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

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2014
TIME: 11:30 am
LOCATION: Recreation Center large conference room – 920 Boulder Drive

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from the July 9, 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. Review of applicable W.S. 15-1-501 through 15-1-512 by City Attorney David Clark.
2. Presentation of the 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

CITY OF LARAMIE
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July 9, 2014
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Amber Travsky, Amy Williamson, Dave Hammond, Evan O'Toole, Joe Lord, Mike Moeller, Vicki Henry**
MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: **Bill Gribb, Dan McCoy, Peggy McCrackin**
CITY OF LARAMIE STAFF PRESENT: **Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director; Derek Teini, Senior Planner; David Derragon, Assistant City Manager; David Schott, Parks Manager; Audem Gonzales, Assistant Planner; Mel Owen, Admin. Assistant**
GUESTS: **Kimberly Starkey, Heidi Schutterle, Reed Pedrick**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Hammond at 11:33 a.m.

Consent Agenda:
1) **Approval of the minutes from the May 28, 2014 meeting.**

Motion by Travsky, second by Williamson, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried 6-0, (Henry absent).

Regular Agenda:
1) **Presentation of the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.**
The Committee was given hard copies of the draft Master Plan. Harrison gave a presentation on the Master Plan that will be given at the public meetings.

2) **Review of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Approval Timeline.**
The Committee requested that the timeline be updated to include the addresses of meetings at all external locations. The Committee also requested that a sign up be circulated in order to ensure there are Committee members in attendance at each of the public meetings.

New Business
1) **Public Comments:**
Kimberly Starkey addressed the Committee and asked for clarification on several points or scenarios as follows.
–Is the goal of presenting the plan to the County Commissioners for informational purposes only or is the goal that of concurrence. Staff replied that they will ask for concurrence but it is up to the Commissioners.
–In the minutes there is an abbreviation used "ETZ", what does it stand for? The Committee answered it was an abbreviation for the extra territorial zone or one mile boundary.
–What is the basis for the one mile standard, what is the significance? The Committee replied it allows for long term planning up to the one mile boundary.
–As a point of clarification, Starkey stated she believes that the one mile pertains only to the subdivision rule and would like the statute that addresses the one mile boundary.
–Which City staff has been responsible for creating the one mile standard and planning elements within the one mile boundary? Staff replied that all City staff noted on page thirteen of the draft Master Plan had assisted in creation of the document.
–The gateway areas included in the draft plan are not in the Committee minutes, were they in fact discussed by the Committee and if so when? The Committee replied in the affirmative that gateway areas were considered by the Committee and while they were unsure off the top of their heads as to the exact time or meeting where they discussed gateway areas it might have been in the Fall of 2011 when the issue was first discussed.
–The gateway maps included in the draft plan show gateways located on private property, who came up with these maps? The Committee replied that the Committee as a whole did.
–Starkey noted that the gateway maps were not included with the parks and trails maps that were posted to the website in May of 2013.
–If there is a parcel of private property within the city limits that the plan shows as having a natural area and shared use path on, what does that mean for the property owner once the plan goes into effect? The Committee replied it means nothing, as it is private property. It would be entirely up to the property owner what is done or not done with their land. If the owner wishes to sell, develop or negotiate a potential land swap with the City in the future then the Master Plan provides the framework that allows the City to discuss those options if approached by the land owner.

–If a person has property and decided to build a few houses will the Planning Commission state that you must give some land for parks or the like? Staff replied that if a parcel is being developed the subject can be broached of compensation and purchase for the land if the owner is interested. Sometimes discussions over property purchases, donations or land swaps prove fruitful and other times they are not. It was noted that the mechanism for park in-lieu fees is already in place as part of the unified development code.
–What if the person only wants to subdivide their land into two units? Staff replied it would be considered like all other subdivisions and noted that the in-lieu fees are already in place and applicable.
–If a landowner had 100 acres in the County, the Master Plan has been concurred to by the County, and the landowner wants to sell to a business but an area of that land is designated as a park in the Master Plan, what would happen? The Committee replied that it would be up to the County to decide any specifics related to that situation.
–Is there no mechanism to dictate what a property owner must do with their land if the plan is adopted? The Committee answered no; there is not any mechanism which dictates what a property owner must do with their land.
–If there is no concurrence to the plan but the City adopts it and a subdivision within the one mile comes under review, what would happen? Staff answered that subdivision plans within the one mile comes under the City's purview and the subdivision would be reviewed but the City cannot require any land be dedicated to Master Plan elements.
–What if while under review the landowner is told that a major road is required to the subdivision. Staff replied that the major street plan is approved by the County, City and State and would be consulted in such an instance and would come to bear on any large scale subdivision development.
–Why is the parks plan different from the major roads plan? Staff replied that the parks plan has no regulatory component like the state has with major roads.
–Starkey requested that the statutes concerning major roads plans be provided to her.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Owen

