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Solid Waste Division

City Commission Discusses Options

The City Commission is currently considering a number of options related to the Solid Waste Division. In July of 2003, the City Commission voted in favor of constructing a waste transfer station at what is called the Mandeville Farm. A waste transfer station is a facility in which waste is collected, consolidated, and shipped to a landfill. The proposal had a projected cost of approximately \$7.5 million, however the lowest bid received was \$8.2 million. The bid results were presented to the City Commission and staff made a recommendation to build the waste transfer station as-bid.

On August 8th, the City Commission reviewed seven possible scenarios related to the future of the Solid Waste Department and eliminated three from consideration. Staff received direction to investigate the remaining four scenarios and provide the City Commission with additional information. The remaining scenarios are:

- Enter into private contract through a Request-for-Proposals (RFP) process;
- Build the transfer station as-bid;
- Re-examine the option to use City trucks to direct haul waste to the Logan landfill;
- Re-examine cost-saving opportunities which may include redesign, facility cutbacks and/or re-bidding.

A combination of two or more scenarios may also be considered. This item will next appear at a future City Commission agenda, the date has yet to be determined. For information on the Solid Waste Division—please visit www.bozeman.net.

City Commission Agendas

Available Online!

Are you interested in receiving the Bozeman City Commission agenda in your e-mail box? Log on to www.bozeman.net and click on the link "Subscribe to City Commission Minutes, Agendas and Neighborhood News" and follow the directions. The agenda will be sent as an email the Friday before the next City Commission meeting.

city projects

Code Corner: Parkland Encroachment

What is Parkland Encroachment? Parkland encroachment occurs when a private person and/or business uses public land for private uses. Examples of encroachment include wood piles, sheds, tree and garden plantings, debris and storage of equipment such as lawn mowers. If a publicly-owned space appears to be an extension of a backyard – it is likely an encroachment.

Encroachment causes publicly-owned spaces to become uncomfortable for those wishing to use it. Once privatizing of public space begins to occur, it is more difficult to remove and tends to spread. This results in a reduction of usable public open space / park areas and increasing the demands on City staff time in pursuit of removing it. Encroachment has been known to cause contentious feelings between neighbors if the area separates property lines, interrupts the “feel” of the park/open space and/or results in over use or degradation of the area.

Encroachment interrupts the City staff's ability to provide services to residents. Maintenance becomes more difficult and time-consuming when staff is forced to work around encroachments until notice can be given. This adds time and cost to City services. Crews in the Sewer Division schedule maintenance activities on the sewer lines which can be located in parks. At times they must respond to emergency calls for plugged lines of slow sewer flows. Municipal Code 12.26.030 states the following Park Prohibitions:

- Dump dirt, grass and tree clippings or dig, remove, plant or deposit soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs or plants or other wood or materials, or make any excavation by tool, equipment or other means or agency except as authorized by the director;
- Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary, or run or string any public utility into, upon or across park property, except on special written permit issued hereunder
- Damage, cut, carve, mark, transplant or remove any plant, or injure the bark, dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure the natural beauty or usefulness of any area;
- Drive, operate or park any vehicle or trailer on park lands or trails, except as authorized by the director.

Working Together for Safe Neighborhoods: *Law Enforcement and the Community Alcohol Coalition*

The Bozeman Community Alcohol Coalition (CAC) and our local law enforcement officers have been working together to raise awareness about responsible alcohol consumption, impacts of alcohol and parties on our neighborhoods, and safe and respectful interaction with police.

In September, the new Safe Neighborhoods Initiative brochure will become available for Bozeman residents. The brochure is intended as a resource for people hosting a party in a residential neighborhood and for surrounding neighbors. Current state laws and helpful tips from local law enforcement are included to increase safety, improve neighborhood relationships, and reduce the likelihood of police involvement. The brochure will be included in the September water bill and additional copies may be requested by contacting the Neighborhoods Program at 582-2258!

Call for Nominations: *Beautification Nominations Needed*

The Bozeman Beautification Advisory Board is accepting nominations for the annual Beautification Awards. Nominations may be submitted by mail to the Bozeman Beautification Advisory Board, P.O. Box 1230, Bozeman MT 59771-1230 or by email to beautification@bozeman.net and must be received by Wednesday, August 17th at 5pm. Please include photos of the property you are nominating. Categories are open but have, in the past, included: Exceptional Signage, Inviting Outdoor Space, Improved Commercial, New Commercial, Neighborhood Revitalization, Multi-Family Housing, Landscape Preservation, Private Residential Landscape, Historical Landscape Enhancement, Cultural Contribution, and Vacant Lot Beautification.

