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**CITY OF LARAMIE**  
**PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

**MEETING DATE: September 10, 2014**

**TIME: 11:30 am**

**LOCATION: Recreation Center large conference room – 920 Boulder Drive**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the consent agenda be approved and that each specific action on the consent agenda be approved as indicated. (Items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed above. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee Member or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered on the regular agenda.)

**Regular Agenda:**

1. Consideration of options for public comments #26 and #34.
2. Consideration of the public comments received from the public meetings and various Boards and Commissions for consideration/inclusion within the draft Plan.
3. Review of the revised Parks and Recreation Master Plan Approval Timeline.

**New business:**

1. Public Comments

Next Meeting Date: TBA

### **Options for Public Comments #26 and #34.**

**Public Comment #26** - Within Chapter 5 (p.82) add in a sentence within the document that explains the statement which is included on all the maps and within the document.

**Current Language:** "All proposed Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are conceptual in nature and not accessible for public use. Location may change based upon opportunities/constraints at the time of development."

**Option #1:** "All CONCEPTUALIZED Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are HYPOTHETICAL in nature and not accessible for public use. Location may change based upon opportunities/constraints at the time of development."

**Option #2:** "All CONCEPTUALIZED Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are conceptual in nature and not accessible for public use. Location may change based upon opportunities/constraints at the time of development."

**Option #3:** "All RECOMMEND Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are conceptual in nature and not accessible for public use. Location may change based upon opportunities/constraints at the time of development."

**Option #4:** "All POTENTIAL Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are conceptual in nature and not accessible for public use. Location may change based upon opportunities/constraints at the time of development."

**Option #5:** "All GEOGRAPHIC SYMBOLOGY such as Parks, Trails and Facilities provide a conceptual representation only and are not accessible for public use. Location may change based upon opportunities/constraints at the time of development."

**The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee may consider one of the five options listed, or present another option for consideration.**

**Public Comment #34:** Within Chapter 5 (p.200) include language that states the nodes indicated on the map are not take off points or trail heads for the elements listed and then include "The Map Statement" as well.

**Item #1:** Replace references to "Gateways" with "Interface Areas".

**Item #2:** Add language to this section that states: "These locations are not "taking off points", trailheads or intended for public use, however are there to provide the reader a generic indication as to how these areas may interface with other plans, future street networks, public property or areas of interest beyond the scope of this plan."

**Item #3:** Remove all the gateway circles and only leave the gateway numbers.

**The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee may consider Items 1-3 individually or collectively for inclusion.**

**CITY OF LARAMIE**  
**PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**September 3, 2014**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amber Travsky, Amy Williamson, Bill Gribb, Dan McCoy, Evan O'Toole, Joe Lord, Mike Moeller, Vicki Henry

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Dave Hammond, Peggy McCrackin

**CITY OF LARAMIE STAFF PRESENT:** Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director; Derek Teini, Senior Planner; Jodi Guerin, Recreation Manager; Audem Gonzales, Assistant Planner; Mel Owen, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:** Kimberly Starkey, Thaddeus Mast, Stacey Snook, Larry Romsa, Candy Hamaker, Glenn Moniz, Clyde Harnden, Connie Hathaway, Don Prehoda, Becky Riley, Monica Snook

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Joe Lord at 11:35 a.m.

**Consent Agenda:**

**1) Approval of the minutes from the August 27, 2014 meeting.**

Motion by Moeller, second by Williamson, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried 7-0 (Henry absent).

**Regular Agenda:**

**1) Presentation of the comments received from the public meetings and the various Boards and Commissions for consideration/inclusion within the draft plan.**

The Committee reviewed the public comments received, discussing items individually.

The Committee discussed comment #26 and heard public comment related to the issue. The Committee discussed at length changing the language of the disclaimer statement and eschewing the term "proposed".

-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.

-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.

-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.

-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.

The Committee discussed comment #34 related to gateway areas and received public comments about the issue.

-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.

-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.

The Committee discussed eliminating the gateway areas or utilizing a different term rather than gateway. It was noted by the Committee that the gateway areas were created as a compromise in order to not show all the details of the conceptualized amenities. Further it was noted that some gateways tie to amenities that already exist or are City owned. The Committee requested that staff explore alternatives for the gateway areas and symbols for the Committee to consider at the next meeting.