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-501 (2014)

§ 15-1-501. Definitions.

(a) For the purposes of this article:

(i) "Commission" means the planning commission authorized by W.S. 15-1-502;

(ii) "Street" includes streets, highways, avenues, boulevards, parkways, roads, lanes, walks, alleys, viaducts, subways, tunnels, bridges, public easements and rights-of-way and other ways;

(iii) "Subdivision" means the division of a tract or parcel of land into three (3) or more parts for immediate or future sale or building development.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 71; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-71; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-601; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

NOTES:

Editor's notes. --

There is no subsection (b) in this section as it appears in the printed acts.

Quoted in

Ahearn v. Town of Wheatland, 2002 WY 12, 39 P.3d 409, 2002 Wyo. LEXIS 13 (Wyo. 2002).

Law reviews. --

As to the development of land use planning in Wyoming, see XII Land & Water L. Rev. 73 (1977).

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-502 (2014)

§ 15-1-502. Commission authorized; organization and procedure; compensation; staff; consultants; expenditures.

Each city and town may have a planning commission. The number and terms of the members and any other details relating to its organization and procedure shall be determined by the governing body. The members shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the governing body and shall serve without compensation, except for reasonable expenses. The commission may appoint employees and staff necessary for its work and may contract with city planners and other consultants, including any appropriate agencies or departments of the state of Wyoming, for any service it requires. Commission expenditures shall not exceed the amount of funds appropriated by the governing body or obtained through gifts or otherwise.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 72; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-72; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-602; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1; 1984, ch. 34, § 2.

NOTES:

Cited in

Coulter v. City of Rawlins, 662 P.2d 888, 1983 Wyo. LEXIS 311 (Wyo. 1983).

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-503 (2014)

§ 15-1-503. Master plan; adoption; concurrent action; contents; amendment.

(a) The commission, after holding public hearings, shall adopt and certify to the governing body a master plan for the physical development of the municipality. 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, or other municipal legislative body concerned. The master plan, with the accompanying maps, plats, charts and descriptive and explanatory matter shall show the:

(i) Commission's recommendations for the development and may include the general location, character and extent of streets, bridges, viaducts, parks, waterways and waterfront developments, playgrounds, airports and other public ways, grounds, places and spaces;

(ii) General location of public buildings and other public property;

(iii) General location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly or privately owned, for water, light, power, heat, sanitation, transportation, communication and other purposes;

(iv) Acceptance, widening, removal, extension, relocation, narrowing, vacation, abandonment, or change of use of any public ways, grounds, places, spaces, buildings, properties, utilities or terminals;

(v) Zoning plan for the regulation of the height, area, bulk, location and use of private and public structures and premises, and of population density;

(vi) General location, character, layout and extent of community centers and neighborhood units; and

(vii) General character, extent and layout of the replanning of blighted districts and slum areas.

(b) The commission may amend, extend or add to the plan or carry any part or subject matter into greater detail.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 73; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-73; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-603; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

NOTES:

Park-land dedication ordinances. --

The broad powers delegated by the legislature can fairly encompass the power to adopt a park-land dedication ordinance. A city can require the payment of a sum in lieu of park-land dedication in order

to lessen the impact and pressure on park facilities that results from the influx of inhabitants caused by a new development. The limitation on this power is the requirement that any fees collected in lieu of land dedication must be earmarked to accounts for the purpose of acquiring needed park land and maintenance of existing park facilities. Coulter v. City of Rawlins, 662 P.2d 888, 1983 Wyo. LEXIS 311 (Wyo. 1983).

