

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

February 14, 2022, Boardroom 4:00 pm

Attendance:

Members: Chris Stockman, Denise Klinger, Deborah Lukotch, Maci Echols, Scott Dreas, Kathleen Coughlin, Cindy Thompson
Zoom: Janet Conbuy,

Staff: Tom Judson, Corinne Morin, Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, Judy Griffin
Zoom: John Urquhart

Board: Jan Hagan, Jackie Gian

Guests: Ciara Marie Logan, Leader FAST TAP trail adopters maintenance program
Several POA members representing tennis players
Zoom: Emily Guffin, City of Bela Vista Trail Manager
Jeremy McGhee Pro Athlete, Adaptable Trail expert

Chris Stockman called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Guests Comments:

Tennis: Wanted to discuss court conditions, communication, and organized activities. Joan will meet with them next week and get more details.

Jeremy McGhee: Provided information on the 3-tier scale of adaptive trails.

Emily Guffin: Goal is not for every trail to be adaptive, just start thinking about, no action to take

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Branchwood
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Condition:

Saturday morning, 22 degrees, rec center was very active. Front parking lot almost full. I was there to attend a 9 am yoga class, it had ~18 participants, room close to capacity. People were playing racquetball, using fitness equipment, and I observed the end of the 9:30 Power H2O class, pool nearly full. Noted one person out walking. Exterior grounds in good shape.

Areas for Review:

- None noted this visit

Member Interactions:

I spoke to two small groups of people that are new to Bella Vista and were at Branchwood just "checking it out" to see what was available, observing class in session and looking for information.

Additional Observations:

I set out this month to attend as many fitness classes as I could based on availability and my schedule. I work full time, and outside of COVID, my office is in Bentonville.

I was able to attend the following POA classes:

- Chair Yoga-Kari Sborov
- Yoga Flow-Kari Sborov
 - Kari is a fantastic instructor, high energy, very accommodating to people at all different fitness levels. She really makes you want to come to class!
- Fitness 101-BG
 - BG was a wealth of information. Having never used fitness equipment before, this is a new area for me. I am interested in learning more, he made me aware of Rob Williams, personal trainer, who I will be taking instruction from next month. What a great resource to have available.
- Spin: This is difficult to get into due to high demand, 10 bikes available, offered twice a week. I was scheduled for a class, however, it was understandably cancelled due to the snowstorm. The next class I could get in is tonight, so that was not an option. Kari teaches this so I am anxious to attend and will when my schedule permits.

Amenity: Blowing Springs Recreational area
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Condition:

Park entrance, main park, Gear Garden and Arboretum look great.

No issues seen. Few campers at this time of year but the parking lots are consistently active from folks using the trails. The greenway is always active with runners, bikers and walkers with and without dogs. There is a Facebook group, "Bella Vista Back 40, Blowing Springs and Little Sugar Trail Conditions" for users to report on conditions. There is also a private FB page for the trail adopters.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: The FAST Mountain bike group started their Back 40 Superbowl ride from the back of the park on Sunday. I estimate 50 plus bikers.

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Condition:

Saturday morning, 22 degrees, one person with their dogs at dog park, another walking the path. The fence post concern was addressed, thank you. The back area of the large dog park fenced off due to mud, front area available for use.

Areas for Review:

From previous report:

- The large green garden hose still needs to be picked up, a trip concern
- The piece of softball fence still needs to be picked up, a trip concern

New note:

- A large black piece of plastic/tarp laying on the ground at the softball field

Member Interactions:

Chris Stockman received an email regarding a safety concern/theft at this parking lot, and concerns at all parking lots for POA parks and trail heads as follows:

From: **Wanda Lepillez Krug** <wlepillez@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 11:09 AM
Subject: Vandalism at POA Parking Lot Loch Lomond
To: <procraft185@cox.net>, <cstockman18r@gmail.com>

Dear Matthew and Christopher,

I found your names on the POA website, as heads of the Lakes and Recreation Committees, and I am writing to you both with a safety concern.

I am a Bella Vista resident living in the Highlands. My husband, Brad Krug, and I moved here in September 2021 from Colorado Springs, CO. and we are very happy to be here.

This past Sunday, February 6th, Brad and I drove to the parking lot by the dog parks and walking trails below the dam at Loch Lomond. We love walking by the water and enjoy that trail after work on many weekdays, as well as on the weekend for walks. I had thrown my purse in the back of the car to have my license, which Brad says never to leave in the car. Sadly, that day I made quite a mistake. When we returned from the hike around 3 p.m., we came back to see my rear passenger window behind the driver's seat completely shattered and my purse completely gone. What an invasive experience. We immediately called the BV police and Officer Mike Jaro gave us a claim # and recorded the theft and break-in.