Motion by McCoy, second by Williamson, to adopt/incorporate public comments 17, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 and request that staff do further research on comments 26 and 34 and bring their findings back to the next meeting for further discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

The Committee formally acknowledged receipt of three letters from JD Romsa, Larry Romsa and JD & Candy Hamaker. The letters would be fully considered at the next Committee meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **1) Public Comments:**

-Becky Riley asked if comments were still being accepted on the plan and was told that comments were still being accepted and considered by the Committee. 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.

-Candy Hamaker addressed the Committee and noted that they had brought letters requested 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.

-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.

-Prehoda addressed the Committee and formally stated that he disagrees with City Attorney David Clark's interpretation and in his opinion, that 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.

-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.

-Monica Snook addressed the Committee and noted that the County residents own the land that the placeholders that have been proposed on the maps have consequences for the landowners if the placeholders remain.

#### **2) Next Meeting Date:**

September 10, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mel Owen  
Administrative Assistant  
Parks and Recreation - City of Laramie

## Public Comments/Topics of Discussion for the Ad Hoc Committee on September 10, 2014

1. ~~Authorize staff to present the draft Master Plan to the Albany County Planning and Zoning, County Commissioners and the public on possible/potential concurrence of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Staff will bring forward amendments as recommended and allow the Ad Hoc, Planning Commission, Parks, Tree and Recreation Advisory Board and City Council the opportunity to determine if the changes are acceptable.~~
2. ~~Authorize staff to make editorial changes throughout the document such as, but not limited to misspellings, graphical improvements, pictures, organization, or general wording without changing the intent of the Plan.~~
3. ~~Add within the document reference to the location of the plan on the City's web site as well as where hard copies can be viewed in the future.~~
4. ~~Remove all proposed Parks and Recreation elements on all maps and any other information that relates to property located outside of City Limits.~~
5. ~~The Albany County Planning Director under Chapter 1 is asking for a definition of "concurrence". The W.S. 15-1-503 is attached to the packet for the edification of the Ad Hoc Committee, which is where the term concurrence is used.~~
6. ~~Within Chapter 1 add language that further explains how property is acquired for parks and recreation amenities; purchase (most common), trade/swap, donation, and easements, among others common ways.~~
7. ~~Consider language to be included within Chapter 1 that specifically discourages the use of eminent domain as a method of acquisition for property to be solely used for Parks, Trails or Recreation amenities.~~
8. ~~Within Chapter 1 (p.15 or 16) include further explanation that if/when the County develops their own plan that the City consider the County plan in the 5 or 10 year update. It could also be suggested that the City consider the County's Plan immediately or in conjunction with the development of their Plan in an effort to work together.~~
9. ~~Within Chapter 1 add the 5 most recent public meetings dates that were just completed.~~
10. ~~Within Chapter 2 place more emphasis on the climate of Laramie and the impacts of Parks and Recreation uses and needs within the community.~~
11. ~~Within Chapter 4 (p.40) add in as an amenity, mini skate parks, half courts for sports, small play fields, and other like amenities that will allow for flexibility in providing recreation options in parks at a smaller scale, when full scale amenities are not warranted.~~
12. ~~Within Chapter 4 (p.40-41) add language that recommends as a standard consideration of pesticide/herbicide free parks throughout the community.~~
13. ~~Within Chapter 4 (p.58) add a Natural Area map to the document.~~
14. ~~Within Chapter 4 (p.60) add in non-slip colored lanes to bike lanes at intersections.~~
15. ~~Within Chapter 4 (p.60) add in bike sharrows to also be included as a standard for bike lanes.~~
16. ~~Within Chapter 4 (p.62) add in other detection devices, not just cameras for bikes and pedestrians in order to address changing technology.~~

August 27, 2014: Motion by Williamson, second by Henry, to adopt/incorporate public comments one through sixteen *except for* items number four, five, seven and ten. Motion carried 8-0.

