

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 4:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. 21st & Wyoming Boulevard Property Discussion (Memo from VH)
2. Platte River Trails (Angela Emery)
3. Amendments to 2015-2016 CDBG Plans (Liz Becher)
4. City Manager Report
5. Future Agenda Review
6. Council Around the Table

February 29, 2016

MEMO TO: Honorable Daniel Sandoval, Mayor

FROM: V.H. McDonald, City Manager 

SUBJECT: Property Located at 21st Street and Wyoming Boulevard

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that use of the property located at 21st Street and Wyoming Boulevard remain as is for the foreseeable future.

Summary:

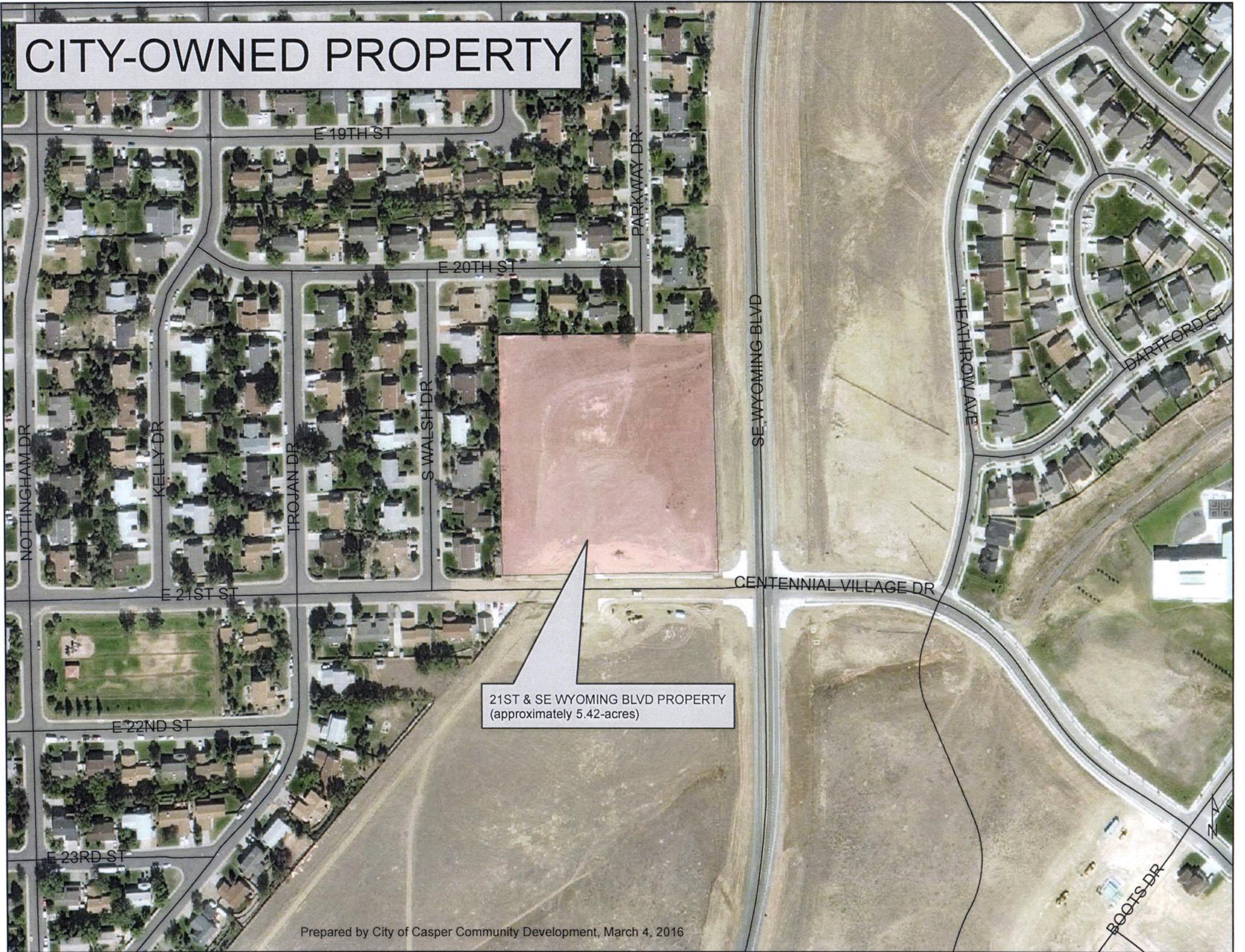
In the summer of 2015, City owned property located at 21st Street and Wyoming Boulevard was identified to trade for property located on Casper Mountain that contains the Bridle Trail. Consequently, it was determined to not trade the 21st Street Property for the Bridle Trail property.