Cited in

Snake River Brewing Co. v. Town of Jackson, 2002 WY 11, 39 P.3d 397, 2002 Wyo. LEXIS 12 (Wyo. 2002).

Law reviews. --

For comment, "County and Municipal Flood Plain Zoning Under Existing Wyoming Legislation," see VII Land & Water L. Rev. 103 (1972).

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-504 (2014)

§ 15-1-504. Master plan; preparatory surveys and studies; general purpose.

In preparing the master plan, the commission shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of the existing conditions and probable future growth of the municipality and its environs. The plan shall be made for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the municipality which will best promote the general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 74; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-74; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-604; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

NOTES:

Quoted in

Snake River Brewing Co. v. Town of Jackson, 2002 WY 11, 39 P.3d 397, 2002 Wyo. LEXIS 12 (Wyo. 2002).

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§ 15-1-505. Master plan; manner of adopting generally; certification thereof.

The commission may adopt the master plan in parts as the plan progresses or as a whole. Any part of the plan shall correspond generally with one (1) or more of the functional subdivisions of the subject matter thereof. The adoption of the plan or any part, amendment or addition shall be by resolution carried by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the commission. The resolution shall refer expressly to the maps, descriptive matter and other matters intended by the commission to form the whole or part of the plan. The action taken shall be recorded on the adopted plan or part thereof over the signature of the secretary of the commission. A copy of the plan or part thereof shall be certified to the governing body.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 75; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-75; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-605; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-506 (2014)

§ 15-1-506. Master plan; construction to conform, be approved; overruling disapproval; time limitation.

(a) If the governing body has adopted the master plan or any part thereof, no street, park or other public way, ground, place or space, public building or structure or public utility, whether publicly or privately owned, may be constructed until its location and extent conform to the plan and have been approved by the commission. If disapproved, the commission shall communicate its reasons to the governing body which by a vote of not less than a majority of its membership may overrule the disapproval. If overruled, the governing body or the appropriate board or officer may proceed. However, if the public way, ground, place, space, building, structure or utility is one which the governing body, or other body or official of the municipality may not authorize or finance, then the submission to the commission shall be by the board or official having that jurisdiction, and the commission's disapproval may be overruled by that board by a majority vote or by that official. The acceptance, widening, removal, extension, relocating, narrowing, vacation, abandonment, change of use, acquisition of land for, or sale or lease of any street or other public way, ground, place, property or structure may be similarly overruled.

(b) If the commission fails to act within thirty (30) days after the proposal has been submitted to it, the proposal is deemed approved, unless a longer period is granted by the governing body or other submitting body, board or official.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 76; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-76; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-606; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-507 (2014)

§ 15-1-507. General powers of commission.

(a) The commission has all powers necessary to perform its functions and promote municipal planning and may:

(i) Make reports and recommendations relating to the plan and development of the municipality to public officials and agencies, other organizations and citizens;

(ii) Recommend to the executive or legislative officials programs for public improvement and their financing.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 77; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-77; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-607; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

NOTES:

Editor's notes. --

There is no subsection (b) in this section as it appears in the printed acts.

Law reviews. --

For article, "Wyoming's Local Governments and the Quality of Growth -- A Preliminary Discussion," see XIV Land & Water L. Rev. 491 (1979).

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-508 (2014)

§ 15-1-508. Major street plan; official map; contents; procedure; effect; recording ordinance.

(a) After the commission has adopted a major street plan, the governing body may establish an official map of the whole or any part of the existing public streets. The map may also show the location of the lines of streets on plats of subdivisions which the commission has approved. The governing body may make other additions to or modifications of the official map by extending the lines of proposed new streets or street extensions, widenings, narrowings or vacations which have been accurately surveyed and definitely located. Before taking any such action the governing body shall hold a public hearing thereon. Any proposed addition to or modification of the official map shall be submitted to the commission for its approval. If the commission disapproves, approval of the addition or modification then requires an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the governing body.

(b) The placing of any street or street lines upon the official map does not of itself constitute the opening or establishment of any street or the taking or acceptance of any land for street purposes.

(c) The governing body shall direct that the adopted ordinance creating the official map be recorded in the office of the county clerk.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 78; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-78; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-608; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

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§ 15-1-509. Major street plan; preserving integrity of map; building permits; necessary findings; specifications.