17. Within Chapter 4 (p. 59) add in language that addresses the transition from Bike Lanes to Shared Use Paths and any other transition in the network, with specific focus on consideration of safety as a component of design.
18. Within Chapter 4 (p. 59) consider the inclusion of speed limits on Shared Use Paths and possibly In-Park Paths in order to improve safety and address the multi-modal role they play.
19. Within Chapter 4 (p. 59) address performance cyclists and how they related to the master plan. If the Ad Hoc Committee wished to consider "performance cyclists" the staff will research further and bring back some recommended language.
20. Within Chapter 4 (p.62) add in the recommendation that 2 white lines not just one be Laramie's standard for bike lanes.
21. Within Chapter 4 (p.60-61) include a figure that shows how a Bike Lane can be accommodated within a street section that is between the cars/planter or bollards and the curb.
22. Within Chapter 4 (p. 77) consider additional language to recommend additional repurposing of detention areas.
23. Within Chapter 4 address winter use activities/standards. Due to the longer winter Laramie experiences this concept should be addressed in relationship to general function such as snow removal, use and amenities.
24. Within Chapter 5 (SA 17) include language that recognizes the Wyoming Territorial Prison, and expands on the importance and uniqueness it provides to the Laramie Community in terms of history, amenities and recreation. Also modify the goal to recognize this importance as well.
25. Add within each applicable SA Community Park Maps for proposed Community Parks. These were left out and only existing Community Park Maps were included in each SA.
26. Within Chapter 5 (p.82) add in a sentence within the document that explains the statement which is included on all the maps and within the document.
27. Within Chapter 5 (p. 93, SA 2) include the small existing Natural Area on the map and note within the text, which is located in the Coughlin Pole Mountain 3<sup>rd</sup> Subdivision.
28. Within Chapter 5 (p. 92, SA 2) expand goal to include that the proposed bike amenity is within the Neighborhood Park.
29. Within Chapter 5 (p.109) include the correct SA Map.
30. Within Chapter 5 & 6 (SA 7) update applicable text and maps in order to reflect the UW rural trail located just east of Jacoby Golf Course.
31. Within Chapter 5 (SA 5) (p. 106) include a bike lane on 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Lewis to Ivinson, along with the proposed Shared Use Path.
32. Within Chapter 5 (SA 5&7) include an action statement that references the Downtown Master Plan and recommendation to continuing follow the plan related to Parks and Recreation elements.
33. Within Chapter 5 (p.199) include language further explain the street shown on the Master Street and Highway Plan are proposed and do not currently exist.
34. Within Chapter 5 (p.200) include language that states the nodes indicated on the map are not take off points or trail heads for the elements listed and then include "The Map Statement" as well.

September 3, 2014: Motion by McCoy, second by Williamson, to adopt/incorporate public comments 17, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 and request that staff do further research on comments 26 and 34 and bring their findings back to the next meeting for further discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

35. Within Chapter 5, (p. 133) Service Area 10, remove the existing Shared Use Path around Mountain West Farm Bureau's fire lane around the building.
36. Within Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 include additional fishing symbols along Spring Creek and the Laramie River where the public is permitted to fish.
37. Within Chapter 6 (p.214) modify the Rural Trail section to include the UW Jacob Golf Course Rural Trail and add in the table.
38. Within Chapter 6 (p.214) modify the Natural Area Trail to include the CPM 3<sup>rd</sup> Natural Area.
39. Within Chapter 6 (p.228) for Kiowa Park, stress the desire to keep some of the natural vegetation and topography of the area.
40. Within Chapter 6 (p.228) for Kiowa Park, does the Ad Hoc Committee desire to recommend the City consider the acquisition of an additional 16 acres to the north, and to determine what the plan for the additional acreage may be (currently this acreage has been reserved for possible acquisition for 24 months from final plat approval).
41. Within Chapter 6 (p.246) include the reason for donation of O'Dell Mini Park.
42. Within Chapter 6 for the Monolith Ranch include a sentence or two regarding the Monolith Ranch acting as a Regional Park in the future.
43. Within Chapter 6 for the Monolith Ranch modify the context map to include an outline of the Ranch boundary.
44. Within Chapter 6 for Highway 30 Natural Area, include the fishing symbol.
45. The Laramie Traffic Commission on August 14, 2014 voted to recommend the Ad Hoc Committee consider in Chapter 4 (p. 61) a cross section for typical arterial and collector streets. The Traffic Commission also recommended that in Chapter 4 (p.62) under the 6<sup>th</sup> bullet, "When warranted, such as in heavily used areas or on collectors and arterials, dual white line lanes ~~should~~ SHALL be used." The Traffic Commission did pass a motion to support the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as recommended.
46. As a County property owner I do not want to be included in the City's Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan, and I 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 website. James L. Romsa
47. Request that ALL affected county property owners should be notified by letter.
48. Candy Hamaker has requested that all of her property have the placeholders removed from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan documents, as she is not interested in selling or donating her property.

