

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – March 28, 2018 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kari Kostka, Jim Keller, Karen Danley (via phone), Mark Suderman, Marc Grubert, Julia Kertz-Grant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Cook

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg, Candy Hahlbeck, Mike Edwards

OTHER: Commissioner Rick Visser, Mitra Mehta-Cooper (Development Services), Lois Murphy (Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club/Western Riding Club), Gail McClennen (Ten Mile Horse Club)

INTRODUCTION:

K. Kostka called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

Motion: M. Suderman moved to approve the minutes. J. Keller seconded. Motion passed

For the April meeting, K. Danley would like to respond to M. Edwards' questions regarding Hubbard Reservoir from the February 28th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

S. Koberg noted the change in the format of the agenda.

The Ada County Year in Review for 2017 is now available for review on the Ada County website. The E-Bikes public hearing is Wednesday, April 11th at 6PM. Scott will provide a brief presentation and public input will follow. The Commissioners will make a decision on how to proceed with the proposed ordinance amendment. J. Grant inquired if this information will be posted on NextDoor.com. S. Koberg didn't think so, but some outreach could be conducted.

Department staff are currently working on the fiscal year 2019 budget that starts in October 1st. The operating budget for all county departments and offices will increase by 2%. Our preliminary personnel budget is due April 23rd and the full budget is due May 14th.

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COORDINATOR REPORT:

M. Edwards presented a PowerPoint presentation of the work that has been completed at the Bike Park in the last month. The biggest issue has been muddy trails. He reached out to SWIMBA and BAMBAs and both organizations supported the closure of Shake'n Bake, Flow and Junk Yard trails. Informational signs were posted on site and to the Ada/Eagle Facebook page. The feedback has been positive. Two seasonal employees have been hired as part time trail maintenance workers for the Bike Park and Hubbard Reservoir.

Mike met with Bob Carter from Boise Project at Hubbard to discuss the cement pipes. The pipes actually belong to Army Corps and a 404 permit is needed to remove the pipes. After removal, the plan is to replace them with a larger pipe salvaged from the Penitentiary Canal Greenbelt project. This pipe will be buried deeper so it is level and covered with 5 inches of gravel to avoid a trip hazard. Mike and Scott met with BLM staff at the Oregon Trailhead regarding recent efforts to catalog the Oregon Trail through Idaho with Idaho Historic Preservation Society and Ada County Historic Preservation Council. Mike and Scott discussed the need for an armored trail loop with the BLM near the trailhead. They also discussed the need for a small trailhead parking area on the BLM parcel off of Columbia Rd. to accommodate the new residential developments in the area. The BLM has requested that our department put in a request to get these projects started.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPERTY REFRESHER SERIES PART 2; FIVE MILE/VICTORY:

S. Koberg presented a PowerPoint overview of Five Mile/Victory Wetland and provided background and history regarding the site.

Currently there is parking available for up to 2 school busses, 1,100 feet of concrete walkway, original educational signage, original benches, original constructed wetland components, lots of geese and weeds and, new in 2017, irrigation service from the Hiawatha Street water main.

The future of Five Mile/Victory includes reinvigorated dialog with ACHD and Five Mile Estates Homeowners Association, bring Ada SWCD back to the table to explore potential partnership opportunities, invite Ada Community Library to the table regarding Story Trail, Update Cooperative Working Agreement with ACHD and others. Also proposed is the design, funding and implementation of an irrigation system plan for upland vegetation; creation and funding for a maintenance plan and schedule; and creation, funding and implementation of an enhancement plan. Options to consider for the Advisory Board include establishing subcommittees and scheduling and participating in site visits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

S. Koberg noted the Chair and Vice Chair elections will be held in April.

K. Danley added that the equestrians have teamed up with the Land Trust of Treasure Valley. There are 40 volunteers needed for the next project on the corner of Cartwright and Pierce Park on April 28th.

ADJOURNMENT

K. Kostka adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.