I lost my driver's license, two credit cards, one debit card, my checkbook, BV POA cards, Library Card, Insurance Cards, AAA card..... you can just imagine how devastating this is. Of course, it has served as a strong lesson for me to never leave my purse in the car for any reason.

I am writing to you because as we discussed the situation with Officer Mike, he expressed his concern for the safety of all the BV parking lots near trailheads, as there has been a significant increase in criminal activity in each one. Video

surveillance would be a start to catch these thieves, and that would be in the hands of our POA, since these lots belong to the POA.

I am hoping we catch the criminals. They tried to write eight checks, which came into my bank to be cleared. Of course, they were stopped, but I'm hoping the paper trail will provide some evidence for tracking them down. I certainly don't want any of my good neighbors to experience a similar theft.

Thanks for listening, and hopefully you will address the safety concern with the appropriate committees.

Wanda Lepillez Krug

Additional Observations: None



Amenity: Tiree Park
Committee Member: Janet Conbuy
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Conditions: All equipment seemed in good repair. Lake down quite a bit exposing no real issues regarding the ramp or lake access. Restrooms were locked; port-a-potty relatively clean.

Areas for Review: None

Additional Observations: Remaining timbers from the horseshoe toss have been removed with area now level.

Member Interactions: No one was at the park.

Amenity: Lake Avalon Park
Committee Member: Janet Conbuy
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Conditions: All equipment seemed in good repair. All play venues were in good shape. Landscaping and grounds were well kept. No debris or litter anywhere.

Areas for Review: None

Additional Observations: None

Member Interactions: No one was at the park except individuals accessing the trailhead.

Amenity: Metfield Complex
Committee Member: Maci Echols
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Metfield Clubhouse: Everything looked good and clean. I counted 3 people working out. Even though you had to enter from the golf side, the lobby was well light and welcoming.

Member Interaction: None at the clubhouse. I did though however speak with the person behind the deck of the pro shop and had good things to say about the complex overall.

Metfield Park: Everything looked good and clean. No one was at the park only a few bike riders ridding through.

Member Interaction: None but I did find some reviews online. One person said was a great place for a family reunion, another said it's great for her 7-year-old to practice her scootering skills, another person took kids ranging from 4 -12 years old and all the kids had fun.

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis
Committee Member: Scott Dreas
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Condition:
Riordan Hall is in good condition. All meetings and activities were in progress and individuals working out. The bathrooms and locker rooms were good order with nothing to report. Riordan Hall will attempt to host the Spring Bazaar and will open vendor applications on February 21. A new Zumba instructor will start having classes at Riordan Hall on February 22. Kingsdale Pool is closed and winterized until next summer. The Kingsdale Pavilion is in good condition however I did find some graffiti and concrete patches that need repair. The playground is in good condition. The mini-golf course had a couple of players. The tennis courts were empty with no issues to report. The receptionist at the tennis center said the shelves were successfully installed. The privacy screening on the front of court 4 has some loose sections at the top

Areas for Review:
The small retaining wall on the path by the mini-golf course needs repair with some of the railroad ties falling out of the embankment. There are a few patches of concrete in the Kingsdale pavilion pad that needs repaired. There is some graffiti in front of the pop machine in Kingsdale Pavilion, pictures of all issues are attached.

Member Interactions:
The mini-golf players really enjoy the remodeled course.
One member using the hot tub/whirlpool commented that the water temperature doesn't seem to be as hot as it was before. Also, the thermometer has been removed so members can't see the temperature of the water.



Amenity: Lake Ann Boat Ramp and Park/Lake Ann Dam
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch (Mary Elizabeth Jones)
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Condition:
Visited parks on Sunday Feb 6, the weekend after the snowstorm. It was in the 40s', sunny day.
Lake Ann Park and Boat ramp had one boat trailer, one member playing fetch with his dog. The area was clean, everything well maintained, entrance road and parking lot clear and available for use.
Lake Ann Dam had 6 cars, couples walking their dogs, families playing along the waterfall area, people out walking in general looking at he falls

Areas for Review:

Lake Ann Boat Ramp and Park:

- There is a sign on the pavilion that states “Lake Use Permit required”, however it is no longer legible and needs to be replaced.

Lake Ann Dam:

- The hand sanitizer is missing from the porta potty at the top of the dam.