August 29, 2014

City of Laramie

Parks & Recreation Ad Hoc Committee

Laramie, WY 82070

To Whom It May Cocern;

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 Chestnut. Since that letter was not part of the record as of the August 27<sup>th</sup> 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

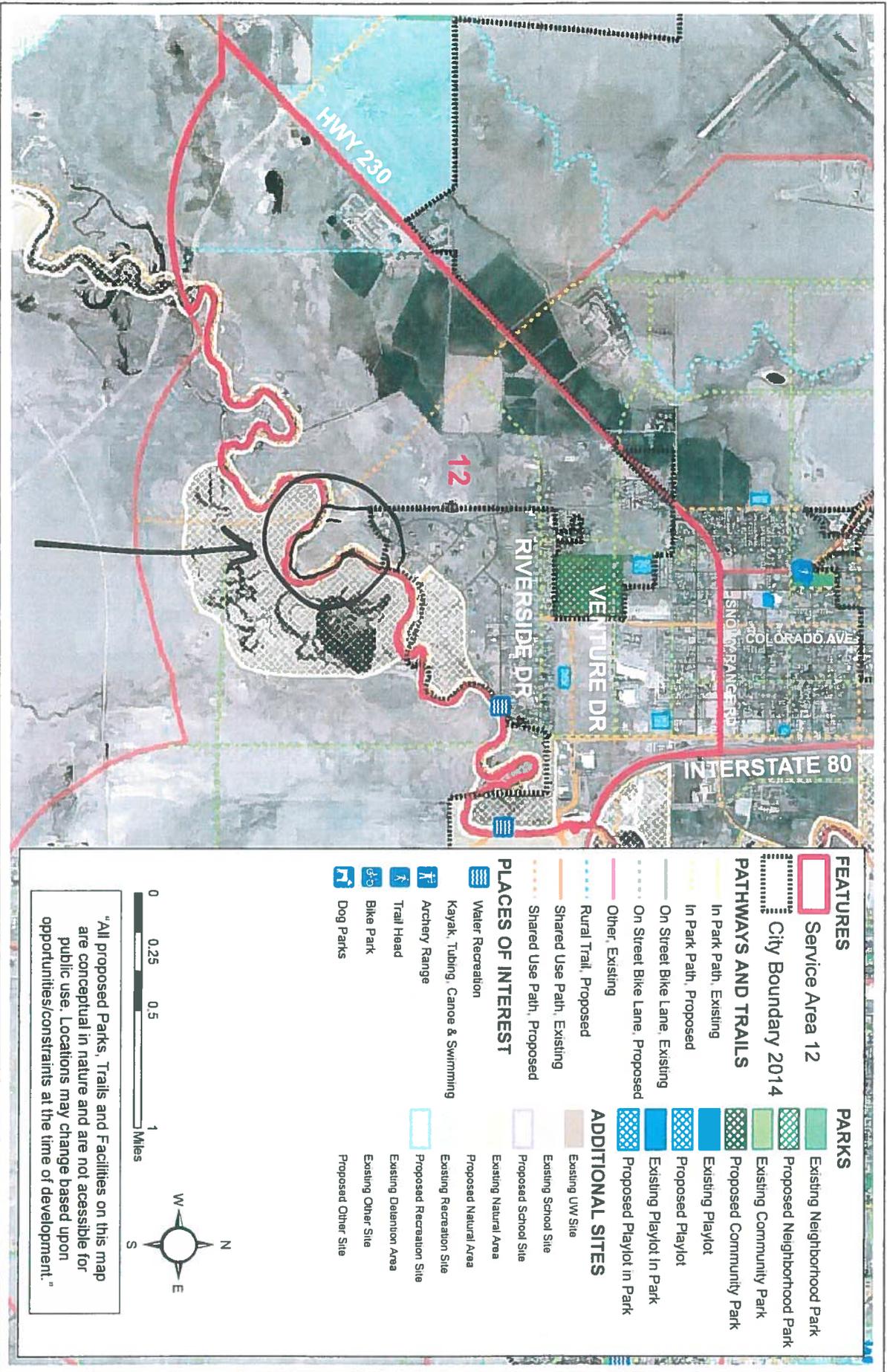
Laramie, WY 82070

Cc: Laramie City Council

Albany County Commissioners



# Service Area 12



August 29, 2014

City of Laramie

Parks & Recreation Ad Hoc Committee

Laramie, WY 82070

Wo 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 not. The map shows the City's 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

*After closer inspection of this map it appears to have an additional placeholder on our property consisting of an on street bike lane  
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## WARRANTY DEED