Subsequent to that decision, various proposed uses of the land have been discussed by various individuals. Staff recommends retaining the current use of the property as a snow storage area. This recommendation is based on the amount of designated snow routes in the adjacent area of the community, including collector, arterial, school, and emergency routes.

In addition, it is doubtful the City's current and anticipated near term economic conditions would provide the resources needed to maintain the property for any other purpose.

CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

21ST & SE WYOMING BLVD PROPERTY
(approximately 5.42-acres)



February 29, 2016

TO: His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of City Council
FROM: Angela Emery, Platte River Trails Trust Executive Director
SUBJECT: 2015 Annual Report and 2016 Preview of Upcoming Projects

Recommendation:

No recommendation:

Summary:

The Platte River Trails Trust and the City of Casper have forged a successful partnership over the past 37 years that has resulted in over 10 miles of river trail, 3 miles of rail trail and upcoming trails to the west and south. The PRTT would like to *thank* the City for supporting our mission to build a community trails network and to share with City Council our accomplishments from 2015 and our ambitious plans for 2016 and beyond. Work is underway now on the rehabilitation of the Amoco Park trailhead, the oldest park along the river trail. City staff and the PRTT are working diligently to resolve easement issues on Robertson Rd. to allow for summer construction of a much needed trail in this area. We soon begin the process of selecting a consultant to finalize design on the Casper College to 29th St. trail that is Phase I of a 3 phased project to create a safe and separate trail from downtown Casper to Casper Mountain.

Trails and tourism infrastructure are increasingly important for our community today. Good trails, along our river, through our town and on the mountain are key factors to drawing and keeping tourists in our community to stay overnight, eat a meal or two and shop. The energy sector had 4,400 fewer jobs in October of 2015 compared with the same month in 2014, a decrease of 16.2 percent. Many of those jobs were right here in Natrona County. Those losses were offset by strong hiring in the tourism sector stateside, which added 3,100 jobs. But while extractive minerals industries still account for a majority of Wyoming's, and Natrona County's, financial base, two other industries have been trying their hardest to make up the difference: tourism and construction. The PRTT believes that good trails, along our river, through our town and on the mountain are key factors to drawing and keeping tourists in our community to stay overnight, eat a meal or two and shop.

The PRTT Board would like to thank the City of Casper for supporting trails infrastructure in our community. Our grass roots, citizen led organization is dedicated to continuing to work on our mission to create a network of trails throughout the great Casper area. Thank you!



2016
Annual Report

Platte River Trails

VISION

To inspire our community to embrace trails.

MISSION AND ORGANIZATION

The mission of the Platte River Trails, formerly known as the Platte River Parkway Trust, is to develop a river pathway while preserving the scenic, natural and historic value of the North Platte River, and to assist with the development of a network of trails that contribute to our community's economic vitality and quality of life.

OUR VALUES

Quality of Life

Environmental Stewardship

Health and Recreation

Historical Preservation

Citizen Involvement

Public – Private Partnerships

Transportation and Safety

Leadership in Pathways and Trails



A passion for TRAILS



Heidi Walker
Board President

What an exciting time along the trail! It is such an honor to serve on a board with such talented, dedicated people with the vision & energy to keep making great things happen. The new door locks make the restrooms available during daylight hours and in the spring there will be a new water fountain for people and pets. Watch for the work

extending the trail up towards the mountain starting at Casper College and work to improve the parking at the Amoco Park with it's new Learning Circle. It has been privilege to serve as President of this fine board for the past two years and I look forward to continuing my service as we move forward with visions for a better trail experience for all.