Member Interactions:

Spoke to member Eric at the boat ramp and park. He really enjoys the park, lives close by, comes daily with his dog, appreciates the fish cleaning station as he frequently fishes on Ann as well as Windsor. Stated the “best thing they did here” was to put in the new parking area last year. He said it really alleviated congestion with everyone coming out to swim.

Additional Observations:

There was a plastic card holder on the lake information sign with cards that state, “Subscribe Sporting update”. It includes information to sign up for the lake e-newsletter as well as a QR code. These were not available at London boat ramp. It would be a great to place them at all the boat ramp information boards. These boards may also be another way to advertise “What’s the Catch”. Kayak “storage” only had 2 empty slots, may need to consider additional racks in the future if the non-motorized registrations continue to grow.

The water fall area was highly photographed and all-over social media during the *snow event* for its beauty. The Dam was also all-over social media touted as the “best place to sled” in the area!



**A few “screen grabs” from social media regarding Lake Ann Dam during the snow event
Touted as the BEST place to sled in the area**

Thanks to everyone who suggested the Lake Ann dam for sledding. I had a blast! (So did my kids.)



Amenity: Tanyard Creek
Committee Member: Denise Klinger
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Condition:

I visited on Monday 1/7 at 10 am, there were NO cars in the lot. The lot was mostly plowed, sufficient for the cars needing spots currently. The trash cans were empty. The Pavilion was clean and free of debris. The restrooms were clean and heaters working. The trails and areas where people congregate were clean and free of trash.

The waterfall area has been completely remade. The fencing, and concrete observation deck have been removed so access is directly to the creek via a small slope. Since it would be impossible to keep people away, this was likely the safest option.

Areas for Review:

Due to the recent snowfall some of the side trails were very icy and unsafe to walk with overhanging icicles, so not all were inspected. The paved trail was also very icy in places. Does this get plowed and maintained?

Nothing to report from Randy Hamm and the Tanyard Volunteers.

Member Interactions:

Saw only one woman from a distance, there was really no one to speak with.

Additional Observations:

None currently.

Amenity: Gun Ranges
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Condition:

Snow covered during the weekend of February 5th. Paths were cleared for access to each range and there was about a dozen shooters on Saturday and one person on the rifle range on Sunday when I was there. No issues seen.

Areas for Review: I talked to Royce the range attendant and he mentioned supply chain issues with getting paper targets restocked and the Internet connection is poor.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: London Park
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch (Mary Elizabeth Jones)
Review Month/Date: February 2022

Overall Condition:

Visited the park on Sunday Feb 6, the weekend after the snowstorm. It was in the 40s', sunny day.

3 boat trailers. Area well maintained, entrance snow packed and very slick when trying to leave, had to back up and take a "run at it" due to ice and slight incline.

Areas for Review:

- The signs at the fish station are falling apart, need replaced.
- The vent on the wall in the men's restroom needs cleaning/painting.

Member Interactions:

No one around

Additional Observations:

Add the plastic card holder to the lake information sign with cards that state, "Subscribe Sporting update" as is at Lake Ann boat ramp. It includes information to sign up for the lake e-newsletter as well as a QR code. It would be a great to place them at all the boat ramp information boards. These boards may also be another way to advertise "What's the Catch".

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New Business:

- Joan provided a status update on the new closed loop trail and park on Berksdale West, behind Phatt Tire, funded by Trailblazers and grant money. Expect to break ground this year.

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: Tom will be giving a presentation on suggested renovations for Riordan Hall at the Working session 2/17 as well as the General session 2/24. If approved, work will take 9-12 months, and Grand Reopening in October 2023 will coincide with a 50-year celebration of the building. The updated facility will also have 24-hour access.

Joan Glubczynski: New tiny cabins at Blowing Springs waiting on electric parts for plumbing and landscape

Will coordinate Blowing Springs paving from office to end of RV park with city paving, to be complete by May 1. Fencing for Branchwood pickle ball courts should be installed by end of March. Joan also provided updates on spring classes, tennis court rebuilds, and work done on Branchwood hot tubs. Activity updates on Spring Bazaar, and Easter Egg hunt

Rick Echols: Provided updates on Loch Lomond draw down, Granton boat ramp, large dog park grass area and Lake Ann sink hole repairs. Dutch Elm disease causing issues, removed a tree at Tanyard, updating lake maps.

John Urquhart: Updates on gun range classes, remodel, and maintenance.

Judy Griffin: *Inside* goes to print this week, looking for input for POA community news to advertise.

Next Committee Meeting March 14, 2022, 4:00 pm Boardroom