(a) To preserve the integrity of the official map, the governing body may provide by ordinance, subject to appropriate eminent domain proceeding, that no permit may be issued for any building or structure which encroaches upon land located within the lines of any street as shown on the official map. The ordinance shall provide that the board of adjustment, which the governing body may create by ordinance, has the power, upon an appeal filed with it by the owner of any such land, to authorize a permit for a building or structure within any mapped-street location when it finds that:

(i) The property of the appellant a portion of which lies within the street lines will not yield a reasonable return to the owner unless the permit is granted; or

(ii) Balancing the interest of the municipality in preserving the integrity of the official map and the interest of the owner in the use and benefits of the property, the grant of the permit is required by justice and equity.

(b) Before taking any action, the board shall hold a public hearing thereon. If the board decides to authorize a building permit, it may specify the exact location, ground area, height and other details and conditions of extent and character and also the duration of the building or structure to be permitted.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 79; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-79; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-609; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-510 (2014)

§ 15-1-510. Major street plan; subdivision plats; approval required; preparation and adoption of governing regulations.

(a) If any commission adopts a major street plan and certifies it to the governing body, no plat of a subdivision of land lying within the municipality may be filed or recorded in the office of the county clerk until it has been submitted to and approved by the governing body and its approval entered in writing on the plat by the clerk of the governing body. No county clerk may file or record a plat of a subdivision without approval by the governing body and any unapproved filing or recording is void.

(b) The commission shall prepare regulations governing the subdivision of land within the municipality. The governing body may adopt the regulations for the municipality after a public hearing thereon.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 80; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-80; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-610; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1; 1993, ch. 31, § 1.

NOTES:

Quoted in

Town of Wheatland v. Allison, 577 P.2d 1006, 1978 Wyo. LEXIS 288 (Wyo. 1978); Ahearn v. Town of Wheatland, 2002 WY 12, 39 P.3d 409, 2002 Wyo. LEXIS 13 (Wyo. 2002).

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-511 (2014)

§ 15-1-511. Major street plan; subdivision plats; when penalty for not preparing; exception; enforcement.

Subject to appropriate eminent domain proceedings, if anyone transfers or sells any land located within any area for which a major street plan has been adopted by the commission and the governing body, except for land located in a recorded subdivision, without first preparing a subdivision plat and having it approved by the commission and governing body and recorded in the office of the county clerk, he shall pay a penalty of one hundred dollars ($ 100.00) for each lot transferred or sold. The description by metes and bounds in the instrument of transfer or other document used in the process of selling or transferring does not exempt the transaction from such penalties. The municipality may enjoin the transfer or sale or may recover the penalty by civil action.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 81; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-81; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-611; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

NOTES:

Quoted in

Ahearn v. Town of Wheatland, 2002 WY 12, 39 P.3d 409, 2002 Wyo. LEXIS 13 (Wyo. 2002).

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Wyo. Stat. § 15-1-512 (2014)

§ 15-1-512. Violations of provisions deemed misdemeanor; remedies.

Violation of any of the provisions of this article is a misdemeanor. The municipality, or any owner of real estate within the district in which the offending building, structure or land is located, in addition to other remedies provided by law, may institute an injunction, mandamus, abatement or any other appropriate action or proceeding to prevent, enjoin, abate or remove any unlawful erection, construction, alteration, maintenance or use.

HISTORY: Laws 1965, ch. 112, § 82; W.S. 1957, § 15.1-82; W.S. 1977, § 15-1-612; Laws 1980, ch. 38, § 1.

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Public Comments/Topics of Discussion for the Ad Hoc Committee on August 27, 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.

17. Within Chapter 4 (p. 59) add in language that addresses the transition from Bike Lanes to Shared Use Paths and any other transition ion 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 3rd 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 9th 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.

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 3rd 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 6th 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.

Opinion

Community editorial board: Master plan looks to the future, but doesn't set anything in stone

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The Laramie Parks and Recreation Master Plan draft vision for the future has raised a few eyebrows, mostly among Albany County residents concerned about projected city land growth.

It's important to remember, however, that the master plan is only a draft — and by no means a concrete plan for the future of Laramie's parks. It's simply a vision of what areas might best be suited for growth over the next 40 years, and any possible proposal for action on even a single item presented will be decided by city council members not yet elected.

