

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – April 25, 2018 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kari Kostka, Jim Keller, Karen Danley, Mark Suderman, Marc Grubert, Julia Kertz-Grant, Chris Cook

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg, Candy Hahlbeck, Mike Edwards

OTHER: Commissioner Rick Visser, Chris Daly (Development Services)

INTRODUCTION:

C. Cook called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

Chris Daly with Development Services introduced himself.

Motion: K. Kostka moved to approve the March minutes. M. Grubert seconded. Motion passed

Agenda Change: S. Koberg removed the New Business items from the Agenda. This will be covered next month.

ELECTIONS:

The parties discussed the elections process and if anyone was interested in the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

M. Suderman moved that Chris is retained as Chairman. K. Kostka seconded. A roll call voice vote was conducted. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Cook moved to nominate K. Kostka as Vice Chair. J. Keller seconded. A roll call voice vote was conducted. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

S. Koberg reported on the Public Hearing Outcome. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the amended ordinance. It needs to be published and will then be effective immediately. A public hearing was held with most people in support of the ordinance amendment. J. Keller was in attendance. A lot of the testimony focused on Ridge to Rivers and not Ada County property.

C. Cook inquired if the comments at the public hearing were recorded and added to the record. S. Koberg responded that typically they are, but there was an A/V issue at the public hearing and the testimony wasn't recorded. M. Grubert inquired if any of the local bike shops were in attendance. S. Koberg responded that none of the testimony given represented any of the bike shops.

Scott and Mike met with Eagle City Staff and the Mayor as they are just now starting the process of an ordinance change for their Greenbelt and Foothills trails. Eagle is starting with what Boise City put together and are modifying it to meet their needs. The Eagle Parks and Pathways Recreation Commission also held an evening hearing last week to discuss this topic. The outcome of the hearing is the creation of a 2 prong process where Eagle staff and select agency representatives will work on Greenbelt and Foothills/Bike Park recommendations and come up with ordinance language to be presented in June. Eagle Parks staff has been invited to the next Parks Board meeting to discuss their process and to gather input.

S. Koberg provided an update on Red Hawk. IDFG completed their helicopter inventory. It confirmed that existing deer herds are located across the entire swath of the foothills between the Highway and past the Red Hawk area. The elk data was anecdotal only and there wasn't a lot of elk movement because of the moderate winter so it wasn't the best year to collect this type of data. A seasonal closure for whatever trails are built would be an appropriate management strategy. The desired western loop off Red Tail Trail has been drawn using Hidden Springs and Ada County property. The only issue with the desired launch point is the 300 feet of private property ownership in this location. There is an alternative launch site on Hidden Springs property that would create a less sustainable launch point. David Gordon and Scott met with the landowner to discuss the privately owned piece. Through the conversation they learned that the landowner would like to eliminate a portion of the Red Tail Trail and the existing connection to Cartwright Road. This trail is currently managed through a relocatable county easement. At this point the plan is for David and Scott to continue working with the landowner to map a potential re-route of Red Tail Trail and then gather additional input from Hidden Springs and the Parks Board. J. Grant inquired if this re-route happened then there would no longer be a connection to Cartwright Road. S. Koberg responded that that was correct. She went on to say that this loop is frequented by herself and others.

S. Koberg provided an update on the Oregon Trail historic Easement Project Closeout. Since 2002 Ada County has had a state/local agreement with ITD for a federal aid highway administration project. The amount was \$300,000.00. The intent was to acquire the remaining 1.5 miles of Oregon Trail remnants between highway 21 and Bonneville Point. There are four parcels remaining. Mike has been tasked with engaging these property owners for a potential of any easements.

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 weather has been great for trail building. The informational signs were posted on site and to the Ada/Eagle Facebook page have been a big help in keeping folks off the muddy trails. This last month Shake 'n Bake, Flow and Rabbit Run trails were completed. Drainages were cleaned out for Twisted Sister, D's Chaos, Low Rider, Junk Yard and Snoop Loop trails. M. Edwards shared some before and after shots of the trails that have been worked on this last month. He also went into detail on work completed for Flow Trail, Rabbit Run, and Treasure View Traverse Trails. He went on to discuss summer projects for the Bike Park.

The Hubbard 404 draft permit is due Friday. The final permit will be submitted the following week. The 6 signs at Oregon Trail need freshened up. Mike will work with other partners to see what other information they would like to put out there.

In the past meeting M. Edwards discussed armoring the 1.3 miles of trail at Hubbard. The trail measures out to 7,191 feet. If we looked at a 5 foot wide trail, 4 inches deep, it would be 440 truckloads of gravel.

K. Danley inquired what armoring a trail includes. M. Edwards responded that for an all season trail, ¾ inch or smaller gravel would be put down. As the trail is used, the trail becomes compacted and becomes a hardened trail. The parties discussed different armored trails in the valley.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

K. Danley thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the previous 2 meetings via phone.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Cook adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.