The awards ceremony will be held on October 20, 2005 at 7pm at the First Interstate Bank Downstairs Conference Room, 202 West Main Street. This is a great way to recognize a neighbor, business or group effort! Join the fun!

Landscaping Requirements: *Quick Facts*

The City of Bozeman has requirements for landscaping as part of its development regulations. At least 75 percent coverage of an area with natural grass, vegetative groundcover or other natural living plant materials, the remainder of which is covered with non-vegetative decorative landscape design elements such as washed rock, lava rock, bark chips and ornamental features such as pools, fountains, benches, etc.

No portion of the definition requires any particular species. The use of 100% native and/or drought tolerant plants to meet the standard is not only acceptable but is encouraged. These plants can be shrubs, groundcovers, flowers, and grasses. A wide array of options exists for the landowner to utilize. The key elements are careful thought and planning, coupled with careful installation and responsible maintenance. For more information on landscaping – visit www.bozeman.net/planning and select "Landscaping Requirements in Bozeman".

spotlight

Community Events Around Bozeman



Sweet Pea Parade—
Thank you Sweet Pea
Volunteers!



Music on Main—Thank you Downtown
Business Association!

August is a busy month for celebrating in Bozeman! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Sweet Pea Festival, the Downtown Business Association for bringing music to downtown each Thursday evening in August, and to the Emerson for coordinating Wednesday's Lunch on the Lawn series. Upcoming Events include:

Hot Lunch, August 17th from 11:30-1:30 on the Emerson lawn;

Haldon Wafford and the Hi-Beams , August 18th from 7-8:30pm at Music on Main.

neighborhoods

Bozeman Creek Neighborhood *BCNA*

Appeal of Administrative Interpretation—An appeal has been filed with the City of Bozeman. The appeal is regarding a Classification of Use made by the Planning Office relating to the Northwest Energy Replacement and Upgrade of 3500 Linear Feet of Power Lines and Poles along the east side of South Rouse lots. If you would like more information on the BCNA Council's stand—please contact Frank Munshower, President at 587-4324.

Neighbors are making a Vision a Reality—Many thanks and congratulations to the residents who have worked diligently to seek partnerships with a variety of groups to help protect the Bozeman Creek corridor. The Trust for Public Land has become involved in efforts and residents will continue to work on involving the City. For more info –contact KC Cassidy at 586-5303.

Marwyn-Lindley Neighborhood *MLN*

City Invites Neighborhood to Meeting re: Ski Trails – The City invites all residents of the Marwyn-Lindley neighborhood to join a meeting on Thursday, August 25th from 7-8pm at the Bozeman Public Library. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive information regarding the Ski Foundation's proposal to purchase and use snow-making equipment for public use at the Lindley Center ski trails. Residents will have an opportunity to provide input for considerations and recommendations for noise, hours of operation, communication, etc. A Neighborhood Notice will be distributed in the upcoming week. For more information—call Tracy Oulman at 582-2258.

Marwyn-Lindley Annual Picnic– The neighborhood's annual picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 28th from 5-10pm at Lindley Park Pavilion. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite dish to share and plan to spend the evening catching up with old friends and meeting new neighbors.

Neighborhood Handbook – A Marwyn-Lindley Neighborhood Handbook is currently in the works! The publication will include the neighborhood's current covenants, applicable City ordinances and regulations, and information on R-1 zoning as well as the history of the neighborhood.

New Hyalite View Network *NHVN*

Parkland Encroachment—The “finger park” design on New Hyalite View's parks was a popular model in the early 60s and provides some wonderful recreational opportunities for the neighborhood and the community at large. A walking survey by the Parks Division was recently completed in the New Hyalite View Subdivision identifying park encroachments. Letters will be mailed over the next few weeks notifying property owners of problems and providing them a time frame to remove the items in the park. Please check your yards to make certain you are not inadvertently encroaching into the unique park system and be proactive in removing any materials or plantings which will be considered encroachment upon City review.

Northeast Neighborhood *NENA*

Blight Designation - On Monday, August 1, the City Commission voted 4-0 (Commissioner Krauss was absent) in favor of a resolution declaring areas of blight exist within a study area located within the northeast neighborhood boundaries. On Monday, August 15th the resolution officially designating that blight exists will appear on the City Commission's Consent Agenda.

