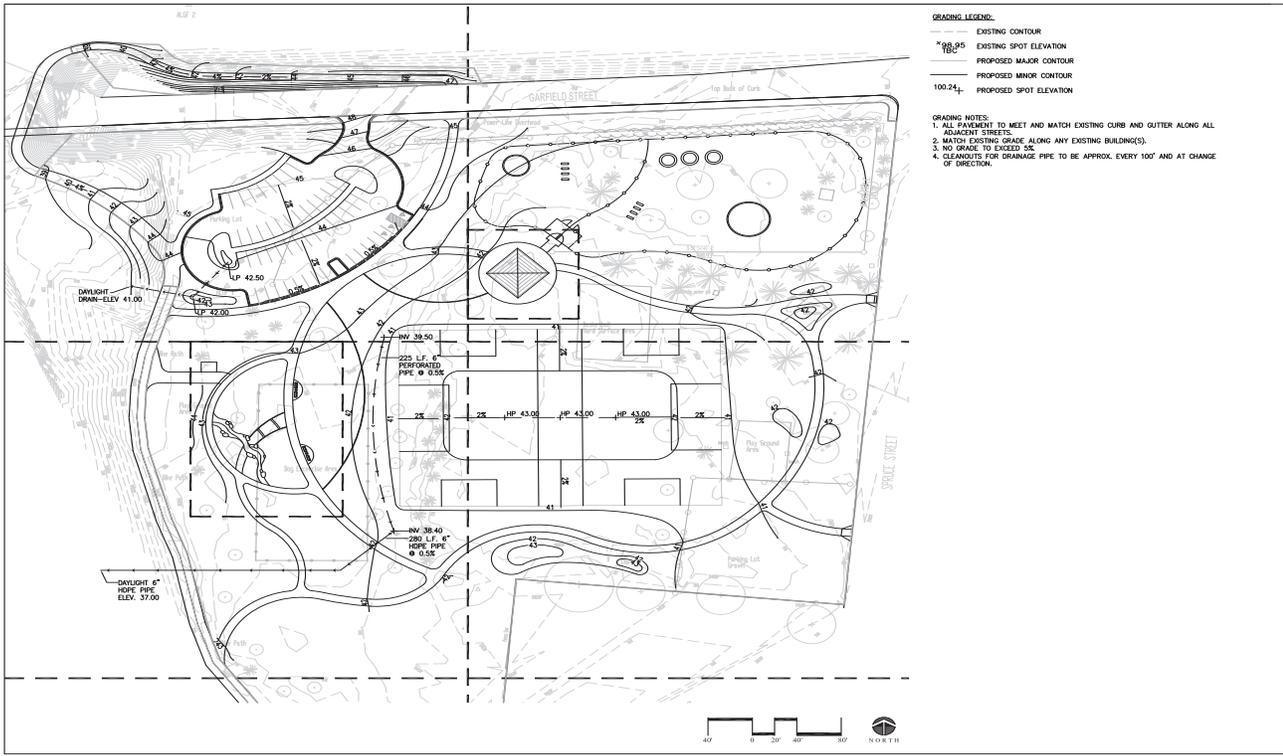
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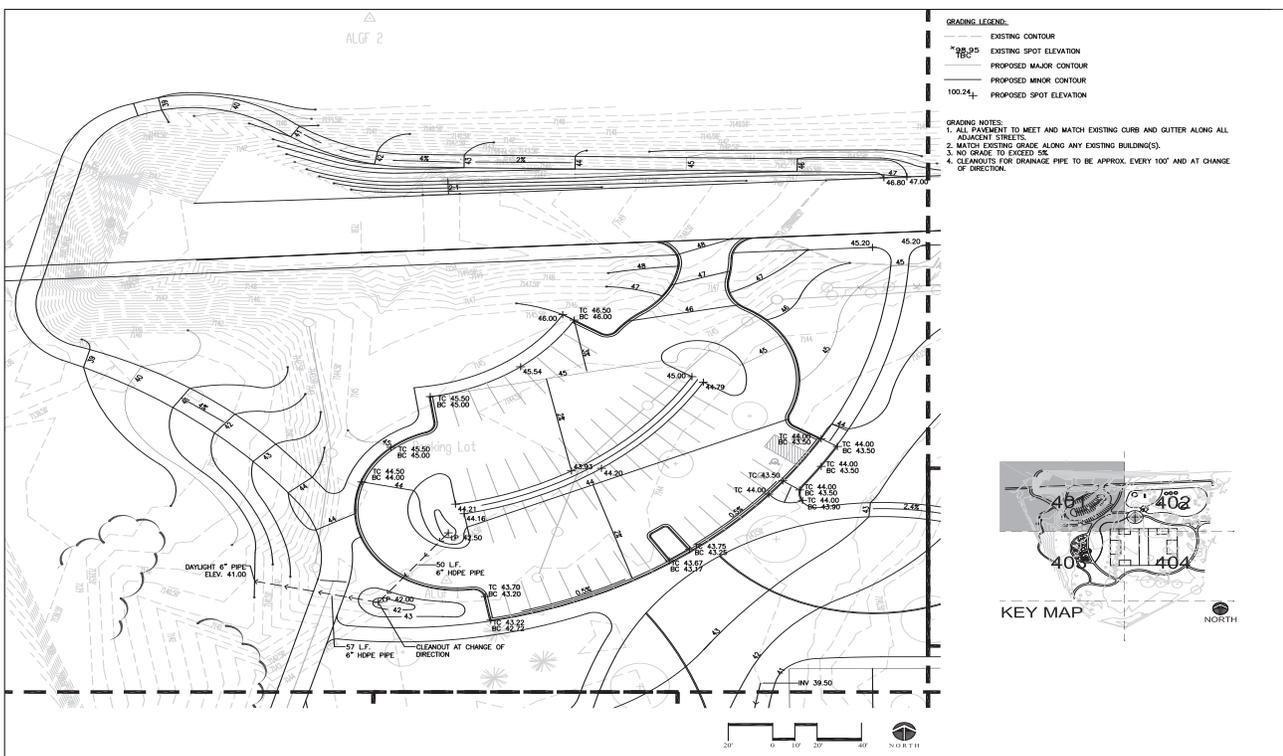
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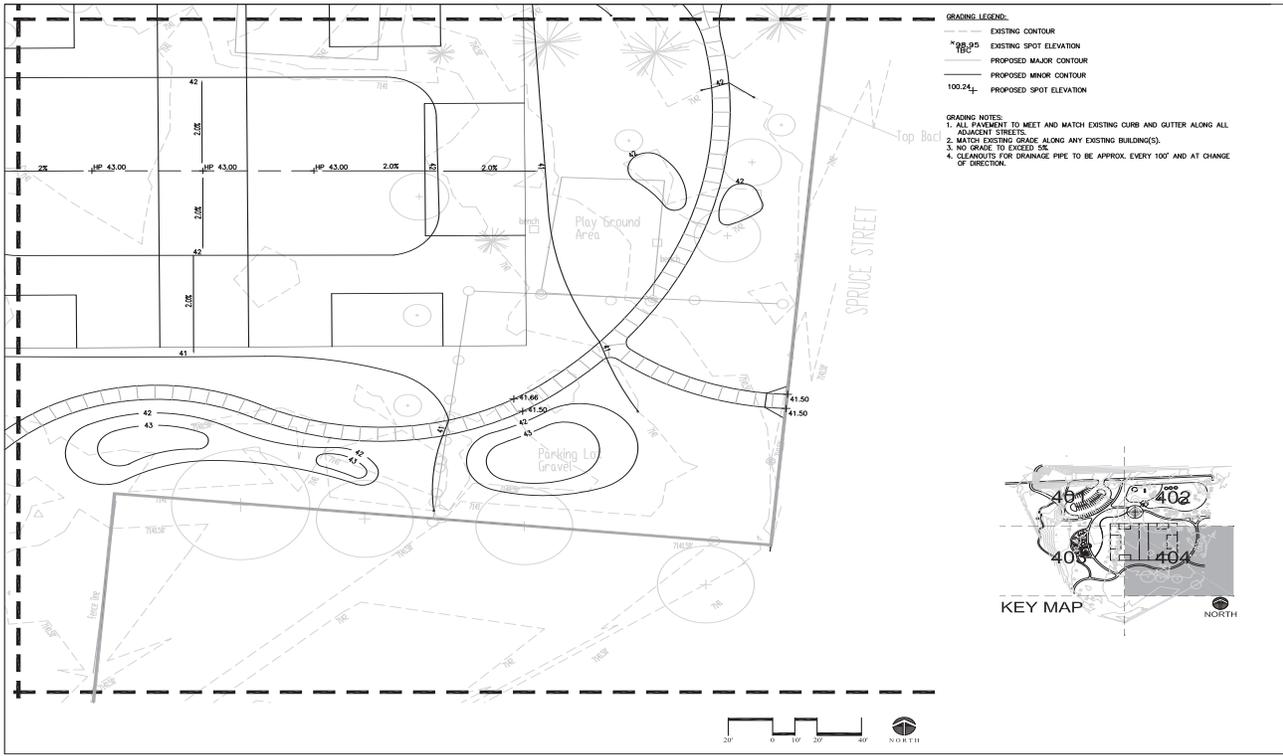
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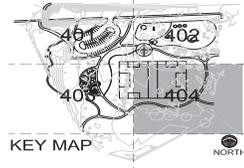
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**GRADING LEGEND:**  
 - - - - - EXISTING CONTOUR  
 - - - - - EXISTING SPOT ELEVATION  
 - - - - - PROPOSED MAJOR CONTOUR  
 - - - - - PROPOSED MINOR CONTOUR  
 100.24 ± PROPOSED SPOT ELEVATION

