

## **Minutes Cow Pasture Committee**

Tuesday –January 16, 2018

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*In Attendance: Maura Quinn, Sharon Lunde, Mike Perrigo, Chris Fraysier, Alex Pastor, Ken Benton*

*Non- Committee Members in Attendance: Ken Lunde*

1. Call to order: 5:38 pm
2. Adjustments to Agenda: Maura - Dog etiquette guidelines
3. Approval of minutes (11-21-2017) Moved: *Alex, Seconded: Ken. Motion Passes*
4. Agenda Items:

**Response to Front Porch Forum and Facebook outreach for Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator positions:** Positions were not posted. Maura will post and notify committee members that will share information on Facebook.

### **2018 Initiatives Committee Member Roles:**

Chair-Chris Russo-Fraysier:

- Fulfill expectations as described in Management Plan. Annual Council update in April or May. Management Plan Trail Project completed and 2018 Projects will be highlighted.
- Conservation Priorities – Investigate projects identified as high priorities in the Management Plan.

Secretary- Chris Russo-Fraysier:

- Fulfill expectations as described in Management Plan. Obtain Semperbon budget update from Carol Dawes.

Public Outreach and Education Coordinator – Ken Benton

- Green-Up Day- Co-ordinate with the Orchard Valley Waldorf School and BCEMS for invasive removal in the spring. Intent is to follow-up on spring focus areas in July. Focus will be on specific species. There is a limited amount of trash in the pasture- removal of a roll of barb wire fence was discussed.
- Spring Bird Walk –May

Natural Resource Management Coordinator– Ken Benton

- Identify and Coordinate 2018 Project- that are shovel ready and suitable for VYCC- recommendations include Invasive removal, upper meadow restoration, blocking switch back cut-offs.

Recreation and Trails and Infrastructure Coordinator - Maura Quinn

- Status update of projects identified in Management Plan. Remaining project are potential 2018 projects. Report will be included in City Council update.
- Removal of storm damaged tree over the main path. Tree warden must be contacted. Tree parts to be left on site.
- Coordinate with Amanda Garland (Barre Tech.) to identify potential projects that may include invasive species guide or tree ID.

Fundraising Coordinator /Treasurer-Vacant

Volunteer Coordinator - Vacant

**Re-Zoning:** The Public Informational Meeting has not been scheduled. Janet Shatney, Planning Director will contact Chris once a date is set. Members are encouraged to attend the public meeting.

**Ordinance Change to Reflect Prohibited Uses:** Alex Pastor will research current prohibited uses in public spaces and propose ordinances appropriate for the Cow Pasture.

**Snow-Bees.** Mike Perrigo reported that the groomer will no longer pass through the Cow Pasture. The groomer only has a 4" clearance through the gate (2"/side) and only a few riders use the connector trail. Winter walkers have appreciated the groomed trails.

**City Web Site Update-** Maura has sent photo's to Nick for photo gallery. And will send more. A list of Committee members and a google map link have been discussed. Chris will invite Nick to the March 20, 2018 Meeting to finalize updates.

**City Leash Law-Dog Etiquette Guidelines:** Not discussed

**Future Agenda Items:**

- City Web Site-
- Cow Pasture entrance (Boulders) – revisit in the spring
- Replacing Maps – Map Revision to reflect rerouted trail
- City Leash Law/Dog etiquette guidelines

5. Adjourn 6:43 p.m. Chris - Motion to adjourn. *Moved: Alex Secoded: Sharon, Motion Passed*

**Meeting Schedule: Meetings will be in the Council Chamber Room until future notice.**

March 20, 2018

May 15, 2018

July 17, 2018

Time: 5:30 –6:30 p.m.

**Important Dates/Meetings:** Public Informational Meeting (Re- Zoning) - Date unknown.