

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board - September 28, 2016 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Cook, Julia Grant, Marc Grubert Jim Keller, Kari Kostka, David McKinnon and Mark Suderman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg and Candy Hahlbeck

OTHERS PRESENT: Megan Basham, Karen Danley, Brad Pfannmuller and Hethe Clark

INTRODUCTION:

C. Cook called the meeting to order. He advised that there were minutes to approve from the two previous meetings.

Motion: C. Cook moved to approve the meeting minutes from August and July. D. McKinnon seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

RED HAWK:

S. Koberg provided an update on the Red Hawk lawsuit, advising that Summary Judgment was granted in its entirety. He explained Development Services will be assisting with the trailhead project to ensure it proceeds as smoothly as possible.

ADA COUNTY 2025:

M. Basham advised that Ada County 2025 received approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission on September 15. She explained it will be before the Board of County Commissioners for adoption on November 9. She stated that a planner has been hired to implement the plan after it is adopted.

The parties discussed moving forward with the 2025 plan.

NEW BUSINESS

WARM SPRINGS MESA GREENBELT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

S. Koberg provided an update on the greenbelt construction. He advised the project is on schedule and will more than likely be open towards the end of October. He discussed the challenges of people not following the detour signs that are posted and the steps taken to mitigate the issues. He said there were two events that had to be re-routed.

The parties discussed options to make people more aware of public safety and the risks of crossing the barricades.

S. Koberg said he is planning a grand opening when the project is finished.

ADA/EAGLE BIKE PARK PROPERTY DISCUSSION:

S. Koberg advised that there are ongoing discussions regarding a potential sale of a portion of property at the Bike Park with the City of Eagle. If this progresses, more details will be shared at upcoming meetings.

S. Koberg discussed the issues regarding the location of signs and kiosks along the trail.

S. Koberg said SWIMBA has scheduled their trail days for October 4th, 11th and 22nd for maintenance.

DRY CREEK RANCH PLANNED COMMUNITY:

M. Basham advised that Dry Creek is proposing two trail connections to the Ada/Eagle Bike Park. B. Pfannmuller reviewed the areas being considered. He explained Dry Creek will work with the County on defining the trails and necessary easements as each final plat is considered.

M. Basham stated that Dry Creek is proposing a greenbelt on each side of Dry Creek as it runs through the planned community.

The parties discussed road improvements and the proposed greenbelt surfaces and anticipated access points. They also discussed surrounding properties and the community's plan for equestrian lots.

The parties discussed ground water, natural open space and wildlife mitigation plans. They continued discussing the anticipated trails and connectivity plans.

M. Basham stated this item would be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

RIDGE TO RIVERS SPECIAL USES:

S. Koberg advised that special use permitting and the use of E-bikes on Federal land and the Ridge to Rivers trail system are items that are lingering. He explained that these issues will need to be addressed collectively by the partnership at some point. He stated that there may be legislation considered in the near future regarding E-bikes.

The parties discussed the issues and creating policies for use of the greenbelt trail system.

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL USER INPUT:

K. Danley discussed proposed equestrian trails at Red Hawk and the need for designated parking/driving areas for trailers. The parties discussed parking/driving area options for trailers at or near the trailheads.

K. Danley discussed the importance of the trail design and provided reference material to the Board for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Cook adjourned the meeting.