CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box C
Laramie, WY 82073

Parks Division: (307) 721-5264
Fax (307) 721-5256
Recreation Division: (307) 721-5269
Fax: (307) 721-5284
Facilities Mgmt Division: (307) 721-3585
TDD (307) 721-5295
Administration: (307) 721-3572

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

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2015
TIME: 11:30 am
LOCATION: Recreation Center large conference room – 920 Boulder Drive

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 19, 2015 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 request from the Albany County Board of County Commissioners and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
    a. Removal the service area boundaries that extend outside city limits and include private property.
    b. Removal of the text on the maps that specifically addresses future parks and recreation planning needs outside city limits that will affect private property.
    c. Removal of any other references that may exist in the plan that suggest planning implementation on private property outside city limits.
    d. Request for concurrence by the County of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

2. Consideration of public comments received on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
    a. Extend shortgrass prairie open space to the north of Outlot A. (page 117-119)
    b. Bike lanes and/or shared use path going east/west between 30th to Inca Drive and to 45th. (page 117-119) Connect the shared use path and/between Inca Drive and 45th Street. (page 119) The east/west shared use path connection between 30th Street and 45th Street is projected for a future connection generally located on the Service Area line between SA 7 and SA 25.
    c. Add natural area on the east side of the Laramie River in Service Area 4. (page 103)

3. Consideration to adopt and approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as amended and to direct the staff to initiate the approval process.

4. Public Comments

CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 19, 2015
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amber Travsky, Amy Williamson, Bill Gribb, Dan McCoy, Dave Hammond, Evan O'Toole, Joe Lord, Vicki Henry
MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mike Moeller, Peggy McCrackin
CITY OF LARAMIE STAFF PRESENT: Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director; Derek Teini, Senior Planner; David Schott, Parks Manager; Audem Gonzales, Assistant Planner; Bob Southard, Interim City Attorney; David Derragon, Assistant City Manager; Randy Hunt, Community Development Director; Mel Owen, Administrative Assistant
GUESTS: Thaddeus Mast, John Nutter, Larry Romsa, Candy Hamaker, Terri Jones, Kimberly Starkey, Don Prehoda

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Hammond at 11:35 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

1) **Approval of the minutes from the December 10, 2014 meeting.**

Motion by Williamson, second by Travsky, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

Regular Agenda:

1) **Consideration of the letter from the Law Offices of Prehoda, Leonard and Edwards concerning the Master Plan.**

Bob Southard, Interim City Attorney, addressed the Committee in reference to the letter sent from the Law Offices of Prehoda, Leonard and Edwards concerning the Master Plan. Southard stated that if a Master Plan is *enforceable* beyond the city limits then concurrence would be needed from the County Commissioners. If the plan is not enforceable beyond the city limits and the City is taking no action, the fact that the plan shows how it might interact with other territories does not matter. The Committee has developed a municipal plan and they are showing how the plan fits into the larger territory. How the plan is shown, in terms of shading private property or not, is up to the Committee so long as it is clear that the plan is not enforceable outside the city limits. Southard also noted that the Master Plan would have to be amended as the city boundary moves in future years. The Committee discussed disclaimer statements and Southard noted that the disclaimer should make it clear that the plan applies to the municipality of Laramie only. Any illustration or elements the plan might show in the County would have no force or effect.

The Committee discussed how the plan might be amended in the future; procedurally any amendment due to a change in the city boundary would move through the Planning Commission then the City Council. It was also recommended that the Master Plan be updated every five years.

The Committee requested that Southard clarify the role of the one mile buffer zone in the plan. Southard noted that the City can plan within the one mile buffer but without concurrence, the plan in the buffer would not be enforceable. Staff noted that the Comprehensive Plan went to the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the County Commissioners prior to being considered by the Council. Ultimately, the Committee will need to further consider the issue of seeking concurrence. Staff noted that their recommendation was to seek concurrence from the County and that the Committee had addressed the original requests from the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the County Commissioners.

The Committee discussed the request to remove all shading, including the shading denoting private property, in the areas outside of the city limits. Don Prehoda was recognized by 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.

The Committee noted that stakeholder groups and public meetings were an integral part in developing the plan. The Committee further discussed enforceability issues and planning elements and the plan's original vision. The Committee discussed simply showing the city limits and removing all shading from the maps while restoring the original planning elements with a very clear delineation that these elements are not enforceable. The Committee also explored the option of removing all shading from the maps outside the city boundary but retaining the future needs analysis and interface areas. The Committee clarified that the shading designating private property was implemented in order to address property owners' concerns. The private property shading was intended as a shield that would obscure the view of the private property areas and send a clear message that access to these areas was strictly prohibited. The Committee also discussed the possibility of utilizing the 2007 city boundary since the County concurred with that boundary during the Comprehensive Plan process.

