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

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2014

TIME: 11:30 am

LOCATION: Recreation Center large conference room – 920 Boulder Drive

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from the October 1, 2014 meeting.
2. Acknowledge receipt of the letter from David Gertsch, County Planning Director concerning the October 8th Planning and Zoning Commission 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. Presentation of the comments received from the public meetings and various Boards and Commissions for consideration/inclusion within the draft Plan.
2. Report on the statistics/trends related to trespass reports in the one-mile buffer.

New business:

1. Public Comments

Next Meeting Date: October 29, 2014 or November 12, 2014

CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 1, 2014
Minutes of Meeting

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Vicki Henry, Peggy McCrackin

CITY OF LARAMIE STAFF PRESENT: Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director; Derek Teini, Senior Planner; David Schott, Parks Manager; Audem Gonzales, Assistant Planner; Eric Jaap, Civil Engineer; Mel Owen, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Kimberly Starkey, Larry Romsa, Candy Hamaker, Aaron Tomisich, JD Romsa, Quade Romsa, Thane McKinsey, Thaddeus Mast

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Hammond at 11:30 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

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

Motion by Williamson, second by Travsky, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried 6-0, Gribb and McCoy absent.

Regular Agenda:

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

-Comment #40 was tabled so that staff could conduct further research related to the comment.

-Comment #47: Staff noted that the City and the County has not previously notified by letter individual property owners for comprehensive plans in the past.

Motion by Lord, second by Williamson to not conduct property notification letters related to the Master Plan. Motion carried 7-0, McCoy absent.

-Comment #48: Candy Hamaker addressed the Committee noting that they have two to three placeholders on their property that they would request be removed. Hamaker noted they are concerned that their land and livestock will be impacted by the placement of these proposed amenities on the map.

Motion by Lord, second by Williamson, to leave the on-street bike lane in place, to remove part of the multi-use bike path crossing the Hamaker property, to restrict the natural area to the Union Pacific land only, and to keep the path along the river corridor in order to preserve future access to the Monolith Ranch. Motion carried 8-0.

-Comment #49:

Motion by Travsky, second by Lord, to move or remove the water symbol near the Schmidt's property. Motion failed 3-4, Hammond abstaining.

Motion by Lord, second by Moeller to keep the path along the river corridor within the floodplain in order to preserve future Monolith Ranch access. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Moeller, second by Williamson, to leave the wording as is related to bike lanes and shared use paths in service area 12. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Williamson, second by Lord to not designate all private property on the maps but to consider a statement on all maps that unless designated as public property, all property is privately held and inaccessible to the public. Motion carried 8-0.

-Comments from JD Romsa via letter regarding the path along the river. JD Romsa addressed the Committee and noted that roads already exist to provide access to the Monolith Ranch and he is concerned about liability issues and livestock impacts related to the path. McKinsey also addressed the Committee and voiced concerns over liability issues and people trying to access the area.

Motion by Lord, second by Williamson, to leave the proposed shared use path along the Laramie River. Motion carried 8-0.

-Comments received from Thane McKinsey via email. McKinsey addressed the Committee and requested that the shared use path along the river be removed but stated that he did not mind the path along the City property to the south, which borders his own property. McKinsey also requested the removal of the other path on the northwest corner of his property and the path crossing his property on the northeast.

Staff noted that neither path was part of the major street and highway plan.

Motion by Travsky, second by Moeller, to leave the proposed shared use path along the Laramie River to preserve future access to the Monolith Ranch. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Travsky, second by Moeller, to remove the proposed rural path off the McKinsey property to Highway 230. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Travsky, second by Lord, to remove the shared use path off the northeast corner of the McKinsey property. Motion carried 8-0.

McKinsey requested that numbers 31 and 32 be removed from the gateway areas. The Committee noted that the gateway areas had been revamped in name to "interface areas" and in the description used for these interface areas. Upon review the Committee found that the proposed amenities referenced in interface areas 31 and 32 had just previously been removed from the list of proposed amenities.