Gary W. Spiegelberg and JoAnn K. Spiegelberg, husband and wife, grantors, of Albany County, and State of Wyoming, for and in consideration of ten dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration in hand paid, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge, CONVEY AND WARRANT TO Ag-Rec, Inc., grantee, whose address is P.O. Box 741, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, the following described real estate, situated in Albany County and State of Wyoming, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the homestead exemption laws of the State, to-wit:

A tract of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 5, Township 15 North, Range 73 West, of the 6th P.M. and in the SE1/4 of Section 6, Township 15 North, Range 73 West, of the 6th P.M., Albany County, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point from whence the West 1/4 corner of Section 5, (which is also the East 1/4 corner of Section 6), which bears N48° 09'00"E 46.50 feet; thence N01° 27'00"W 68.63 feet and from said point of beginning proceeding thence N89° 39'00"E 1348.72 feet, parallel with the East-West Centerline of Section 6, to the easterly line of the tracts of land conveyed to Gary W. Spiegelberg and JoAnn K. Spiegelberg by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 221 of Photo Records at page 177 thence S00° 44'30"E 500.53 feet, along the easterly line of the tracts of land conveyed to Gary W. Spiegelberg and JoAnn K. Spiegelberg by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 221 of Photo Records at page 177; thence N86° 26'10"W 185.83 feet to a point; thence N48° 46'19"W 372.30 feet to a point; thence N65° 01'50"W 157.17 feet to a point; thence N51° 51'17"W 197.42 feet to a point; thence S89° 39'00"W 657.93 feet to the westerly line of the tracts of land conveyed to Gary W. Spiegelberg and JoAnn K. Spiegelberg by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 221 of Photo Records at page 177; thence N48° 30'34"E 76.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

WITNESS our hands this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1992.

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# Service Area 12

*Ap Fee Property*



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 map 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 sent 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 Chestnut. Since that letter was not part of the record as of the August 27<sup>th</sup> 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

JAMES L. ROMSA (AKA) Lazy Horse

## Exhibit "A"

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

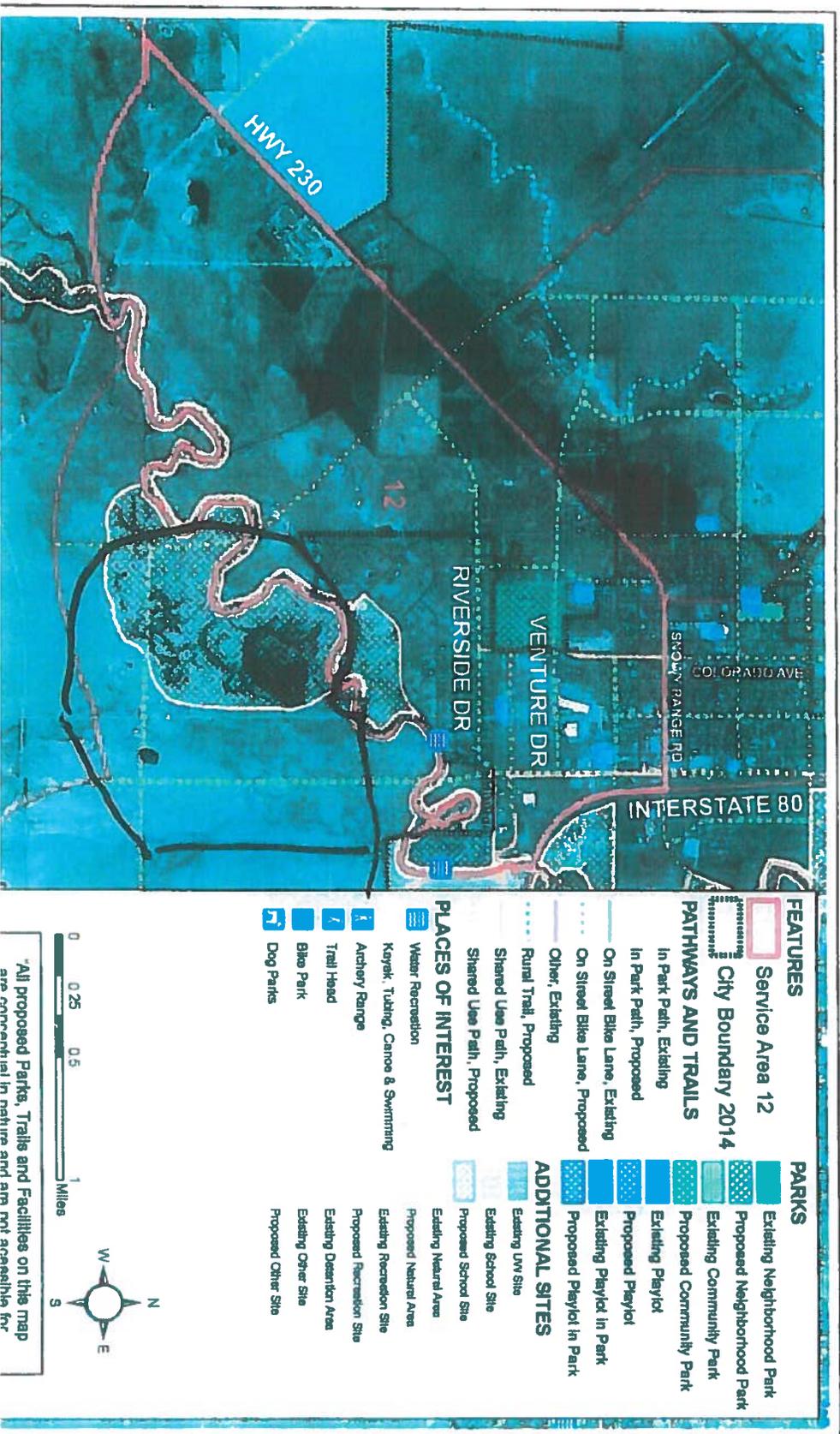
Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ); Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), and Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Seven (7); Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Eighteen (18), all in Township Fifteen (15) North, Range Seventy-Three (73) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian; consisting of approximately 468 acres more or less.