Some county residents are concerned because they own property envisioned as a piece of the city parks system down the road. It is understandable for the property owners to wonder how these plans might ultimately affect them, but at the same time, it's inevitable the city will continue to grow over the next 40 years. Extending the plan one mile outside the current city limits is a logical approach to such growth. As Laramie Parks and Recreation Director Paul Harrison told the Albany County Commissioners on Tuesday, the city would be remiss to neglect planning for growth outside of its immediate boundaries.

We in Albany County are proud of the quality of life we enjoy, and our parks system is an integral part of that. The roughly 125 acres of various trails and parks are enjoyed by a wide range of residents year-round. Laramie will continue to grow in the future, and we must increase our green space proportionately to, at the minimum, maintain our status quo.

According to Parks and Recreation data, Laramie's population is expected to grow by 10,000 by the year 2050. The city will require an additional 65-83 acres if it's to maintain the current ratio of park acres for every 1,000 residents.

A booming community and its green spaces go hand in hand. Businesses considering Albany County as a future home look closely at recreational opportunities available. Likewise, existing businesses looking to hire a new employee from outside the area can help sell the community with its abundant parks.

With all of that said, we would like to commend the local volunteers who have dedicated countless hours of their time over the past three years as part of the ad hoc advisory committee: Dave Hammond (chair), Joe Lord (vice chair), Amy K. Williamson, Dan McCoy, Peggy McCrackin, Bill Gribb, Mike Moeller, Evan O'Toole, Amber Travsky, Scott Mullner, Vicki Henry and Nadia Kaliszewski.

Harrison said this committee had 61 meetings, two weekend work sessions and 12 public meetings, while also interviewing 15 stakeholder groups before compiling the master plan. Harrison said the city's total cost for the plan will end up around $40,000, a huge savings compared to the $200,000 estimated cost for a consultant-based plan. Not only did this ad hoc committee save taxpayer dollars; they were better able to understand and relate to our local citizens' wants and desires than an outside consultant.

This doesn't mean planning for the future can't evolve. As Laramie changes in unexpected ways, the city's Parks and Recreation Department should take steps to ensure the groundwork they've laid with the Master Plan doesn't go to waste. That means updating it and changing it to best meet future growth.

For those of us lucky enough to be in Laramie 40 years from now, it will be interesting to look back at this plan and see what parts have actually come to fruition. In all likelihood, some areas will be spot on, yet others will not be touched at all. Other areas not even considered on this plan will probably be utilized as well. Our growing population will continue to enjoy our improved parks system, and it's likely that just a few will recall there was ever a debate. Only the future will tell.

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How to read Parks and Recreation's vision of the future

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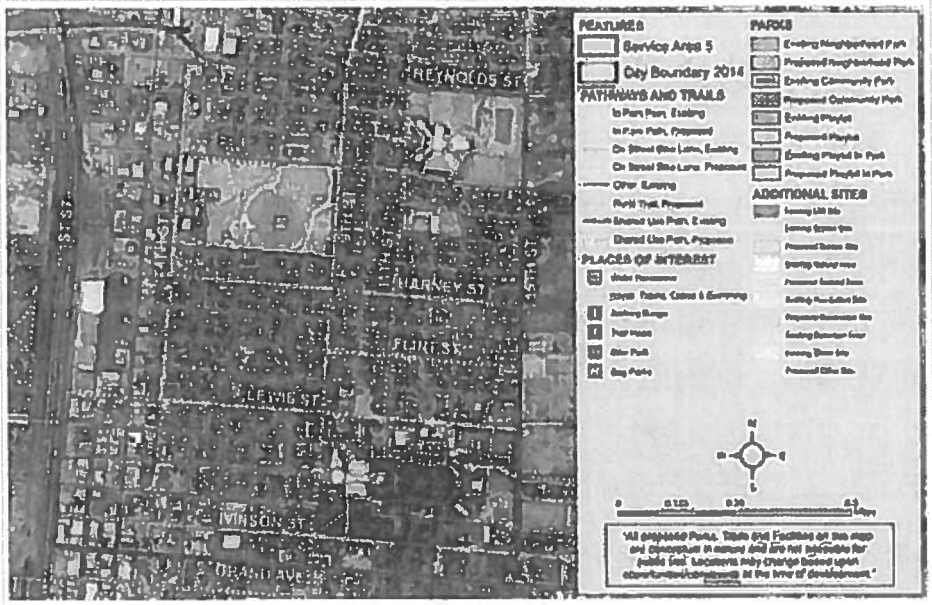

A map of Park Service Area 5 taken from chapter 5 of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All other service area maps are similar to this. Courtesy photo

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The Laramie Parks and Recreation Master Plan draft is a 380-page document residents will likely never need to read. However, parts of the plan can show you what your neighborhood could look like over the next 40 years.

