

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### **Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – March 27, 2013 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chris Cook, David McKinnon, Brandy Wilson, Jim Keller and Brian Baker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Woods and Kyle Hemly

**STAFF PRESENT:** Aaron Soggs and Carolyn Nitz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kent Goldthorpe and Tiffany Coleman, Meridian City Parks Commissioner's, Steve Siddoway, Meridian City Parks Director

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Vice Chairman Chris Cook called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

**MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the February 27th meeting. Brian Baker motioned to approve the minutes, Jim Keller seconded; motion passes**

### ***AGENDA CHANGE***

Aaron Soggs would like to make an announcement at the end of new business for Tim Breuer, Land Trust of the Treasure Valley.

### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

### **AVIMOR TRAILS:**

Aaron Soggs reported he spoke with Lorna Jorgensen who has been working with the County Surveyor regarding the trail easement. The trails within the community have been surveyed but the trails outside of the community they were looking at getting easements for were not surveyed. The reason for not surveying the trails outside the community was because the cost was going to be astronomical, the plan was to pin it down to a township, range, section, quarter section and provide a map.

### **BARBER POOLS:**

Aaron Soggs reported the Board of Ada County Commissioners is in a preliminary discussion with the Foundation for Lands. They are discussing a possible swap of Barber Pools land for the Island and Bridges down by Expo Idaho in Garden City.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **MERIDIAN CITY PARKS:**

Steve Siddoway gave a power point presentation which covered an overview of the parks, pathways, events and other recreation programs.

Meridian Parks is very serious of a Rail to Trails program. They received an \$85k grant from Compass that would fund a study this year for the crossings. One of the main concerns from the Railroad is how

Meridian City is going to deal with the crossings at the arterial roads. The Railroad has 200' of right away; there is a lot of separation. Compass has also approved \$500k to their board in their planned development 2018-2019 for the first mile of trails. The Railroad is not excited about this and Meridian has been told no but they are not taking no for an answer yet.

Meridian has a master agreement with Nampa/Meridian Irrigation District and they are working on a similar agreement with the Settlers Irrigation District. These two districts cover 80% of the city. On pathways along the Drains/Creeks they will allow them without a fence. The pathways along the live water ditches require a chain link fence for separation from the water.

**HUBBARD RESERVOIR:**

Aaron Soggs reported that he looked back in the minutes and saw a reference to a Hubbard master plan however in all of the files we do not have a master plan or even a checklist of what was planned to take place there.

Aaron Soggs would like the Advisory Board to get him a list of items to be done.

**INVITATION TO BLACKS CREEK RESERVOIR CELEBRATION:**

Aaron Soggs extended an invitation for Tim Breuer to attend Blacks Creek Reservoir celebration on April 20th at 2 pm.

***ADJOURNMENT***

**MOTION: David McKinnon motioned to adjourn meeting at 1:06 p.m. Chris Cook seconded; motion passes**