Angela Emery
Executive Director

As they say, time flies when you're having fun and sometimes I can't believe that 2016 will be my 17th year with the Platte River Trails Trust. I am honored and inspired by the many trail advocates and donors, board members, and city, county and state agency staff I have had the pleasure of working with for close to

20 years. There is great momentum for trails in our community and our state, and the Platte River Trails Trust will be working hard this year and beyond to develop our current and future projects for all to enjoy. See you on the trail!

Our HISTORY

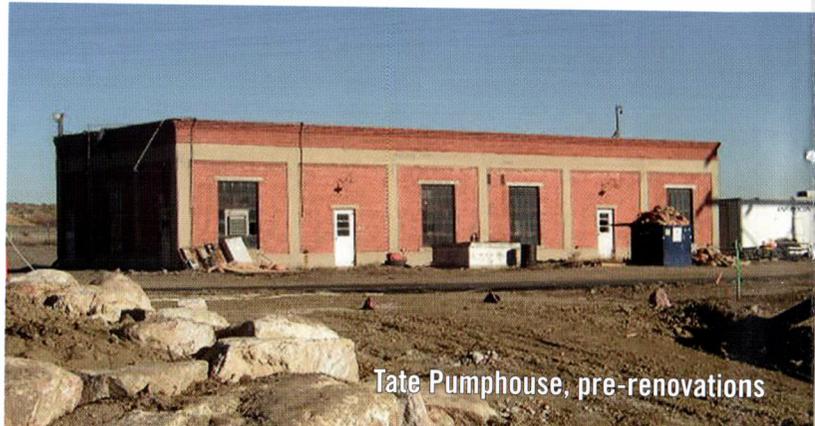
Grassroots and Citizen Led

The idea to reclaim the river corridor through the development and construction of a pedestrian trail system started in 1968 with a City appointed steering committee. From the beginning, the Platte River Trails Trust (PRTT) has been a grass roots organization determined to accomplish its goals through public/private partnerships with input from citizens and user groups. Incorporated in 1982, the citizen led PRTT has constructed over

10 miles of river trail, a Trails Center, 2 miles of rail trail and spearheaded clean-up, preservation and proper development of our great jewel, the North Platte River Corridor. Today our river trail is a central thread through our community that links 10 City parks and recreational areas. We are our community's trail advocacy group that is dedicated to creating a trails network throughout the greater Casper area.



The 1968 Steering Committee



Tate Pumphouse, pre-renovations

We're Working For You



Platte River Trails Board of Directors

BACK ROW - L-R

Donna Hoffman*, Todd Wykert, Elliott Ramage, Art Boatright, Lacy Crowder, Dick O'Hearn*, David Hough, Chris Michelson, Al Conder*, Zach Hutchinson, Jeff Goetz*, Kendall Bryce, Keith Tyler

FRONT ROW - L-R

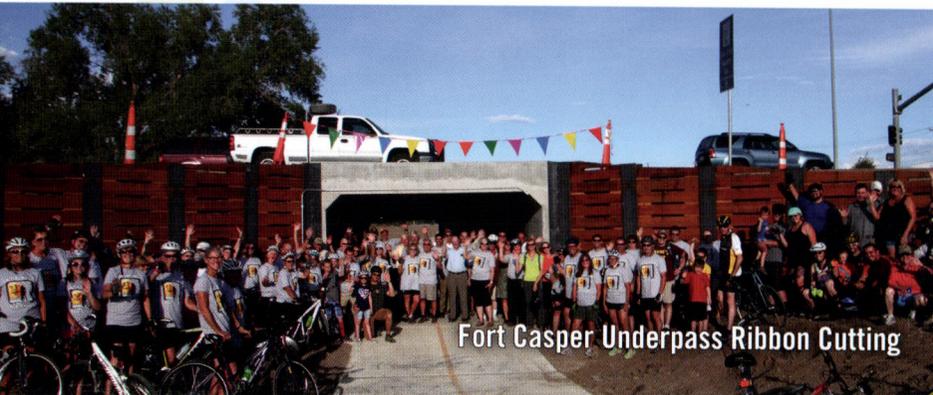
Nancy Witzeling, Pam Mills, Joni Sides, Bart Rea, Angela Emery, Eric Easton, Heidi Walker, Bruce English, Clarke Turner