Motion by Travsky, second by McCoy, to 1) remove the shading designating private property outside the city limits 2) to remove the private property description of the shading on the map legends 3) to utilize the 2007 one-mile buffer boundary 4) to keep the text box describing future territorial needs.

The Committee voiced concerns over moving back to the 2007 boundary, since it would not accurately reflect the current boundary and would not include annexations over the last few years.

Motion by Henry, second by Williamson, to amend the motion to exclude statement #3 utilizing the 2007 one-mile buffer. Motion to amend carries 7-1.

The question was called for the motion as amended. Amended motion carried 8-0.

Prehoda addressed the Committee and inquired what would be shown on the maps now that the shading has been removed from areas outside the city limits. The Committee stated that there will be nothing but an aerial photo of the area.

2) **Consideration to direct staff to revise and amend the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan with all of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's recommended changes for final comment and review by the public and the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.**

Motion by Williamson, second by Lord, to cease amendments and the comment period on the Master Plan and to direct staff to update the Master Plan and then move forward to the approval process. Motion carried 8-0.

New Business

1) **Public Comments**

-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.

-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.

The Committee noted that they had addressed the concerns from the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the County Commissioners. It was also noted there are no specific details or planned elements for particular pieces of property and that all icons have been removed from private property in the County.

2) **Next Meeting Date:**
TBD

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Owen
Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation - City of Laramie

CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box C
Laramie, WY 82073

Parks Division: (307) 721-5264
Fax (307) 721-5256
Recreation Division: (307) 721-5269
Fax: (307) 721-5284
Facilities Mgmt Division: (307) 721-3585
TDD (307) 721-5295
Administration: (307) 721-3572

MEMORANDUM

April 6, 2015

To: Parks, Trails and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
Fr: Paul Harrison, Parks and Recreation Director
Re: Letter from Board of County Commissioners concerning the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

On the agenda for your April 8, 2015 meeting is the request from the Albany County Board of County Commissioners and the County Planning and Zoning Commission dated March 17, 2015 requesting consideration of the following items:

a. Remove the service area boundaries that extend outside of the city limits and include private property.
b. Removal of the text on the maps that specifically addresses future parks and recreation planning needs outside city limits that will affect private property.
c. Removal of any other references that may exist in the plan that suggest planning implementation on private property outside city limits.
d. Request for concurrence by the County of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

I would respectfully make the following observations and recommendations on the items requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

<u>Observations on County Requests:</u>

- I would note that in 2011 the Albany County Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission was asked to participate in the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan with a voting member on the Ad Hoc Committee; the County P&Z declined to participate.
- On October 9, 2013 the city staff attended the County P&Z meetings requesting their comments and concerns.
- On October 8, 2014 the city staff attended the County P&Z meeting to hear public comments from the County P&Z. At the end of the meeting the County P&Z approved a motion to request the removal of any icons included on the City's draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan maps that exist outside of the City's municipal boundaries. A second motion was approved requesting the Board of County Commissioners deny any requests from the City to concur with the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan until substantial changes are made as it concerns areas outside the City. The Ad Hoc Committee addressed all of these concerns and requests at their January 19, 2015 meeting.
- On March 5, 2015 I sent a letter to the Board of County Commissioners and the County P&Z requesting comments and suggestions on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan, along with the offer to attend future meetings and present the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- On March 17, 2015 I received the letter noted above, and have included the letter in your packet/attached to this memorandum.

Recommendations:
The city staff met to discuss the Board of County Commissioners' request dated March 17, 2015. At the conclusion of the meeting, the city staff agreed with the following conclusions and recommendations.

- There is a very clear and strong message from the elected Board of County Commissioners and the appointed County P&Z members that Albany County does not want any parks and recreation amenities, parks, natural areas, open space, shared use paths or trails located in Albany County now or in the future as described and recommended by the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The requests from the County elected and appointed officials will need to be incorporated into Chapter One of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It should be noted that the requests from the County are in direct conflict with the 2008 Albany County Comprehensive Plan.
- With that being the case, the city staff are recommending that the Ad Hoc Committee approve items "a, b, and c" as requested by the Board of County Commissioners removing all service area boundaries outside city limits; removal of the text on the maps that specifically addresses future parks and recreation planning outside of the city limits; and the removal of any other references that may exist in the plan that suggest Parks and Recreation planning outside the city limits.
- If the Ad Hoc Committee approves the staff recommendation concerning items "a, b and c" the city staff would recommend that item "d" not be approved as requested.

