

Minutes of PROSAB Meeting

June 17th, 2010 – 7:00 pm
Nederland Community Center

Present

- Keith Nowicki - PROSAB chair, Nederland Trustee
- Randy Lee - PROSAB member
- Starr Jamison – PROSAB member
- Ben Dereume – PROSAB member
- Joe Gierlach – Nederland Trustee

Items Discussed

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:

The new members Ben Dereume and Starr Jamison introduced themselves to the rest of PROSAB. General genial get-to-know-you discussion ensued for several minutes.

APPROVING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The only two PROSAB members (Keith and Randy) who were present at the last meeting voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 20th meeting. Starr and Ben abstained from the vote.

ELECTING OFFICERS:

After a short discussion it was decided to delay the election of the PROSAB officers of Vice Chair and Secretary until the next meeting as three members were not in attendance.

DECISION OF A NEW TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:

A quick discussion led to delaying the decision for time and date of official monthly PROSAB meetings because all of the members were not in attendance.

SCHEDULING A TRAIL SIGN FIELD DAY:

The PROSAB needed to take a field day to familiarize the new members to the completed work on the trails project in Nederland. Joe Gierlach offered to take the PROSAB on a short walk around the trails surrounding the elementary school, leading to Mud Lake Open Space and down towards the community center to initiate the process. A weekday evening was decided to be sufficient for the event. After consulting calendars, the date of June 21 at 6:30pm was decided upon.

Updates from Current Projects

TRAILS:

Randy Lee and Joe Gierlach provided an historic overview of the trails project. Currently the Nedsk8 is in possession of the trail markers and interpretive signs that are to be installed on the trails. Randy has discussed with Tim Underwood the need to install the signs and said that Tim suggested that he might be able to fit it into the public works schedule by September. As this was a significant time in the future, Randy suggested that perhaps PROSAB should look into enlisting Americorps to perform the work. Keith was tasked with talking to Tim Underwood about whether public works employees could use town equipment to dig holes for the signs, thereby accelerating the process.

SLASH PICKUP PROGRAM:

Keith Nowicki detailed the current status of the slash pickup program. The town of Nederland has received a grant which reimburses 40% of the costs of a municipal slash removal program. Ryan Ludlow, the director of the program, stipulated that the program must occur before July 15th, 2010. Keith was uncertain whether PROSAB volunteer activity would be desired for this effort as the last program was completed almost completely by town of Nederland public works during a single work day. Keith needs to speak with Tim Underwood concerning scheduling the slash pickup day and whether volunteer help would be desired.

WHITEWATER & GATEWAY PARK:

Randy Lee, as a Executive Director of Nedsk8, met with the Nederland DDA to discuss mutual sponsorship of a combined whitewater park/riverwalk project. Randy has already obtained an expression of interest by Boulder Flycasters to be cosponsors of this proposed project and would like to add the City of Boulder as well. Goals of the project would include in-stream improvements (kayak course), stream bank improvements (riverwalk), stream habitat improvements and water quality protection and improvements. The DDA voted unanimously to work together with NEDSK8 on this project. Randy said that the next step was to approach the City of Boulder to see if the City would be interested in participating, but he first wanted the BOT to back the effort, and wanted an expression of support for the project through the feasibility study/conceptual design stage. There was considerable discussion between Randy and Joe about whether this would commit the town to anything. Joe argued that it did, Randy said he was only seeking approval to proceed through the completion of a feasibility study and conceptual design, after which the BOT would have another opportunity to look at the project with more information available. A motion was made for PROSAB to urge the BOT to allow NEDSK8 to talk to the City of Boulder about participation in a whitewater course feasibility study, and passed unanimously

Adjournment