The plan, written by an ad hoc committee of 10 local residents, took more than three years to draft. The plan covers everything the parks and recreation department visions for the next 40 years, from trails and bike paths to pocket parks and improvements.

If you look at just one thing in the plan, look at chapter five, said Parks and Recreation Director Paul Harrison. It contains the park service areas, which show projected plans for individual neighborhoods. Each plan has four pages with information concerning specific neighborhood, he said.

"It gives you the general characteristics, the general location, the current population, the population growth projection, analysis of what's there, the current needs and the projected needs," he said. "It all comes together with the recommendations."

These recommendations show everything the ad hoc committee believes could benefit the neighborhood, from trails to parks.

Every area also has a map showing current parks and trails as well as good places for future projects.

The 25 park service areas are defined by major barriers in town, such Grand Avenue or the Laramie River, that keep people from easily leaving their neighborhood.

"There could be the best park ever on the west side of the river," Harrison said. "But if you're east of the river, you're going to have a heck of a time getting over there."

Chapter six affects anybody who uses the city's current parks in town. It specifies every park's current amenities and desired future changes, all shown on a map specific to the park.

The last master plan, made in 1982, looked at community parks. Currently, there are only two

community parks in Laramie — LaBonte and Washington parks. These large parks allow residents from across the city access to large open spaces and places for local community gathering.

The new Master Plan no longer has a focus on these large parks, as it's difficult to find the space for them, Harrison said.

"We're focusing on play lots as an area of emphasis," Harrison said.

A play lot is about a third of an acre in size with a playground, he said. They serve a half-mile radius. A good example of a play lot is at First Street and Grand Avenue.

A major reason for the shift in focus stems from results of a recent survey of residents in Laramie.

"One of the questions was, 'How far would you want your children to go to a park?'" said Dave Hammond, chair of the ad hoc committee. "People said zero miles. They want (play lots) close to their home."

Bike trails and paths were also high on the list of wanted additions to the city, according to the survey.

The committee said the city should start with low-cost options.

"A couple of the things I think we really want to see are the development of some bike lanes on the streets," Hammond said. "All you need to do is paint some lines on the street."

Chapter four of the plan focuses on the standards all parks, bike lanes and trails need to follow, stating everything from certain amenities different sized parks should have to the width of bike lanes. The chapter also has maps showing current park coverage of the city and where proposed parks would cover, based on their projected area of service.

Harrison emphasized that the proposed parks and trails are just a possible vision for the future. A statement is placed on every map and is repeated throughout the plan:

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

The plan is currently a draft and has not been finalized. Questions and comments about the plan can be voiced at an Aug. 13 meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Laramie Community Recreation Center.

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Master Plan under fire

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The Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission accused the city of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department of making a "clear and contemptuous attempt" to circumvent its authority with the city's handling of the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

On Tuesday, the Planning and Zoning Commission presented a roughly eight-point resolution to the Albany County Commissioners. The resolution requested that the County Commissioners postpone a decision on whether they concur with the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The plan lays out a proposed, long-range parks, trails, recreation and open space development strategy for the city and city-owned property.

The proposed plan also includes a one-mile buffer zone extended into the county.

Planning and Zoning Commission members were under the impression that Albany County Commissioners would vote on whether they agree on the plan Aug. 19, according to the resolution.

But Paul Harrison, Laramie Parks and Recreation director, said the August meeting wasn't to seek concurrence; rather, it was to provide information on the plan to the commissioners.

Harrison said the vote on whether the commissioners agreed with the plan would come later, as was always the intention.

Albany County Commissioners didn't take action on the resolution. Chairman Tim Sullivan said the County Commissioners would follow typical protocol: defer to the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is likely to consider the plan in October.

