

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL TOWN HALL
MEETING-ROSS PARK MASTER PLAN
JANUARY 29, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: The Town Hall meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Brian
ROLL CALL Blad and Council members Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston, Linda
Leeuwrik and Beena Mannan were present. Council members Heidi
Adamson and Roger Bray were excused. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911
North 7th Avenue.

Mayor Blad welcomed attendees to the meeting and turned the meeting over to John. Banks, Parks and
Recreation Director.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Mr. John Banks, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an overview of
ROSS PARK MASTER the Ross Park Draft Master Plan.
PLAN DISCUSSION

Mr. Banks gave a brief history of the park. Ross Park is considered the “gem” of Pocatello’s park system,
and has over 145 acres of available land. Approximately 95 acres are currently developed. Ross Park is
home to the City’s “Zoo Idaho”, Ross Park Aquatics Complex (RPAC), Skate Park, Municipal Band Shell,
Animal Shelter and Katie’s Dog Park, Fort Hall Replica and Pocatello Junction, and Bannock Historical
Museum.

Mission – To develop a 5- to 20-year Master Plan for Ross Park, based on community input and steering
committee guidance, which will enrich its recreational, cultural and tourist opportunities.

Vision – To guide the future development of Ross Park, while maintaining, nurturing and enhancing its
natural beauty and historical, educational and recreational features.

Goals –

- 1) Create a conceptual Site Plan for Ross Park – Identifying needed amenities and facilities.
- 2) Determine associated Cost Estimates
- 3) Develop improvements implementation strategy – for City Council consideration.

Mr. Banks also gave a brief overview of the proposed Zoo Idaho building which will house, a gift shop,
ticket booth and educational meeting rooms. Materials for the log cabin style building will be paid by
supporters such as the Zoo Idaho Society. However, funding to actually construct the building is still
needed.

Attendees asked questions regarding the plan and were allowed to place comments and suggestions on the
master plan displays.

Mr. Banks announced that comments regarding the proposed plan will be received until May 15, 2019. He
encouraged individuals to share their comments to help develop the plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Mayor Blad thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the
ADJOURN meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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APPROVED:

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

PREPARED BY AND ATTEST:

RUTH E. WHITWORTH, CITY CLERK