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MONOLITH RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 08, 2012
2:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee will meet at the Historic Carnegie Building (405 Grand Avenue), 1st Floor Conference Room

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rich Elliott, Cal Van Zee, Dave Paulekas, Joe Lord and Paul Rechar
Members Absent: David Evertson
Staff Present: Dee Moody
Guest Present: None

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No comment

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 16, 2012

MOTION BY LORD, seconded by Rechar, to approve the committee minutes from August 16, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- **Committee Member Applications:** The Ranch Advisory Committee currently has two vacancies. Two applications for Boards and Commissions have been received and were presented to the Committee. The applications were from Jason Sherwood and David Evertson. **MOTION BY PAUKELAS**, seconded by to accept Jason Sherwood and David Evertson to fill the two current vacancies on the committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **Ranch Gravel Pit:** Correspondence has been received from Department of Environmental Quality, Brian Goodnough. There has been a request from DEQ to place a 6 or 8 foot berm surrounding the pit area. Cal VanZee requested that a fence be installed rather than a berm and the fence proposal was approved by DEQ rather than a berm. Both the fence and signage have been installed at the pit. The expense of (\$67.43) for sign installation was charged to 510.7035.461.4364 and fence expense of \$2,085.00 was charged to 510.7035.461.4370.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **Standing Report from Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee:** The committee is studying 25 park service areas and the Monolith Ranch is not included in any of these studies. The emphasis is on establishing a “dog park” in one of the service areas. The completion date for the report has been moved to March 1st, 2013.
- **Monthly Report from Water Resources Specialist:** Committee members reviewed the report presented and took note of the \$40,000 received from Baer Livestock for hay for the contract year of 2012-2013. On October 29, 2012 the check was coded to account 510.0000.361.1600, Miscellaneous Revenue Sources, Monolith Ranch Hay

Contract. The committee has not been advised of any progress on hiring a new Water Resource Specialist.

- **Pivot Update:** A pre-bid meeting was held on November 6, 2012 and three companies were represented. The City also received a letter from a company in Greeley, CO that they were declining to present a proposal. Proposals are due on November 28, 2012 for review. There was a discussion of who will review the proposals and what input for a recommendation will be requested from RAC. It may be advantageous to consult with Steve Davidson concerning the best proposal to accept.
 - **Simpson Springs House – Structural Integrity:** The report from Jeff Meacham was reviewed by the committee. It appears that there is severe damage to the house due to years of environmental exposure. The lease indicates that the Lessee may use the house for ranch employees; however it is the responsibility of the City to make sure that the house is habitable. **MOTION MADE BY VANZEE, seconded by Paulekas,** to have the City Attorney review the structural review report and the ranch contract to determine liability issues regarding keeping or eliminating the building. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - **Simpson Springs Wells:** Monitoring wells 1 and 2 are complete; drilling site has been moved for monitoring well 3. Rich provided a report from Weston Engineering regarding the progress of the project.
 - **Water Rights Transfer Reports:** Nothing Specific to be discussed
 - **Meteorological Tower:** No information has been received from Jon Naughton
 - **Potential Modifications to RAC Purpose:** Reiterated that meetings will be held quarterly
- V. **SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: MOTION BY VANZEE,** seconded by Lord, to set the next meeting date for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 2:00pm. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VI. **SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**
- Standing Report from Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
 - Monthly report from Water Resource Specialist
 - Pivot Update
 - Simpson Springs House – Structural Integrity
 - Simpson Springs Wells
 - RAC Resolutions
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT:**
MOTION BY VANZEE, seconded by Lord, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Dee Moody, Secretary

Date