

Meeting No. 5  
of the  
INDIAN CAVES COMMISSION

Friday, May 8, 1964  
Office of the Mayor  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Present: Brooks, Brown, Conner, May, Wirth, Clark (chr.)  
(See item 6A and 6B for job and assignment list).

1. The Commission was pleased to learn that Mr. Conner, by letter of April 28 from Mayor Fraser, has been designated Special Counsel for the Commission. The minutes of the previous Commission meeting (April 10) prematurely stated this appointment. Also, Mr. Brown reported that the Billings Chamber of Commerce had agreed to contribute \$100 towards meeting expenses.
2. The rough draft of the "Progress Report" was examined critically and altered somewhat. Chairman Clark is to prepare a second draft, discuss the draft with Mr. Cox, then prepare and run off copies of the final draft. Mr. Cox will then present this draft to the City Council. With the "Progress Report" will go the two copies of the Highway Department lease, and a map of the area showing the details of the first development steps which are proposed for this summer. A copy of the final draft will be sent to each commission member.
3. Mr. Brooks presented a summary of the letters offering assistance. (A copy of the summary is attached). From this presentation and from subsequent discussion, a specific list of needed items and probable sources was developed. This list, with specific job assignments to Commission members, appears as item No. 6 below.
4. Mr. Conner presented a large-scale map of the Indian Caves property which he received from the Montana Highway Department. The map gives the information we need to locate corners for the on-the-ground survey of the property boundaries. Mr. Wirth will combine this map with his base map of the area, and insert proposed fence lines, parking lot area, picnic tables, privies, informational sign, and major trail. This composite map will then be reduced in order that a map may accompany each copy of the "Progress Report."
5. A suggestion was made that Mr. Ashley Roberts of the State Parks Division of the Montana Highway Department be sent a full set of minutes of the meetings of this Commission. Clark will send these.
6. Specific job list for various Commission members, to be done before our next meeting.

A. Listing of jobs, by jobs

(1.) Driveway and parking area gravel. Conner through Mayor Fraser will check with Mr. Sarrells on this.

(2.) Insurance. The question of liability coverage on the area came up. If the area is accepted by the City Council will it be covered by the general liability of the City? Mr. Conner will investigate this point.

(3.) Large Information Sign

a. Mr. Conner developed a good text for this sign, but the feeling was that we should enlist the help of Mr. R.H. Fletcher in preparing a text in the style of his Highway Department historical signs. Mr. Brooks will write Mr. Fletcher soliciting his assistance.

b. Construction of the sign has been promised to Mayor Fraser by the Highway Dept. Mr. Conner will check on this so that when the text is in hand, we can proceed quickly.

c. Erection of Sign. This job has not been arranged yet.

(4.) Surveying. Mr. Brooks will see Mr. Schmitt of the Montana Society of Engineers to try to arrange that Society members do the surveying and staking of the major property lines below the cliffs.

(5.) Map. Mr. Wirth is to prepare a composite map of the Caves property combining the large Highway Dept. map and his own base sheet, and showing property lines, and proposed fence, parking area, picnic tables, privies, sign location, and major trail. He will then reduce this map to roughly letter size.

(6.) Progress report. Clark will prepare a second draft, check it with Mr. Cox, then prepare a final draft. He is then to get sufficient copies to Mr. Cox to present to the City Council. Mr. Cox also will be supplied with the two copies of the proposed lease, plus a ditto copy for each Councilman, and also a copy of the map for each. In order that the new City Attorney, Mr. Thompson, has a chance to examine the lease before the Council meeting, Mr. Conner will see him and give him a copy.

(7.) Construction needs.

The following items will need to be arranged for in the actual completion of summer plans for the Caves area:

Caves area:

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| (a) Picnic table construction. | (g) Fencing materials                                      |
| * (b) Sign construction        | (h) Fence construction                                     |
| (c) Sign erection              | * (i) gravelling of parking area                           |
| (d) Privy construction (2)     | (j) trail construction                                     |
| (e) Digging of privy holes     | (k) Construction of direction sign on turnoff on Route 87. |
| (f) Spring development         |  |

The items marked \* are now being arranged for. The others will be arranged for as soon as (and if) the City Council accepts the lease and concur in the plans outlined in the "Progress Report."

B. Listing of jobs, by people.

<u>Commission Member</u>	<u>Job</u>	<u>Details - see item No.</u>
Conner	-gravel -----	6-A-(1)
	-insurance -----	6-A-(2)
	-sign construction ----	6-A-(3)-b
	-lease (Thompson) -----	6-A-(6)
Brooks	-write Fletcher re text for sign -----	6-A-(3)-a
	-surveying -----	6-A-(4)
Wirth	-prepare map -----	4, and 6-A-(4)
Clark	-Progress report -----	2, and 6-A-(6)
	-Set of minutes to----- Ashley Roberts	5,
Cox	-review draft, and----- present final draft to Council	2, and 6-A(6)

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission will be called after the City Council has acted on the "Progress Report" and lease.

Items accompanying these minutes.

1. Copy of lease.
2. Copy of letter from Mr. Fletcher to Ashley Roberts.
3. Copy of final draft (as approved by Mr. Cox) of the "Progress Report."
4. Copy of list of potential donors, as compiled by Mr. Brooks.