

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### **Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – July 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:** Commissioner Rick Yzaguirre, Board of County Commissioners, Meg Leatherman, Ada County Development Services and Sara Arkle, Boise City Parks and Recreation

**INTRODUCTION:**

Chris Cook 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 June 24th meeting. Brandy Wilson motioned to approve the minutes, Kari Kostka seconded; motion passes**

### *AGENDA CHANGE*

None

### *UNFINISHED BUSINESS*

**ADA COUNTY BIKE PARK & PUBLIC RECREATION AREA:**

We have been collaborating with Eagle City on a trails map. Eagle still has three trails to name. Eagle gave us a google map layer to combine with our map layer. The map will be posted onsite; we are waiting for the trail names before we can move forward.

Eagle City has held a public meeting for the rebuild of the skills park.

Dog off leash policy will be addressed in the future.

**IDAHO FOUNDATION FOR PARKS AND LANDS PROPERTY:**

We are negotiating the terms of the pathway and piezometer easement before the bio solids can be removed.

**GREENBELT PATHWAYS:**

The Penitentiary Canal greenbelt project is in flux the grant source comes through ITD and they have been difficult to work with in order to reach an agreement and a contract to move forward. We are trying to salvage the grant but it is looking like we will be looking for a different funding source.

If the Penitentiary Canal project falls through we will be looking at completing the Warm Springs Mesa project. This would happen in the spring when the asphalt plants open back up.

**BOISE'S OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Sara Arkle presented a Power Point presentation on the Open Space and Trails Reserve Management Plan.

**EAST COLUMBIA PLANNING STUDY - BOISE CITY:**

We do not have anything new to report.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**ADA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD:**

The Ada County Board of Commissioners formed this new board. There are three Ada County employees selected to be on the board; Scott Koberg, Selena O’Neal and Benny Poole. The intent of the group is to help determine what projects need to be accomplished on the Boise River. Ada County is going to match funding; ENEL has been asked to commit additional funding. There are seven projects submitted, two to three of projects are monitoring related projects and the other projects are riparian restoration projects. All projects are over budget, the group is looking for a project that rises to the top, has commitment from the group that will be able to be accomplished.

**BARBER PARK:**

The float season is going great. June was exceedingly busy; from opening through July 6<sup>th</sup> we were 83% higher.

We had a 2-3 acre fire in the natural area of the park. The cause was not determined but deemed man caused.

**RIDGE TO RIVER TRAIL PLAN:**

David Gordon with Ridge to Rivers is leading the charge. The basic strategy of the process is to comprise a representative citizen committee that would help formulate the plan in addition to the partner agencies represented by Ridge to Rivers. The intent is a very public process with a lot of open houses and public meetings. The tenor of the plan is intended to last ten years.

**TRANSPARENT AND ETHICAL GOVERNMENT:**

During the legislature the Transparency and Ethics in Government was revised. There was no content change but the fee for violation went up. The legislature moved it into its own title 74.

***ADJOURNMENT***

**Chris Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.**