Motion by McCoy, second by Travsky, to eliminate numbers 31 and 32 from the interface areas. Motion carried 8-0.

-Comments received from Dale and Terri Jones via letter. Staff noted that further research was needed in order to locate the Jones' property so that the Committee could fully evaluate their request.

Motion by Williamson, second by Moeller, to table the Jones letter until the next meeting. Motion carried 8-0.

-Comments received from Bern Hinckley via email.

Motion by Travsky, second by Williamson, to acknowledge receipt of Hinckley's letter. Motion carried 8-0.

New Business

1) Public Comments

-Tim Hale addressed the Committee and questioned who the staff members are that have been involved in making staff recommendations related to the plan and when said staff decisions occurred. Hale questioned how many people have accessed areas around the river for recreation which resulted in trespassing issues. Hale stated he believes the Committee should be expending their energy on something constructive, like cleaning up LaBonte Park.

-Thane McKinsey noted that he would like to see maps color coded to display the permissions received for the access of properties.

-Kimberly Starkey inquired as to the timeline moving forward and asked whether staff would be attending the County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on October 8th.

2) Next Meeting Date:

October 8, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Parks and Recreation - City of Laramie



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September 22, 2014

Re: Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission's Request for Public Comment on the City of Laramie's Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission, I would like to invite you to the October 8th Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. This meeting will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Room located in the County Courthouse (525 East Grand Avenue, Room 105) at 7 p.m. The Commission will be discussing the City of Laramie's Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The City of Laramie's Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes conceptual locations for parks and recreations facilities outside of the City of Laramie's municipal boundaries. Your property has been identified by the County Planning Office as a property that an icon or symbol representing a conceptual location of a future park, trail, natural area, or other type of recreational facility appears on maps included in the City's Draft Master Plan.

The Planning and Zoning Commission would like to hear your opinion on this matter. If you would like to make comments and are unable to attend, please provide written comments by mail, fax, or email to the Albany County Planning Office by October 8th at 12 p.m. If you would like to send an email please send it to dgertsch@co.albany.wy.us.

Sincerely,

David Gertsch
Planning Director

Public Comments/Topics of Discussion for the Ad Hoc Committee

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).

Additional background: The adjacent neighborhood residents are researching grants to acquire the additional 16 acres to the north of Kiowa Park as a natural area. Many of the granting agencies will not consider an open space or natural area grant with only 16 acres, they need to have the seven acres that the city owns to make up a large enough parcel. To that end, they are requesting the Ad Hoc Committee consider designating the seven acres as natural area or open space. The adjacent neighborhood would also request that a rural trail be proposed across this parcel to connect the Jacoby Golf Course Trail to the south and the Cirrus Sky Technology Park Trail to the north.

Please see public comment from Thomas Flores dated July 16, 2014 related to the proposed parks, trails and natural areas in Service Area 7.

51. Request from Dale and Terri Jones to remove proposed amenities from their property.

Additional background: The proposed shared use path on the east boundary of the Jones property is within the Vista Drive extension as detailed on the major street and highway plan.

52. Request from John M. Evans to remove the proposed river trail from his property.

Paul Harrison

From: Rebecca S Riley [BeckyR@uwyo.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 11:51 AM
To: Derek Teini
Cc: Paul Harrison
Subject: Re: Parks and Recreation Plan Meeting

Good Morning Derek,

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner, but I just got back into town yesterday after an extended trip.

First, let me tell you, to get into great detail about the grants, you will have to wait until at least Friday. However, I spoke with Paul this morning, and I think what you need can be answered briefly.