Not Pictured: Scott Buckingham, Miguel Leotta, Luis Martinez, Dan Coryell, Jolene Martinez*, Pete Meyers**

**Ex-Officio Member*

A few **2015** Accomplishments

- 1** | Completed the long anticipated Fort Casper Underpass.
- 2** | Created the Bart Rea Learning Circle in Amoco Park, our flagship river front park.
- 3** | Hosted the 2015 Trails Summit in partnership with Wyoming Pathways at the Tate Pumphouse.
- 4** | Received a WYDOT-TAP grant for Phase 1 of the Casper College to Rotary Park Trail.
- 5** | Assisted in the creation of the Respect Our River committee that installed 5 life jacket loaner stations along the river.
- 6** | Supported the Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources committee bill to create a state wide bike/pedestrian plan.



Fort Casper Underpass Ribbon Cutting



RESPECT OUR RIVER Life Jacket Loaner Station

THE TATE PUMPHOUSE

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

The PRTT Board has recently completed, and is currently working on, several excellent projects that will make the Tate Pumphouse a major destination point along our River Trail including:

- A timed lock on the west door of the Pumphouse that allows the public access to the restrooms during daylight hours, 7 days a week
- A dedicated outdoor exercise area
- A human/doggie water fountain at the west door of the Pumphouse
- A fenced dog park on the west end of the Pumphouse site



FORWARD MOMENTUM FOR TRAILS

With all of our great work last year, 2016 will be a year of action for trails in central Wyoming. We have two trail projects ready for construction in spring and summer of 2016, the Amoco Park trailhead rehab and the Robertson Road underpass and trail. We will also complete our plans for Phase I of the Casper College to Rotary Park project and work on additional grants for Phase I and Phase II of this exciting project. Stay tuned!



AMOCO PARK TRAILHEAD REHAB

Amoco Park is the flagship park along the Platte River Trails and the home of the new Bart Rea Learning Circle. Amoco Park was the first property gifted to the PRTT by the Amoco Oil Company in 1985 and the first park to be constructed on the new river trail system. Upgrades to the Amoco Park trailhead in 2016 will make this very popular park more accessible and user friendly. Upgrades will include construction of a completely new lower parking area with striping and additional handicap accessible parking and reconstruction of the 30 year old upper trail north of the trailhead. Construction, by local contractor Grizzly Construction with engineering provided by Inberg-Miller Engineers, is scheduled to commence in March of 2016.



ROBERTSON ROAD TRAIL & UNDERPASS

Casper's west side of town has experienced tremendous growth in the past few years and the PRTT is excited about improving non-motorized transportation options for all of the new neighborhoods and school children in this area with this exciting project. This project dovetails with a City of Casper trails project that will provide a safe and separate trail from Oregon Trail School north past several residential subdivisions. The PRTT project will begin where the City's project terminates, a bit south of the Rocky Mountain Power substation, and travel north towards Poison Spider Rd. Just past the Pacific Power substation the trail will pass under Robertson Rd., via a pedestrian underpass, to the east side/riverside of the road and terminate at the entrance to the River Park on the River subdivision.