Dozens of residents attended the meeting, many of whom lived or owned property in the county.

A few stood to voice concerns with the Master Plan, saying they feared the city could use it to encroach on private property.

"I am very much opposed to this plan," county resident Candy Hamaker told the Albany County Commissioners. "I think it's terrible that the city is going and taking private property and deciding what they're going to do with it, without going to the private property owner and saying, 'Hey, do you want to sell this? Do you want to give it away?' They're just going in and saying that this is what's going to happen."

Resident Tim Hale called the plan a "red herring" and said the city glossed over public comment.

"The city hasn't been forthright in the dissemination of the information," he said. "They dump information with very short notice, and they expect complete rubber stamping."

Maps included in the plan present symbols for trails, trailheads, gateways, proposed natural areas and the like. Many symbols are on areas where county residents own property. County resident Kimberly Starkey said she and other county residents take issue with the city planning recreational grounds on private property.

"It's the height of irresponsibility for the city to put these maps out there," Starkey said, adding that the plan could encourage trespassing.

Starkey doesn't mind the city making a recreation plan for property within city limits, but the incursion into county property minus concurrence from the County Commissioners flouts state statute, she said.

"They went out into the county, and they're not following the statute to ask for concurrence from the County Commission," Starkey said. "And, on top of that, the true stakeholders who've got a vested interest — we've been summarily ignored, even though they say they want our input."

Starkey cited state statute 15-1-503 regarding master plans, which says:

"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."

In the meeting, Harrison said he didn't have a problem with the main thrust of the Planning and Zoning Commission's resolution, which is to postpone the County Commissioners' consideration of concurrence until Planning and Zoning had more time to review the document along with public comments.

He did take exception to assertions that the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee — formed in 2011 to oversee the Master Plan's development — ignored public comment or made attempts to subvert the Planning and Zoning Commission's authority.

"That has not been our intent at all," he said. "The Ad Hoc committee has received public comments. They have been working on this for 36 months. It is a fully transparent and public process."

Harrison said the Ad Hoc committee met more than 61 times since its formation, during which time it sought public comment. Before that, when the committee was forming, Harrison said the Planning and Zoning Commission was invited to have a representative sit on the committee.

The Planning and Zoning Commission declined.

The Ad Hoc committee also went before Planning and Zoning in the fall to take comments, Harrison said.

As for the Aug. 19 County Commissioners' meeting, Harrison said it was merely scheduled to present information to the commissioners.

The vote, he said, would come later.

He also said the symbols indicating trails, parks and the like are there as guidelines for the sake of future planning,

"There's proposed parks, proposed trails, proposed natural areas both within the city and within the one-mile buffer area in the county," he said. "And they are just that: proposed possible locations for those within a plan. They are not definitive. They are not final."

Harrison said he hopes the county eventually concurs with the plan.

"The city has no authority outside the city limits," Harrison said. "Therefore, the plan — if the City Council does choose to adopt it down the road — will not have any effect or force of law in the county unless the County Commissioners do concur to it."

He added that the city would be remiss to neglect planning for growth outside of its immediate boundaries. That's why the plan includes potential recreation areas within the one-mile area around the city.

The Ad Hoc Master Plan Committee hopes to put the plan before City Council for a vote in late September or early October.

Before then, the document could potentially be amended to make sure the city, county and County Planning and Zoning are in agreement, he said.

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ALBANY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CITY OF LARAMIE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN APPROVAL TIMELINE RE: ALBANY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2014.

Whereas, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has become aware of the intent of the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department to appear before the August 19, 2014 Albany County Board of County Commissioners meeting to request concurrence of the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This despite lacking consideration of the proposed City Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission; and

Whereas, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has NOT had the opportunity to review, discuss and take public comment upon said City Parks and Recreation Master Plan and, in fact, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has provided for such review, discussion and public comment at its October 8, 2014 regular meeting; and

Whereas, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has requested sufficient copies of the final draft City Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as detailed large scale maps of the areas and properties affected by said City Parks and Recreation Master Plan. NONE have been provided; and

Whereas, the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has numerous salient questions about the intent and content of said City Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as its associated maps. Further, the Commission is aware of questions and concerns of Albany County residents. To not have these questions answered is poor public policy and is clearly contrary to the public interest; and