**GRADING NOTES:**  
 1. ALL PAVEMENT TO MEET AND MATCH EXISTING CURB AND GUTTER ALONG ALL ADJACENT STREETS.  
 2. MATCH EXISTING GRADE ALONG ANY EXISTING BUILDING(S).  
 3. NO GRADE TO EXCEED 5%  
 4. CLEARWAYS FOR DRAINAGE PIPE TO BE APPROX. EVERY 100' AND AT CHANGE OF DIRECTION.

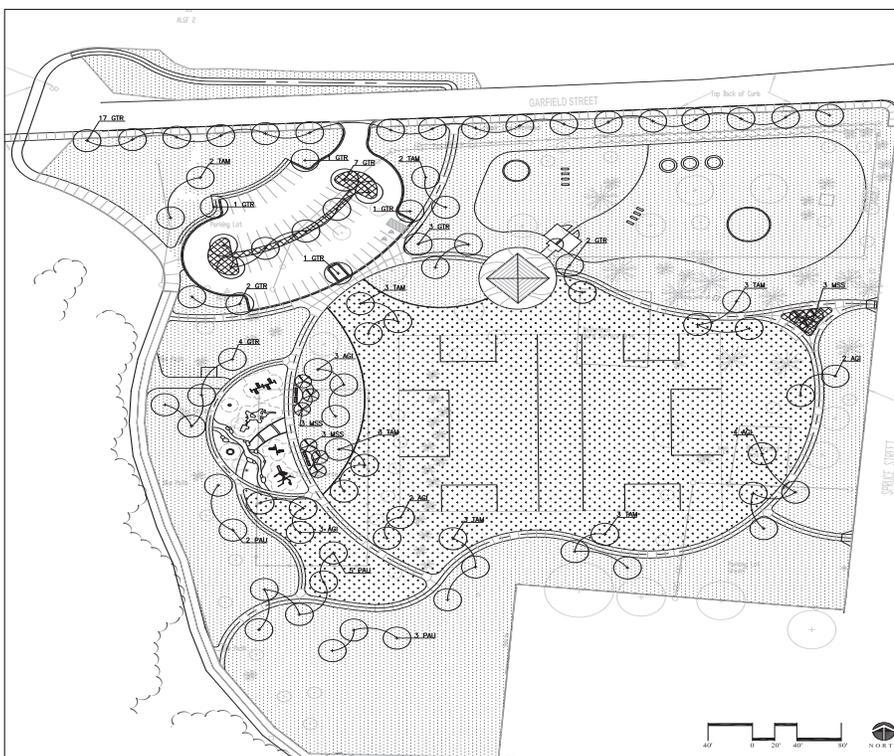


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**LANDSCAPE LEGEND:**  
 ○ DECIDUOUS TREE  
 ⊗ ORNAMENTAL TREE  
 ⊙ DECIDUOUS SHRUB  
 ⊖ ORNAMENTAL GRASS  
 ■ SHREDED CEDAR WOOD MULCH  
 ▨ SEEDED GRASS (MAX 1.8.D.)  
 ▩ SOD GRASS  
 ▧ SHRUB PLANTING  
 ▦ PERENNIAL PLANTING