CASPER COLLEGE TO 29TH STREET TRAIL

This project is Phase I of a 3 phased project to create a safe and separate trail from Downtown Casper to Rotary Park on Casper Mountain. The project includes installation of a sidewalk from the intersection of College Drive and Wolcott Street to the main entrance of Casper College. From there, the safe and separated 10 ft. wide trail will travel south along the Mountain Rd./Hwy. 251 south to 29th St. This project will be beneficial for the community for many reasons including, 1) Significantly upgrades the intersection of College Drive and Wolcott Street, creating a walkable and bike-able entry way to Casper College, 2) Connects to the City of Casper's new bike lane along Durbin Street and create a safer route between the College and Downtown Casper, and 3) Connects neighborhoods south of the College, along the Mountain Road to the College and downtown.

EDUCATION *on the Trail*

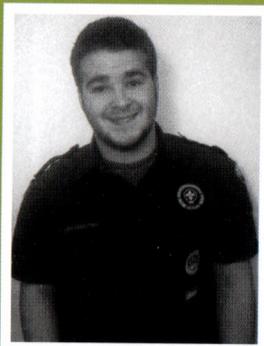
Science & Ecology Field Trips, River Habitat, Animal & Plant Studies



Our community's trails provide an excellent venue for education and hands-on learning. In 2016 the PRTT will begin working on an Education Toolkit that can be used by trail users and educators. We plan to partner with local experts to develop activities related to the river, history, nature and the environment to offer an interactive experience along our trails.

LOCAL BOYSCOUT CHASE BROOME RECORDS STATS FOR THE FIRST TRAILS COUNT

Over two days, Broome and a group of volunteers counted at the Fort Caspar Underpass, the Tate Pumphouse, Crossroads Park and the North Casper Sports Complex pedestrian bridge. The project spanned over 12 hours.



Over 1,000 people used the trails during a 12 hour period

61% of all users were estimated between the ages of 19-50

56% of all users were male.

66% of all users were pedestrians.

This category includes strollers, skateboards, roller blades, and other means of non-motorized transport that are not bicycles.

49% of all cyclists wore helmets.

However, helmet use was much higher near Fort Caspar (66%). This could be due to rider awareness of Wyoming Boulevard right next to the trail while the other locations were entirely separated from the street system.

HEALTH *on the Trail*

Exercise, Nature, Meditation, Fresh Air

"A prescription to walk 30 minutes per day could be one of the most important prescriptions a patient could receive."

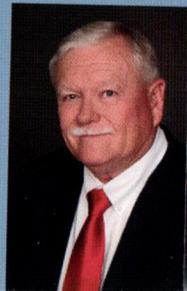
- Journal of the American Medical Association

"From current evidence, we find that urban river parkways can improve physical, mental, and community health, and that they are particularly important in offering opportunity for 'green exercise' –physical activity in the presence of nature."

- UCLA's Center for Occupational and Environmental Health

"My wife Susan and I use the Platte River Trails all seasons of the year. For the last 20 years we have enjoyed walking, jogging, and bicycling on the trails. Our two daughters and 5 grandchildren enjoy it when they visit us in Casper. We enjoy the expanded system and look forward to the expansion along the Platte River and up and down Casper Mountain. We tell all the travelers staying at local hotels about the Platte River Trails and they say they really enjoy its availability and use it whenever they can. We recently saw the 36 miles of pathways in Jackson Hole and hope our future is as many, if not more miles of pathways in Casper. Thank you for the great natural exercise resource in Casper."

- Senator James Anderson



WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Ways to make an



RIVER FEST

CASPER'S MOST POPULAR FESTIVAL

August 20, 2016

Alongside thousands of Casper citizens, enjoy live music, delicious food, family fun, craft beer tasting and Casper Rotary's Great Duck Derby.

Party WITH YOUR PUP

July 14, 2016 - Tate Pumphouse

Party With Your Pup and enjoy a tail wagging good time! A FUNdraiser for pet amenities near the Platte River Trails Pumphouse; more fun for dogs! The event includes a "Yappie Hour," activities, live music and treats for both owners and pets.



May 14, 2016

Each year the Spring Clean-Up brings individuals, companies and community groups together to help us clean up the riverfront trail and Rail Trail before the active summer season.



