



## City Parks and Trails Committee Meeting Agenda

A regular meeting of the City Parks and Trails Committee Meeting Committee has been scheduled for January 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM in Community Room, City/County Complex, and by Zoom. This meeting will be facilitated by Connor Cavigli.

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Meeting ID: 813 3560 6627 Passcode: 038386 Call in: (669) 900-6833

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2022.
3. New Business
  - A. Election of officers - Connor
  - B. Presentation from Sarah Skofield & Talia Hansen on dog park fencing - Connor
  - C. Mural for B Street Underpass - Connor
  - D. Review Adopt A Trail report for 2022 - Jeanne
4. Old Business
  - A. Update on Fleshman Creek bridge - Connor
  - B. Update on map printing - Jeanne
  - C. Park Street crossing updates - Tim
  - D. Arbor Day 2023 – Connor
5. Public Comments
6. Board Comments
7. Adjournment

**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2022.

City of Livingston, City Parks and Trails Committee

Meeting Minutes: December 21, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the West Room of the City County Building. Alison Shannon-Lier, Vice Chair, will facilitate this meeting.

1. Roll Call
  - a. In attendance: Jeanne Souvigney, Alison Shannon-Lier, Sarah Stands, Clay Bolt
  - b. Absent: Connor Cavigli, Tim Stevens, Quentin Schwarz, Carol Goosey
  - c. Public & city/count staff - Grant Gager, Kristen Galbraith
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes approved without edits
4. New Business
  - a. Recommendation on Fleshman Creek Bridge:
    - i. Current plans for Fleshman Creek Connector Bridge Presented by Kristen.
      1. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside from the Surface Transportation Block Grant is proposed funding source (will include city match)
        - a. These projects are reviewed in the summer and reviewed in the fall
      2. Kristen offered to attend the January City Commission meeting if this project is on the agenda
      3. Jeanne asked if we could use State grant (RTP) funds as a match / Kristen said that we typically don't use state funds as a match (We have until 2/28 to submit for RTP funds)
      4. Grant: From the city side, everyone is enthusiastic about the project. He feels confident that the city can find the matching funds.
        - a. *Clay Bolt motions, Alison Shannon-Liers seconds to recommend that the city moves forward with providing the matching funding for the trail portion of the ped bridge project at Q and East Lewis streets, which is one of the priority projects in the Active Transportation Plan.*
        - b. *Unanimously passed*
5. Old Business / Updates
  - a. Project ideas for grant applications – Jeanne

- i. Discussion of potential trail maintenance and updates that the committee could apply for grant support for (Hwy 89 (Ace to Hwy?), Alpenglow, Bozeman Trail, H Street, Green Acres to Summit)
  1. Grant thought that the Green Acres to Summit connection could be a nice connection
    - a. Jeanne: Trail Stewardship Grant can be used for new trail construction
    - b. From M to Summit, there is a city right of way,
  2. *Jeanne Souvigney motions, Alison Shannon-Lier seconds to recommend that if the city thinks it is a priority we would be happy to work with them and recommend that we consider one of these trails grants or other grants to do maintenance on the Hwy 89 bike path.*
  3. *Unanimously passed*
6. Public Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Adjourn Meeting

Note: Emails to the Parks & Trails Committee should be addressed to [webmaster@livingstonmontana.org](mailto:webmaster@livingstonmontana.org)

**File Attachments for Item:**

D. Review Adopt A Trail report for 2022 - Jeanne

## Livingston Adopt-A-Trail/Park Program

Livingston Parks & Trails Committee  
Jeanne-Marie Souvigny

January 2023

Several years ago, Livingston established an Adopt A Trail/Park program at the request of the Parks & Trails Committee (PTC). The program, which currently has seven volunteer teams, involves the City Parks Department and is facilitated by the PTC.

In 2022, seven teams made more than a dozen cleanups, involving more than 75 individuals who contributed over 100 hours of volunteer time and picked up close to two dozen trash bags full of litter, trash and dog feces, along with about 500 pounds of green waste from the O Street Connector trail. Access to and cleanup of some locations was complicated by the June flooding and subsequent temporary closure of some of the public sites. Volunteers, primarily led by Park County Environmental Council, one of the Adopt A Trail teams, also coordinated efforts with the City to remove, cut and dump sandbags along Sacajawea Trail and at Mike Webb Park.

These numbers likely greatly underestimate the actual time, trash and volunteer hours because some teams did not report actual amounts. Teams ranged in size from one person to more than 20 volunteers and included very young children to seniors. Volunteers, particularly along the O Street Connector, noted the presence of noxious weeds, while others noted graffiti on some of the benches along Sacajawea Trail. Confusion about disposal of accumulated trash is being worked out with the City.

Teams are expected to commit for two years and complete at least three clean-ups each year. The PTC revised the program in 2021 to solicit additional information from the teams about their cleanups and offer them a chance for recognition signs if such signs become available. The AAT/P application is available on the City Parks & Trails Committee website (<https://www.livingstonmontana.org/bc-ptc>).

The PTC has proposed the AAT/P teams who meet the requirements of the program be recognized with a sponsor sign at their adopted trail or park, similar to the signs used along Montana's highways for highway cleanup sponsors. The Commission approved a PTC signage funding request in 2021 that anticipates proceeding with such recognition signs.

The current AAT/P teams, with photos of some of their cleanups (below), are:

- Emma's Mom - Sacajawea Trail between 9th Street and the Bandshell
- Fairfield by Marriott – Bozeman Connector Trail
- Livingston Bike Club – O Street Connector Trail
- Livingston HealthCare – Alpenglow Trail and Myers River View Trail
- Park County Democratic Central Committee – Water Plant Park and Riverside Park
- Park County Environmental Council – Highway 89 S Bike Path
- Park County Homeschool Nature Adventure Club – Sacajawea Trail east of the Bandshell

The PTC is excited to assist with this volunteer program and looks forward to expanding the number of teams and team responsibilities and thanking these teams with recognition signs.





Livingston Adopt A Trail/Park Team Cleanups 2022

