

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – April 24, 2013 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Woods, David McKinnon, Brandy Wilson, Jim Keller, Kyle Hemly and Brian Baker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Cook

STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Soggs and Carolyn Nitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Maneely, Ada County Chief of Staff, Meg Leatherman, Development Services

INTRODUCTION:

Chairman Paul Woods called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the March 27th meeting. Brandy Wilson motioned to approve the minutes, Jim Keller seconded; motion passes

AGENDA CHANGE

MOTION: David McKinnon motioned to add three (3) topics to the agenda; new proposed development by Shakespeare Festival, Ridge to Rivers and Bonneville Monument Park, Brandy Wilson seconded; motion passes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AVIMOR TRAILS:

Aaron Soggs reported there is no new development. They had the second quarterly meeting for Ridge to Rivers partnership but there are no changes in their stance at this time regarding taking the Avimor trails into the system. Discussion regarding the agenda change Ridge to Rivers followed and the following motion was made.

MOTION: Brandy Wilson motioned to advise the Ada County Board of Commissioners to consider a service alternative to provide additional funding to Ridge to Rivers for Fiscal Year 14. \$5,000 would be general funding for them to maintain the expanding group of existing trails and an additional \$5,000 contingent upon Ridge to Rivers accepting responsibility of a portion of the trails at Avimor. Jim Keller seconded; motion passes

BARBER POOLS:

Aaron Soggs reported Ada County would like to gain the islands next to Expo Idaho at the two bridges. The issue is the island is about 6 acres and Barber Pools is 30+ acres the values are too far apart, this is still in discussion.

HUBBARD RESERVOIR:

Discussion regarding maintenance and improvements for Hubbard Reservoir.

MOTION: Brandy Wilson motioned to recommend to the Ada County Board of Commissioners to include in Fiscal Year 14 budget improvements to Hubbard Reservoir, amount to be determined by the Parks Manager. Kyle Hemly seconded; motion passes

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS:

Tabled to the May 22nd Meeting.

BONNEVILLE MONUMENT PARK:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has approached the County to purchase or swap three (3) parcels of land adjacent to the Bonneville Monument Park. The Advisory Board has asked for the boundary description, acreage, and value of land when Ada County received the property.

NEW DEVELOPMENT:

Brandy Wilson mentioned that the sludge ponds adjacent to the Shakespeare Festival are proposed to be turned into a 17 to 20 home development known as the Barber Mills Estates. They want to rehab the ponds; this area is zoned as rural preservation in the County. They will be putting in an application with the city to change the zoning and annex the property into the city. The Shakespeare Festival has already said they will be opposing this because you are putting homes immediately adjacent to the amphitheater. The sludge ponds are accompanied by a berm which is between the Shakespeare Festival and the ponds. This berm would be removed and used to fill in the sludge ponds so the natural noise protection would be removed as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.