

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – April 22, 2015 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Cook, David McKinnon, Brandy Wilson, Kari Kostka, Mark Suderman, Kyle Hemly and Jim Keller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg and Carolyn Nitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Maneely, Board of County Commissioners

INTRODUCTION:

Chris Cook called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the March 25th meeting. Brandy Wilson motioned to approve the minutes, Jim Keller seconded; motion passes

AGENDA CHANGE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADA COUNTY BIKE PARK & PUBLIC RECREATION AREA:

Scott Koberg shared photos of the new flow trail bridge installation. We have received good reviews and everyone is happy to have it completed.

SWIMBA and BAMBBA are both involved in trail maintenance. Kore North Bicycles shop in Meridian has a lot of test rides at the bike park and they have expressed a sincere interest in helping out.

We have continued to add additional fencing with the help from Landfill.

IDAHO FOUNDATION FOR PARKS AND LANDS PROPERTY:

Ada County is hosting a meeting on Monday to discuss piezometer and trail easement needs. Scott is meeting with Don Belts who has taken the lead regarding to the initial concepts.

The bio solids are drying out quicker than they anticipated. The only restriction is the Park Center Bridge reopening. They are anticipating the bridge reopening July 11th.

GREENBELT PATHWAYS:

Scott Koberg shared his plan at the last meeting for moving up the Warm Springs Mesa greenbelt repair in exchange for the Penitentiary Canal project we have the money in our budget to match the grant but knowing that we cannot move on that until it is dewatered this fall. Scott asked if he could use that money to repair the Mesa greenbelt. Then make a request to supplement the money that was taken out, so far the proposal was not warmly received.

BOISE'S OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The Advisory Board revised their letter to the City of Boise.

MOTION: Brandy Wilson motioned to accept letter as written, Mark Suderman seconded; motion passes

NEW BUSINESS

EAST COLUMBIA PLANNING STUDY - BOISE CITY:

The City of Boise held their first meeting regarding the East Columbia sub area master plan. They have supplied Scott with a rough draft of the sub area master plan existing condition report. This plan is to help guide the city in planning for this area. They are calling it "Embracing the Edge." They mentioned the preservation of the Oregon Trail three times in the report. The first mention is on page 4 under "Historical and Cultural Resources" it specifically talks about the Oregon Trail. Also, mentioned on pages 7 and 8.

There are a handful of meetings scheduled; they are projecting an open house meeting in June.

ADA COUNTY BIKE MONTH:

Ada County's Bicycle committee has organized several events. Every Friday in May consistent with May in Motion and National Bike to Work Month we are hosting events. There is a proclamation on the 1st in the public hearing room at 1:00 and a ride with the Commissioners on the 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.