**PLANTING SCHEDULE - SUITABLE SPECIES**

SYMBOL	SYMBOL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	HT.	SPREAD
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>					
GTR	GLETSIA TRIACANTHOS "SHADEMASTER"	SHADEMASTER	2" CAL.	30-70'	30-50'
AGL	ACER NEGUNDO "SENSATION"	SENSATION ROVELLER	2" CAL.	40-50'	30-40'
TAM	TELA AMERICANA	AMERICAN LINDBERGH	2" CAL.	30-60'	40-50'
PAU	POPULUS X ALCORNATA	LANCILEAF COTTONWOOD	2" CAL.	40-60'	35-50'
<b>ORNAMENTAL TREES</b>					
MSS	MALUS X "SPRING SNOW"	"SPRING SNOW" CRABAPPLE	1.5" CAL.	25-30'	15-20'
<b>ORNAMENTAL GRASSES</b>					
AGE	ANDROPOGON GERARDI	BIG BLUESTEM	1 GAL. CONT.	5-6"	2-3"
FGL	FESTUCA GLAUCA	ELLAM BLUE FESCUE	1 GAL. CONT.	1'	1'
ISE	HELODOPHON SEMPERVIRENS	BLUE LADGRASS	1 GAL. CONT.	2'	3'
MSI	MISCANTHUS SINENSIS "TURKISHHEAD"	RED FLAME MISCANTHUS	1 GAL. CONT.	5'	5'
PVI	PANICUM VIRGATUM HAMELIN	SWITCHGRASS - DWARF	1 GAL. CONT.	3'	3'
SSC	SCIRPUS PAVONINUS	LITTLE BLUESTEM	1 GAL. CONT.	2-3'	2'
PSM	PASADOPHYLLUM SMITHI	WESTERN WHEATGRASS	1 GAL. CONT.	1-3'	2'
<b>PERENNIALS AND</b>					
ACH	ACHILLEA "WOODSHINE"	MOONSHINE YARROW	1 GAL. CONT.	2-3'	24"
RUF	RUBICUNDI FULGIDA "GOLDSTROM"	BLACK-EYED SUSAN	1 GAL. CONT.	2-3'	18-24"
DAN	DANIELA SPECIES "HYPERION"	HYPERION DANIELA	1 GAL. CONT.	1-3'	1-3'
PSI	PENSTEMON STRICTUS	ROCKY MTN PENSTEMON	1 GAL. CONT.	2-3'	24"
<b>DECIDUOUS SHRUBS</b>					
CST	CORNUS STOLONIFERA "WELSEY"	DWARF KELSEY DOGWOOD	5 GAL. CONT.	2-3'	2-3'
CLE	CEROCARPUS LEDIFOLIUS	CURL LEAF MOUNTAIN MANDARIN	5 GAL. CONT.	10-20"	8-12"
CNA	CHRYSOTHAMNUS NAUSEOSUS	DWARF BARBERBRUSH	5 GAL. CONT.	2-6"	2-6"
PBE	PRUNUS BESSER	WESTERN SANDCHERRY	5 GAL. CONT.	5-6"	5-6"
RTR	RIBES TRIOBITA	THREE LEAF RUBUS	5 GAL. CONT.	10-12"	6-10"
SAR	SHEPHERDIA ARGENTEA	SILVER BUFFALOBERY	5 GAL. CONT.	10-15"	10-12"

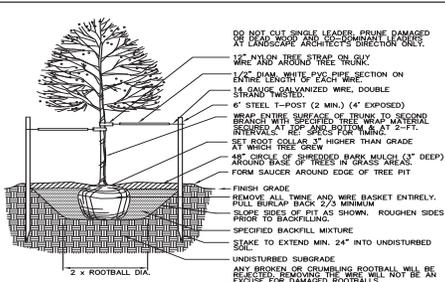
**LANDSCAPE NOTES:**  
 1. ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO LOCAL CITY CODES. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY LOCATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, LINES AND STRUCTURES PRIOR TO EXCAVATION OR REMOVAL. DAMAGE TO THESE UTILITIES SHALL BE REPAIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR AT NO COST TO THE OWNER OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.  
 2. ALL PLANT MATERIALS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH JAN (AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERMEN) SPECIFICATIONS FOR NUMBER ONE GRADE.  
 3. PLANT QUANTITIES SHOWN FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY ALL QUANTITIES.  
 4. ALL TREE AND SHRUB LOCATIONS SHALL BE STAKED BY CONTRACTOR AND APPROVED BY OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.  
 5. PLANT SUBSTITUTIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.  
 6. PLANTS SHALL BE INSTALLED IMMEDIATELY UPON DELIVERY TO SITE, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLANTS SHALL BE HEAVILY AND WATERED TO PREVENT DROTTERING.  
 7. CONTRACTOR TO GUARANTEE ALL PLANT MATERIAL FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF FINAL INSPECTION.  
 8. ALL BEDS TO BE MULCHED WITH A 3" LAYER OF SHREDED CEDAR WOOD MULCH WITH NO WEED BARRIER FABRIC.

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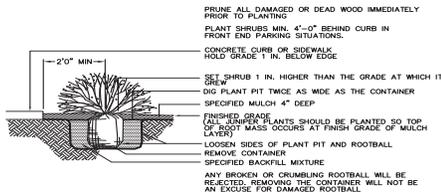
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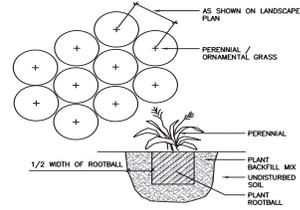
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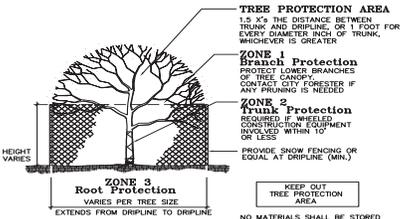
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SHRUB PLANTING DETAIL  
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TREE PROTECTION DETAIL  
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