The City Commission gave staff direction to include language in the resolution stating the use of eminent domain will not be used to acquire land for private development. *A copy of the revised resolution appearing on the Consent Agenda can be picked up at the City Clerk office (City Hall – 411 East Main) after 4:30pm on Thursday, August 11th.*

The blight designation would then result in City Commission direction to create an Urban Renewal Plan. The City Commission would likely begin soliciting applications to serve on a committee responsible for creating the plan. Applications would be available from Robin Sullivan, Clerk of Commission, 411 East Main. *Members of the public are encouraged to apply.*

The Mill District Proposals— Two consecutive proposals have been received by the Planning Department related to the Mill District. A proposal for a Minor Subdivision to create 2 lots from the existing 9 lots at the Mohlerway Motors location has been received. A Site Plan has also been received for two buildings. Both buildings are proposed to include commercial lease space on the ground floor and residential condominiums on the second and subsequent floors. Please visit the Planning Department to view the proposals and call 582-2258 if you would like to receive materials from the July 25th Neighborhood Meetings on the topic. The City Commission will review and vote on the proposals on September 12th.

Northeast Neighborhood Potluck—Saturday, August 13 at 6pm at 710 East Fridley. Bring a dish to share, musical instruments, merriment and witty conversation. Meet neighbors and discuss issues.

Southeast Neighborhood *SENA*

The SENA Summer Social is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th from 6:30-9:30pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church (2118 South Third Avenue).

It'll be a potluck dinner with your friends and neighbors! First letter of your last name determines your potluck dish: A-G, please bring a salad H-S, please bring an entrée T-Z, please bring a dessert

Please bring your potluck dish to share, and something to drink (BYOB beer and wine is fine, and oh, please bring serving utensils,

too!) SENA will provide plates, napkins, cutlery, etc.

Statement of Neighborhood Character and Standards—The final draft of the SENA Statement of Neighborhood Character and Standards has been completed. The 2 page document is written to provide new residents, renters, property managers, realtors, etc with a brief history of the neighborhood, describe the neighborhood's character, zoning designation, and expectations for responsible property management. Copies of the statement will be provided to all property management companies in Bozeman.

@ Our Library

"Live! @ Your Library Creative Workshops for Kids" start in August thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Library Foundation. Kids ages 6 to 13 can choose from ten different workshops offered during the month of August. Registration is required for all workshops. Please call the Children's Desk at 582-2404 to sign up for the following free workshop this coming week: [Young Scientists' Workshop](#) with Montana Outdoor Science School on Friday, August 5. Two sessions of fun and messy science explorations for ages 6-12.

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Send submittals to

toulman@bozeman.net or call 582-2258 for more information.

community

MSU—History Comes Alive at the Farm!

Museum of the Rockies - Each summer watch daily demonstrations and children's activities such as gold panning, quilting and spinning, rug weaving, soap and basket making, homestead laundry day, and children's games. Summer 3 p.m. tours of the historic Tinsley House. Summer 11 a.m. tours of the heirloom and Mandan-style Native American gardens.

Join us each September for the Fall Farm Festival. Visit the living history farm during the harvest season and enjoy the heirloom and the Native American gardens once more before the frost comes. Learn some of the crafts and skills from our homestead heritage. Included with museum admission.

Kids— Goldfish Swim will be held on Sunday August 21st. Goldfish will be released at 3 pm and we will have a greased watermelon contest at 4p.m. The last full moon swim of the summer will be August 19th from 9-11p.m. Bogert's last day will September 5.

Seniors—

A Summer Sunday in the Park is hosted by the Senior Center every August in Centennial Park. Free ice cream, an exhibit of antique and collectible cars owned by members of the Bozeman Antique Auto Club, horse and buggy rides, and performances by singing groups make this an "old-time classic" event.

Out and About—The Bozeman Senior Center has provided senior travelers with an extensive choice of local, national, and international trips for over 20 years. All of the Bozeman Senior Center trips are escorted by an experienced member of the Senior Center to provide a safe and secure atmosphere and greatest enjoyment by the traveler.

Local Trips of 1 to 4 days duration have been to attractions such as: the Charles M Russell Museum and Giant Springs in Great Falls, the Accordion Festival in Phillipsburg, Jet-boating up Hells Canyon on the Snake River in Idaho, The Playmill Theater in West Yellowstone, Firehouse 5 Playhouse in Livingston, the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody Wyoming, the Charlie Russell Chew Choo in Lewistown, Holiday Lights at the Coeur d' Alene Resort in Idaho, Entertainment in Jackpot Nevada, and Vigilante Players in Virginia City. Call 586-2421 for more information.