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The west one half (west half) of the east one half (west half) of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M. Albany County Wyoming, 160 acres more or less.

# Service Area 12

*James L Romosa  
Property*



\*All proposed Parks, Trails and Facilities on this map are conditional in nature and are not accessible for

**Mel Owen**

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**From:** Quade Romsa [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

## Mel Owen

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**From:** Kenneth L. Driese [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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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 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  
500 South 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Laramie, WY 82070  
742-3797

## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Bern Hinckley [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.

## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Dan McCoy [DMcCoy@uwyo.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 8:41 AM  
**To:** PTRMasterPlan@cityoflaramie.org.  
**Subject:** Feedback from public meetings

Paul: I tried to send this message to the [PTRMasterPlan@cityoflaramie.org](mailto:PTRMasterPlan@cityoflaramie.org) and it sent me back a message saying can't be delivered.

Fellow Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Members:

I just wanted to relay some feedback I've received from some of the public sessions I've attended as I will not be able to attend the next committee meeting...

July 14, 2014

- I talked to representatives from Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites who were in attendance and they were wondering if there could be a paragraph added in chapter four that describes the functions that the state park provide for city residents (similar to the descriptions of the Jacoby Golf Course). They seemed open to the idea of additional shared use path easements, too.
- I talked with a woman who lived in the county (park service area 13) who had questions about how development might proceed for trails and parks should the city annex area in this service area. Specifically she wanted to know if people who live in the neighborhood would have a say as to what amenities might be available in the park (verses our defined amenities). We discussed the fact that a local citizens group consisting of people from the neighborhood typically advise on the specific amenities and layout of the park.

July 16, 2014 (evening session)

- I talked with Mary who was very appreciative of the work we have done. She was concerned about financing all of these projects and wondered if there was a way to get more money to move this plan forward on a faster timeline. I mentioned that there are a number of sources of revenue (from the city general fund, the Recreational Mill Levy, In-lieu of Fees for residential developments, and grants). She mentioned perhaps a portion of the remaining 1 penny sales tax should be considered as another funding source. I think this is beyond the scope of our committee but thought I'd pass this feedback along.

July 17, 2014 (afternoon)

- A few more people attended who were appreciative of the work we are doing, but not much specific feedback.

That's it.

Sincerely,

Dan McCoy  
Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Member

## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Paul Harrison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 2:09 PM  
**To:** 'Edward C. Cassidy'; PTR Master Plan; Council; 'tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us'; 'jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us'; 'tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us'  
**Subject:** RE: master plan.

Mr. Cassidy

Thank you for your comments regarding the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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Thank you,  
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**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](mailto:tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us); [jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us); [tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us](mailto: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 Commisioners to NOT agree to this invalid map that shows parks and rec trails on private property in the County. Ed Cassidy Laramie, Wy.

## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Paul Harrison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 2:10 PM  
**To:** 'Sandra Eike'; PTR Master Plan; 'tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us'; 'tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us'; 'jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us'  
**Subject:** RE: n McCoy, Peggy McCrackin

Ms. Eike:

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**From:** Sandra Eike [<mailto:sandraeike7214@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 4:54 PM  
**To:** PTR Master Plan; [tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:tsullivan@co.albany.wy.us); [tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us); [jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us](mailto:jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us)  
**Subject:** n McCoy, Peggy McCrackin

Having just returned to Laramie (and unable to attend your meetings - conveniently scheduled by 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.

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Sincerely,

Sandra Eike, Broker Associate  
Eike Real Estate

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## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Paul Harrison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 2:10 PM  
**To:** 'Shawn King'; PTR Master Plan  
**Subject:** RE: In regards to city plan for use of private property

Mr. King:

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-----Original Message-----

**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.  
Sent from my iPhone

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## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Jonathan Rhoades  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:55 PM  
**To:** Paul Harrison; Jodi C. Guerin  
**Subject:** Provisionals with computer / email access

Do you know how many Provisionals we have that are setup with their own city email and computer access?

We are working on getting the proper licensing for our new office 365 system, and I know we have lots of Provisionals that never need email access.

Jonathan Rhoades  
IT Division Manager  
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## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Paul Harrison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 2:14 PM  
**To:** 'Diane A. Kempson'; PTR Master Plan  
**Subject:** RE: City's Master Plan: Removal of map symbols on private property, private roads, and privately-maintained roads.

Ms. Kempson:

Thank you for your comments regarding the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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**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 Committee remove map symbols on private property, private roads and privately-maintained roads.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Diane Kempson  
6822 Black Elk Trail  
Laramie, WY 82070**

**307-745-8794**

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## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Dave [blu\_sol@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2014 12:42 PM  
**To:** Me; Paul Harrison  
**Subject:** Park Ideas

Hello Paul,

As for the Kiowa Park addition of 7 acres plus a potential 16 more acres there are plenty of amenities that the community has asked for based on the WYSAC survey of 2012 for the Master Plan comm. I'm guessing in the end the limitation for using the land will be funding. In the mean time, here are some thoughts to consider.

I have looked up several examples of some of the amenities that this park could include that I don't think we have or have enough of in the city currently based on responses from the survey:

Fun Zone Playground, Midland, MI I've been to others my family enjoyed in Corvallis, OR; Telluride, CO and somewhere near Aberdeen, MD. They must make this type of playground out of TREX or something more durable and less maintenance intense than wood.

There are a lot of dinosaurs/fossils in WY! So a park like this might be very appropriate!

### Bouldering Features

A soft cycle path made of crushed limestone or something besides gravel or pavement. Toronto Cycle track map/proposal which could be used for recreational riding, cyclocross and double as ski trails in the winter. 

Park City, UT Cross country ski trails/ walking path that is not paved that may or may not tie into the greenbelt system.

Golden, CO Bike Park, aerial view, city site or

a Mtn. Bike Play area similar to the one by the trail head up at Curt Gowdy State Park

or a BMX track of some type, Tower Hamlet, Birmingham.

Hurricane, UT Dog Park scaled back a bit, but another dog park on this side of town.

This doesn't include, but I also think there is a need/desire for the following based on the survey and my observations of the current parks: outdoor ice, sledding hill, another v-ball pit with no pine trees within 200 ft., frisbee golf course, tennis court, splash pad, natural area, pavilion, parking, restrooms, etc.

This area is also in the top 2 areas that the community stated needs the next park developed; zones 6 and 8 on the master plan.

Exciting stuff, Have a good Weekend! If the park is renamed, maybe it could be the Kiowa Adventure Park.

PS There are two zip lines at a city park in Rock Springs that would be fun, but I couldn't find any links or pics.

