

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – December 7, 2016 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Cook, Julia Grant, Mark Suderman, Jim Keller, Marc Grubert,

MEMBERS ABSENT: David McKinnon, Kari Kostka

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg and Candy Hahlbeck

OTHERS PRESENT: Megan Basham; Development Services, Commissioner Yzaguirre and Larry Maneely, Board of Ada County Commissioners

INTRODUCTION:

C. Cook called the meeting to order at 12:02PM.

Motion: C. Cook moved to approve the meeting minutes from November; Jim Keller seconded; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

RED HAWK TRAILHEAD AND TRAILS DISCUSSION:

S. Koberg provided an update on the Red Hawk trailhead. The parties discussed a memo prepared by Development Services staff in response to a Parks staff request to determine what burdens may be on the property. The memo included exhibits A-M. He also explained that Development Services said that if a trailhead was proposed, that the proposal needed to be on a public road maintained by ACHD. ACHD claims prescriptive right-of-way to the parcel where the trailhead is planned, not in front of the parcel. The PA's office and ACHD legal team are in the process of coming to a solution and the next steps to make the trailhead happen. J. Grant commented that there may be precedent where Military Reserve has several trailheads where the road to access these trails are not maintained by ACHD, but by the City. She noted that at least one of these trailheads have had to be developed in the last 20 years.

The parties discussed maintenance responsibilities for the road beyond the prescriptive right-of-way, but it wasn't clear who was responsible for this.

S. Koberg discussed locations of the proposed trails on the map prepared by David Gordon after site visit. Next steps include making contact with adjacent property owner regarding potential trail easement, working with Avimor on concepts, flag on site, put out and RFP to hire a contractor to build trails according to specifications.

WARM SPRINGS VILLAGE:

S. Koberg provided an update on the Warm Springs Village. He explained that ACHD has installed new parking signs in the ACHD right of way on the southwest side of Warm Springs Ave. J. Grant shared that she was forwarded an email from fishermen, whitewater enthusiasts and neighbors in this area who have

been contacting the city regarding this issue since the no parking signs have gone up. She stated that most of these people had no idea about the plan to develop the land.

NEW BUSINESS

DRY CREEK RANCH

M. Basham provided and updated on Dry Creek Ranch. She explained that it is scheduled to go before Planning & Zoning on December 15th and that the plan had changed slightly from the prior meeting due to ACHD and ITD comments and requirements. The changes include a trail to the north and south and along Dry Creek that will be considered Regional Trails that will have an easement. The HOA will maintain the open space. There will be a north/south regional connection and east/west regional paths through the development. This will connect through Avimor and then down south to connect to future trails at the bike park. The section at Brookside and HWY 55 will now be used as open space and agriculture use. These 10 acres will be farmed instead of using it for commercial use. Their Wildlife Mitigation Plan will focus on offsite mitigation efforts, creating a fund to purchase land acquisition and conversation easements. A conservation advisory committee, Ada County, Fish & Game, Ada Soil & Water and the HOA will decide how to spend this fund.

The parties discussed equestrian home sites to the north, which are 1 acre lots and one of the village centers which will have an equestrian riding arena. The parties also discussed that the HOA would develop and maintain the trails and open space in this area.

The parties discussed the open space on the southwest side of the map and if equestrian trails would be placed in this area causing more users to use the bike park. Trail surface was also discussed noting a natural surface connection from equestrian area to the open space for equestrian use.

The parties also discussed connectivity to the bike park from Dry Creek subdivision and directional signage for users at intersections.

J. Grant moved that the Advisory Board recommends to the developers of Dry Creek Ranch that the north/south connection be a natural surface, that there be directional signage for users, and that it remains a non-motorized multi-use trail. C. Cook seconded the motion, motion passed.

The parties discussed the kinds of path surfaces that should be used in Dry Creek and if the path should be on both sides of the creek or just one side and also if one side should be left for future development.

M. Grubert moved that the north side of the creek stay natural surface. C. Cook seconded. Motion passed.

PENITENTIARY GREENBELT ACCESS AT BEN'S CROW INN

S.Koberg provided an update on the Penitentiary Greenbelt access at Ben's Crow Inn. He explained that the County would not be addressing connectivity at Ben's Crow Inn as part of the Penitentiary Canal Greenbelt project. He is unsure of what future access to the canal will be at this time.

VETERANS TRAIL

S. Koberg provided an update on Veterans Trail. After receiving input from a user of the trail regarding sight lines, alternative management strategies were evaluated to address concerns. The selected management strategy includes similar features that were recently installed on Peggy's Trail including rock features in the trail and signage. Ridge to Rivers has installed the upgrades and the implemented strategies will be evaluated in the future.

ADA/EAGLE BIKE PARK

S. Koberg provided an update on the Ada/Eagle Bike Park. He mentioned issues with fence removal from users and the Flow Trail where users are creating their own social trails off main trail near the bridge and turning on to Junk Yard. He noted that several segments of fencing have been installed and that additional signage will be added, to be replacing old signage. He added that Eagle had painted the kiosks and the maps are up with logos

This was R. Yzaguirre's last Park Board meeting as he is retiring. He thanked the group for their commitment.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:25PM