It is the opinion of the interim city attorney's office that with the approval of items "a, b and c" concurrence by the County would not be necessary. If the Ad Hoc Committee decides not to accept the staff recommendation, County concurrence may not be necessary but ultimately this question may have to be answered by the courts.

If the Ad Hoc Committee decides not to accept the staff recommendation and to approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as drafted, the city staff will begin the approval process along with requesting concurrence by the County.

If the Ad Hoc Committee approves the staff recommendation, it is anticipated that the revisions will take approximately 2-3 months to complete as all of the maps will need to be revised along with a revision of a majority of the text in the SAs. Once this work effort is completed, the staff will schedule another Ad Hoc Committee meeting for your review and edification of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as amended.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this memorandum, please let me know.

On behalf of all the city staff involved in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, I want to send my sincere "thank you and gratitude" to all the Ad Hoc Committee members for all of your dedication, efforts, and caring for the future of Parks and Recreation in Laramie over the past three and one half years.

COUNTY OF ALBANY

525 GRAND AVE ROOM 105 · LARAMIE, WYOMING 82070
(307) 721-2541 · FAX (307) 721-2544
COMMISSIONERS@CO.ALBANY.WY.US

March 17, 2015

Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box C
Laramie, WY 82073

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 5th. 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.

- 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

CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX C
Laramie, WY 82073

Parks Division: (307) 721-5264
Fax: (307) 721-5256
Recreation Division: (307) 721-5269
Fax: (307) 721-5284
Facilities Mgmt Division: (307) 721-3585
TDD: (307) 721-5295

COPY

March 5, 2015

Albany County Commissioners
Tim Sullivan, Chairman
C/O Jackie Gonzales, County Clerk
525 E. Grand Ave Suite 202
Laramie, WY 82070

Albany County Planning & Zoning Commission
Brett Moline, Chairman
C/O David Gertsch, Planning Director
1002 S. Third Street
Laramie, WY 82070

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 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.

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
Randy Hunt, Community Development Director
Derek Teini, Senior Planner
David Schott, Parks Manager
Jodi Guerin, Recreation Manager

Paul Harrison

From: sue & marius favret <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 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
1759 Inca Drive

Mel Owen

From: Vicki Henry
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 9:41 AM
To: Paul Harrison
Cc: Janine Jordan; Derek Teini; David Schott; Jodi C. Guerin; Amy Williamson; Amber Travsky; Audem Gonzales; Bill Gribb; Dan McCoy; Dave Hammond; Evan O'Toole; Joe Lord; Michael Moeller; Peggy McCrackin; Randy Hunt; Charles Bloom; Mel Owen; David Derragon
Subject: Re: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Master Plan Committee and Staff,

I am disappointed that the Recommended Natural Area does not show up on the east side of the Laramie River in Service Area 4. It is imperative to show the banks of the Laramie River as a natural area, especially in that 100-year floodplain. This is an important wildlife corridor that links to the abutting northern park service area. I believe I brought this up several times during our discussions and thought it would be corrected. Can it still be corrected at this point?

Vicki Henry
Laramie City Council
PO Box C
Laramie WY 82073

Mel Owen

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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

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
4001 Grays Gable Rd
Laramie

208 358-0076

flores7318@gmail.com

Paul Harrison

From: Steve Smutko <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 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
1553 Inca Drive
Laramie

--

Paul Harrison

From: RoseMarie Aridas <raridas@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 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

ALL CITY OF LARAMIE ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE AND ATTACHMENTS MAY BE TREATED AS PUBLIC RECORDS AND SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Paul Harrison

From: Maryalice Snider <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
1452 Indian Hills Dr.

Paul Harrison

From: Lorraine Saulino-Klein <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.

Best regards,
Lorraine Saulino-Klein

Lorraine Saulino-Klein RN
Snowy Range Foot Nurse
1657 Apache Dr.
Laramie, WY 82072
307 742-5107

Paul Harrison

From: Lorraine Saulino-Klein <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
1657 Apache Dr.
Laramie, WY 82072

Lorraine Saulino-Klein RN
Snowy Range Foot Nurse
1657 Apache Dr.
Laramie, WY 82072
307 742-5107

Paul Harrison

From: John Nutter <Nutter@uwyo.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:01 PM
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* *Becky Riley*

ALL CITY OF LARAMIE ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE AND ATTACHMENTS MAY BE TREATED AS PUBLIC RECORDS AND SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Paul Harrison

From: John Nutter <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

John F. Nutter
1155 Inca Drive
Laramie, WY 82072

Phone: 307.721.4891
Email: nutter@uwyo.edu

Paul Harrison

From: Craig R. Johnson <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
4310 Cheyenne Dr.

Mel Owen

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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

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
1495 Apache Drive