1. We are looking for grants that will allow us to keep the open space in question undeveloped in any way.
2. The Nature Conservancy and a two other open space grants cannot be applied for with just the 16 acres, we need to have the seven acres that the city currently owns to make up a large enough parcel. To that end, we need to have the seven acres designated as *natural space or open space*. We as a neighborhood want to acquire the 16 acres, and when we can, deed it to the city.
3. The neighborhood has never wanted a developed park. First and foremost, this area, as we said many times, is not conducive to a traditional city type park with grass and water. Kiowa Park has parking available for access to this area, therefore there is no need for a parking lot.
4. We would like to see this parcel used in as a cross over for citizens to utilized the Cirrus Park Trail and the Jacoby Golf Course Trail. I will forward a poster under separate cover, it is difficult to read, but it will give you an idea of what we are thinking about. Know, that as a neighborhood, we will help in any way we can in support of this plan.
5. We still need the caveat that this "master plan" is a proposed or guideline plan.
6. Be aware, we do not have access to and encourage the neighborhood to not violate private property rights of our county neighbors.

If you have questions, I will be here and available until around 2:00 p.m. today.

Becky

From: Derek Teini <DTeini@cityoflaramie.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 4:17 PM
To: Rebecca S Riley
Cc: Paul Harrison
Subject: Parks and Recreation Plan Meeting

Becky,

A few weeks ago you had made a comment at the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee meeting that multiple grant agencies had denied or would not consider your grant requests due to the fact that the Parks and Recreation Plan used the word proposed with the document. As we try to address your comment we would like to find out which grant had been applied for so that we can contact each of them to discussion their concern. Can you please provide me with the different grants or granting agencies you are working with and a direct contact for each of them if you have one so that we can contact them? Thanks for your help on this.

Derek T. Teini, AICP

Senior Planner

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Mel Owen

From: Thomas Flores [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.

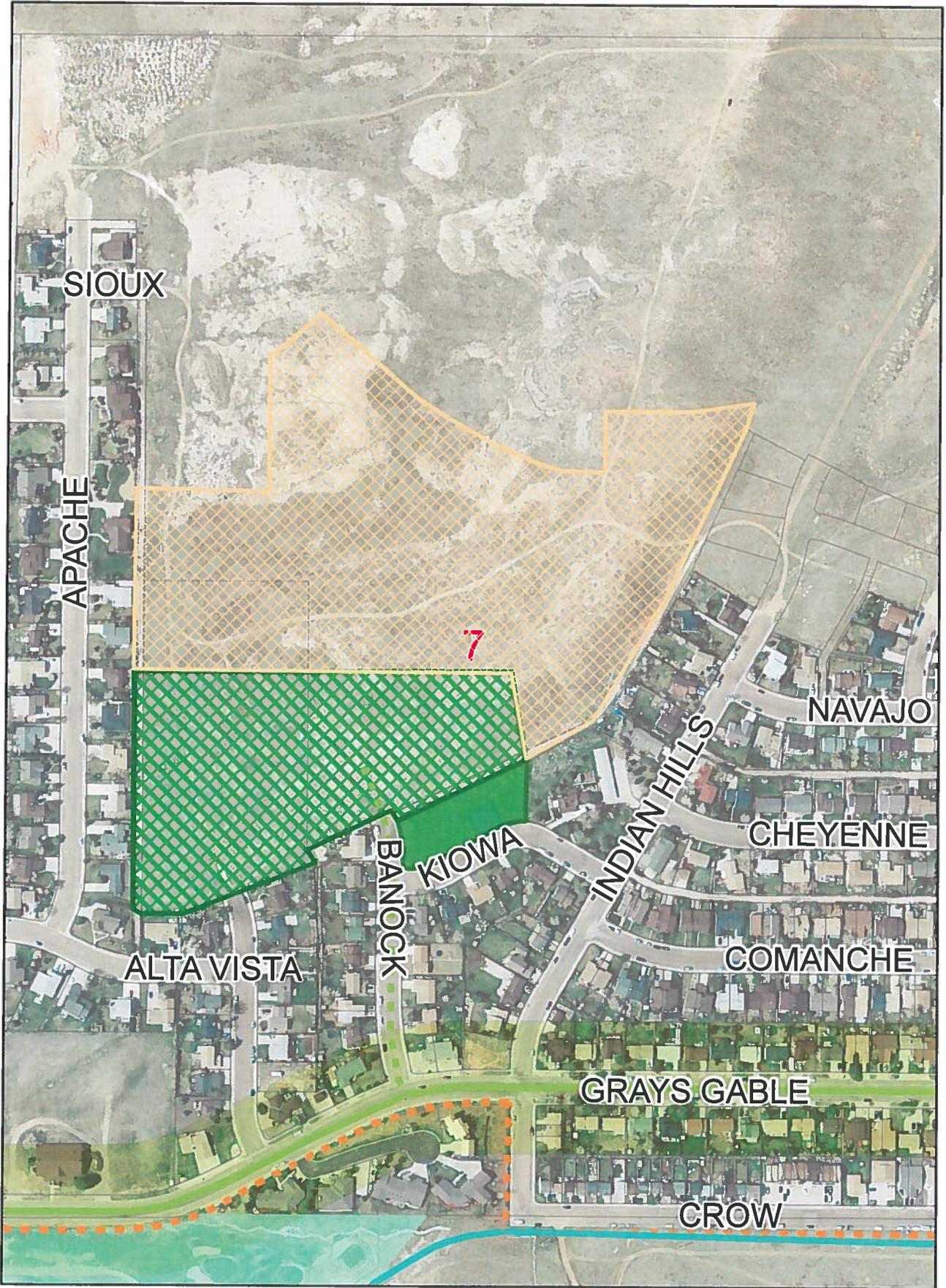
My second comment concerns the State section to the east and south. I agree with the comments in the Master Plan concerning this section. It is another undeveloped open space and should remain as such. I feel that contact with the land and the wildlife is valuable, and Laramie is blessed to have such an area so close to the City.