*Dave Bluemel*

## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Paul Harrison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 2:11 PM  
**To:** 'Thomas Flores'; PTR Master Plan  
**Subject:** RE: Comments Concerning the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Mr. Flores:

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**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  
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Laramie 82072

208 358-0076

[flores7318@gmail.com](mailto:flores7318@gmail.com)

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## Paul Harrison

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**From:** Paul Harrison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 2:13 PM  
**To:** 'Harvey Ridgeway'  
**Cc:** PTR Master Plan  
**Subject:** RE: Parks and Rec Master Plan

Hi Harvey:

Thank you for your comments regarding the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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**From:** Harvey Ridgeway [<mailto:hridgeway@mwfbi.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 2:58 PM  
**To:** Paul Harrison  
**Subject:** Parks and Rec Master Plan

Paul: I was looking at the master plan for the east side and it looks like they have identified our fire lane around the back part of the building as part of the shared use path. While we connected that lane to the bike path, that was more for the benefit of our employees. It really is on private property and we don't currently object to people using it, but it really isn't part of any public use path and we would really rather not have it identified as that.

Thanks, Harvey

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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 barely addressed ( I believe one line) is it's service area. Any other entities of similar value should also be addressed.

## Paul Harrison

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**From:** sindynan@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 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



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July 19, 2014

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Attention: Derek Teini  
City of Laramie  
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

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.

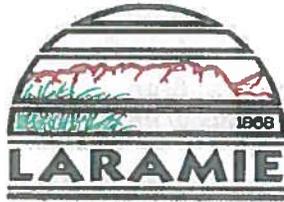
- **Table of Contents (Page 5) and Maps-** The inclusion of the note on page 5 and the language on all applicable maps is noted. The statement emphasizing the conceptual nature of the maps lessens perceived threats to property rights. In addition, the statement that these areas are not accessible for 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.

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### Parks and Recreation Master Plan Approval Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Milestone/Action Item</u>
July 3, 2014 (Thu)	All chapters and appendices laid out in InDesign
July 7, 2014 (Mon)	Draft plan sent to printer for publication
July 8, 2014 (Tue)	Contact all stakeholder groups with draft plan Up-load draft plan on web site Contact all committees who may have an interest in draft plan
July 9, 2014 (Wed)	Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 11:30am, to review draft plan <del>Albany County P&amp;Z meeting at 7pm to present/review draft plan</del> (Albany County P&Z did not grant the request, delayed until October)
July 10, 2014 (Thu)	<b>Traffic Commission meeting at 7am</b> (City Hall Annex conference room) to present/review draft plan; <b>PTR Advisory Board special meeting at 6:30pm</b> (Recreation Center large conference room) to present draft plan
July 14, 2014 (Mon)	<b>Public meeting</b> to present draft plan 6-8pm at Fire Station #3 (2374 Jefferson Street)
July 16, 2014 (Wed)	<b>Public meetings</b> to present draft plan 11am-1pm Fire Station #3 (2374 Jefferson Street) and 6pm-8pm Fire Station #2 (1558 N.
July 17, 2014 (Thu)	<b>Public meetings</b> to present draft plan 11am-1pm and 6pm-8pm at Rec Center; <b>Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee meeting</b> at 1pm (City Hall Annex conference room) to present/review draft plan
July 22, 2014 (Tue)	<b>City Council work session at 6pm</b> (City Hall Council Chambers) to present/review draft plan
July 24, 2014 (Thu)	<b>Beautification Committee meeting at 3pm</b> (Capital West Bank – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Boardroom) to present/review draft

July 28, 2014 (Mon)	<b>Planning Commission meeting at 4:30pm</b> (City Hall Council Chambers) to present/review draft
August 7, 2014 (Thu)	<b>Environmental Advisory Committee meeting at 6pm</b> (City Hall Annex conference room) to present/review draft plan
August 14, 2014 (Thur)	<b>Traffic Commission meeting 7am</b> (City Hall Annex conference room)
August 27, 2014 (Wed)	<b>Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 11:30am</b> to recommend approval of draft plan;
September 8, 2014 (Mon)	<b>Planning Commission meeting at 4:30pm</b> (City Hall Council Chambers) to recommend approval of draft plan
September 10, 2014 (Wed)	<b>PTR Advisory Board meeting at 6:30pm</b> (Recreation Center large conference room) to recommend approval of draft plan
October 8, 2014 (Wed)	<b>Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting</b> at 7pm to discuss the draft plan and received their comments and concerns
Likely mid-October	<u>Final edits/comments incorporated into draft plan</u>
TBA	<b>City Council meeting at 6:30pm</b> (City Hall Council Chambers) with Resolution to adopt/approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
TBA	<b>Albany County Commissioners meeting at 9:30am</b> (Albany County Courthouse, Room 105) to discuss potential concurrence of draft plan
TBA	Final Parks and Recreation Master Plan sent to printer for publication and up load to web site.