Whereas, no justification has been provided to the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission for the need of a sudden acceleration of the need for approval of the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan after years of official inactivity and a lack of Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission concurrence; and

Whereas, the request by the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department to present the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Albany County Board of County Commissioners at the August 19, 2014 meeting does NOT provide the opportunity for those Albany County residents who are otherwise engaged in their occupations, including agriculture (which is in its peak season), or are on vacation, to provide knowledgeable comments or concerns; and

Whereas, the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department's clear and contemptuous attempt to circumvent the designated authority of The Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission is contrary to the public interest. And, the citizens of Albany County can be adversely affected by planning and decision making by City of Laramie bureaucrats without proper consideration of this important topic and its relevant consequences; and

Whereas, any formal consideration of the Laramie Parks and Recreation Department's City Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Albany County Board of County Commissioners at this time would be grossly premature and would be based upon incomplete information and a lack of adequate public comment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission urgently requests that the Albany County Board of County Commissioners NOT place the Laramie Parks and Recreation Department's City Parks and Recreation Master Plan upon its August 19, 2014 agenda nor consider it for concurrence unless and until the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission has the opportunity to consider, deliberate upon and hold public hearings concerning the said City Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be placed into proper form and forwarded, individually and collectively, to the Albany County Board of County Commissioners no later than Monday July 14, 2014. This will allow the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission sufficient time to conduct a thorough examination of the merits of the Laramie Parks and Recreation Department's City Parks and Recreation Master Plan with reference to its near and long term effect upon the residents of Albany County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of July, 2014.

David Cunningham
Vice-Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission

ATTEST:

Susan Adler
Secretary for Planning and Zoning Commission

Mel Owen

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

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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,

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Paul Harrison

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

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 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

From: Paul Harrison
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Subject: RE: master plan.

Mr. Cassidy

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

Please note that all public comments will be discussed considered for inclusion within the draft Master Plan by the Parks, Trails and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee at their August 13, 2014 meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the large conference room at the Laramie Community Recreation Center.

Your attendance is always welcome but not required for your comments and suggestions to be considered by the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Thank you,
Paul

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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; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us
Subject: master plan.

Hi Folks. I've written to you a few times regarding the inclusion of county (not city) private property on the Parks and Rec master plan map. The excuses I've received for these inclusion are disingenous and appear to be designed to make me stop writing. I find it very offensive that the city, through Mr. Harrison, would be so unconcerned with private property rights. It makes the cities opinion of those of us in the county quite clear. It also explains why the legislature passed the recent bill limiting cities emergency powers. Since the city seems to be insistent on proceeding with this map, I would like to ask the County 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

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:

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

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Thank you,
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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; tchesnut@co.albany.wy.us; jkennedy@co.albany.wy.us
Subject: n McCoy, Peggy McCrackin

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

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

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.

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Paul Harrison

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
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Paul Harrison

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

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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Paul Harrison

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:

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

Paul Harrison

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.

Sincerely,

David Gertsch
Planning Director

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan Approval Timeline

Date	Milestone/Action Item
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 ~~Albany County P&Z meeting at 7pm to present/review draft plan~~ (Albany County P&Z did not grant the request, delayed until October)
July 10, 2014 (Thu)	**Traffic Commission meeting at 7am** (City Hall Annex conference room) to present/review draft plan; **PTR Advisory Board special meeting at 6:30pm** (Recreation Center large conference room) to present draft plan
July 14, 2014 (Mon)	**Public meeting** to present draft plan 6-8pm at Fire Station #3 (2374 Jefferson Street)
July 16, 2014 (Wed)	**Public meetings** to present draft plan 11am-1pm Fire Station #3 (2374 Jefferson Street) and 6pm-8pm Fire Station #2 (1558 N.
July 17, 2014 (Thu)	**Public meetings** to present draft plan 11am-1pm and 6pm-8pm at Rec Center; **Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee meeting** at 1pm (City Hall Annex conference room) to present/review draft plan
July 22, 2014 (Tue)	**City Council work session at 6pm** (City Hall Council Chambers) to present/review draft plan
July 24, 2014 (Thu)	**Beautification Committee meeting at 3pm** (Capital West Bank – 2nd floor Boardroom) to present/review draft

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