Thank you for your attention.

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September 28, 2014

From:

Dale "Brad" and Terri Jones

PO Box 1

Laramie, WY 82073

307-742-7003

To: Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director and

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

Amber Travsky, Amy Williamson, Bill Gribb, Dave Hammond, Evan O'Toole, Joe Lord, Mike Moeller, Peggy McCrackin, Scott Mullner, Vicki Henry, Dan McCoy.

The City of Laramie must look to the future to best service it's Citizens. In looking to the future and planning, the private property rights of the citizens of Laramie and Albany County cannot be violated. Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director and CITY OF LARAMIE PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE have shown no respect for private property owners and their rights with the introduction and implementation of the CITY OF LARAMIE PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

By producing a map and making it available online the proposed parks, trails and recreation on private land you have opened private land to the public. This is, in effect a taking of private property by local government, "a land grab" if you will. Private property owners within the master plan have been experiencing trespassers as never before. The trespassers tell the private property owners, the area of land they want to use is public property according to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Map. How would each of you like numerous people wandering around through your yard, gardens and children's play areas all times of the day and night? Then having to repair damages and clean up trash left by these intruders?

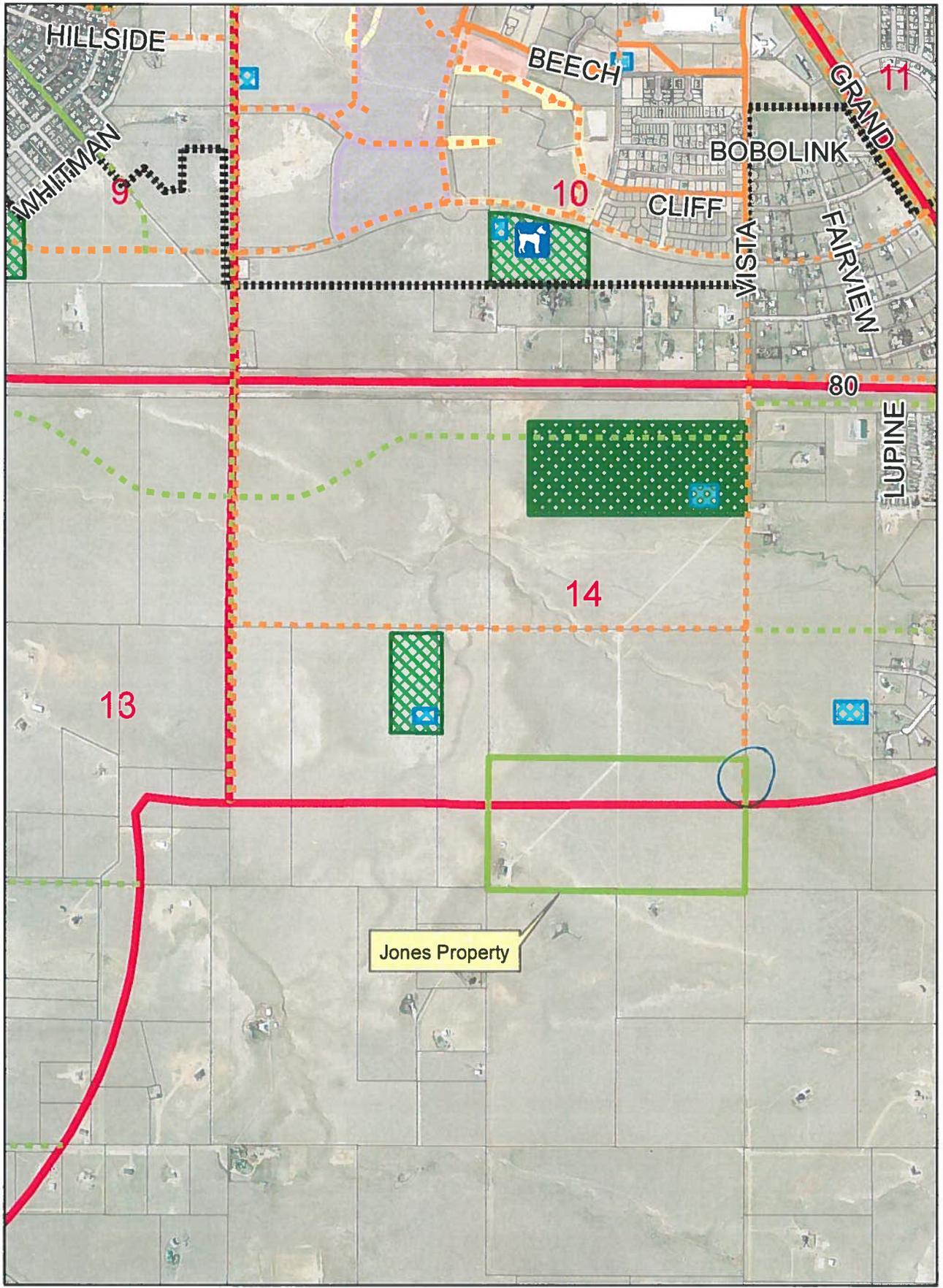
Remove the private property from the master plan map, until what time the City of Laramie purchases the land and it is no longer private. Show respect for private property rights and look to the future without infringing on the private property rights of the citizens of Albany County.

Our land affected is parallel to Interstate 80 and the proposed trail crosses the land somewhat east and west.

Very Emphatically,


Dale "Brad" and Terri Jones

Cc: Albany County Planning Board and Albany County Commissioners



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John M. Evans
3501 Grays Gable Road
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307-460-9304
October 7, 2014

Master Plan Advisory Committee
City of Laramie, Parks and
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Recreation Center
Laramie, WY 82070

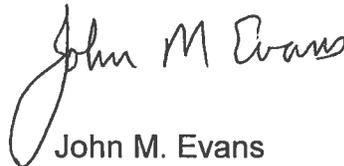
Dear Committee Members:

I am the owner of a quarter section of land (15 N 74 W 12 SW4 160.000 total acres) west of Laramie on the Laramie River. The proposed river trail west of town includes my property. I request that the proposed trail be removed from my property for the following reasons:

1. It would dramatically lower the value of my property since it would take all of my river frontage for the trail.
2. It would detract from my enjoyment of the land.
3. It would be contrary to my beneficial use of the property.

Kindly remove the proposed Laramie river trail from my property and respond in writing.

Sincerely,


John M. Evans