Mile Marker Program

Your business logo and name will be in front of thousands of people who walk, run, cycle, Rollerblade, fish and kayak along the Platte River Trail each year! Sponsor two sides of a mile marker for maximum exposure along the 10.5 mile trail.

Reserve your Mile Marker by April 10, 2016 to ensure availability.

To learn more about sponsorship levels opportunities, contact Angela Emery,
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2015 REVENUE

UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS	\$63,000	5%
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	\$127,000	10%
ONE-CENT #14 GRANT	\$600,000	47%
CITY OF CASPER	\$50,000	3%
WYDOT GRANT	\$358,000	28%
MILE MARKER REVENUE	\$30,000	2%
PUMPHOUSE RENTALS	\$22,000	2%
RIVERFEST	\$35,000	3%
PARTY WITH YOUR PUP	\$9,000	>1%
OTHER INCOME	\$6,000	>1%
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	\$1,277,000	100%

2015 ASSETS

CASH & MONEY MARKETS	\$159,000
RESTRICTED CASH	\$129,000
RECEIVABLES	\$150,000
PATHWAYS & FIXED ASSETS	\$12,184,000
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$809,000
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(\$3,540,000)
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	\$9,891,000

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**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

Wednesday, February 17

Annual Meeting - Tate Pumphouse

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Spring Clean-Up

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Party With Your Pup - Tate Pumphouse

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Riverfest - Crossroads Park

March 8, 2016

MEMO TO: V.H. McDonald, City Manager

FROM: Liz Becher, Community Development Director
Joy Clark, Community Development Technician 

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to the FY 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan and Update to the Citizen Participation Plan

Recommendation:

Staff is seeking Council's direction on a proposed amendment to the FY 2015/2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and an update to the previously approved Citizen Participation Plan and authorization of the submission of the same to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Summary:

As a recipient of entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City wishes to solicit Community opinion in its proposed amendment to the FY 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan and an update to the previously adopted Citizen Participation Plan which is a part of the FY 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan.

The Housing and Community Development Division has prepared and published a draft of the Amendment and the Update which was made available as required by law, for the required fifteen day public comment period. Any community input received from the public comment period will be presented at the Public Hearing on March 15, 2016. Any public comments received at the Public Hearing will be taken into account and presented with the final Amendment and Update documents.

Council approved the submission of the above-referenced Annual Action Plan, which addressed the plans for the use of CDBG funding, last April. HUD requires that entitlement communities re-allocate unexpended funds in its Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) as soon as projects present themselves for re-allocation. Based on the aged heating system in Building E on LifeSteps Campus requiring urgent replacement, staff is proposing to amend:

From unexpended funds in IDIS:

\$379,365.00 (Re-allocate to LifeSteps Campus Care Activity).

Staff proposes to re-allocate this funding for the removal of the boiler and all of the existing steam heat system components and replace it with a new hot water boiler and hot water heating

system components in Building E located on LifeSteps Campus, 1514 E. 12th Street, Casper, Wyoming. The new system conforms to the City's focus of energy efficiency and will benefit the tenants by providing a constant temperature throughout the building. Lower heating costs should also be a benefit of the new system.

The other Activities in the FY2015/2016 Annual Action Plan remain unchanged, and the total allocation remains at \$272,671. The projects listed in each Activity must meet one of three national objectives of the CDBG program: benefiting the low income population of Casper, addressing slum and blight, and/or urgent need. This project benefits the low income population as well as addresses an urgent need.

The second, and correlated component of this public hearing, is an update to the previously adopted Citizen Participation Plan which is a part of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY2015/2019), that includes the First-Year Annual Action Plan (FY2015/2016), and is required to coincide. The updated Citizen Participation Plan was available for the fifteen-day public comment period along with the amendment to the FY 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan.

With Council's direction to proceed with this amendment and update, staff is establishing a public hearing date in accordance with the City's current Citizen Participation Plan. To ensure the public hearing is meaningful to the citizens, law requires that it be held in the presence of the Mayor and City Council members. A resolution will be prepared for Council's consideration.