MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – February 17, 2016
Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Cook, David McKinnon, Mark Suderman, Jim Keller and Brandy Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kari Kostka and Kyle Hemly

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg and Carolyn Nitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Yzaguirre, Board of County Commissioners, Megan Basham, Development Services, Krista Muller, Idaho Fish and Game

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

MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the January 27th meeting. Chris Cook motioned to approve the minutes, Brandy Wilson seconded; motion passes

AGENDA CHANGE

Greenbelt access at Bens Crow Inn Property

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REDHAWK PROPERTY:
This property is a key piece between the trail system that currently exists on private property, BLM, Avimor and the trail system that exists through Ridge to Rivers through Hidden Springs. The County has the potential opportunity for a trail head to allow for better access to this parcel as well as Avimor and Hidden Springs. The Commissioners have given the go ahead to discuss details regarding this property in terms of trails and connections.

The Advisory Board scheduled a site visit on March 29th; they will meet at the Hidden Springs Merc at 5:45 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

GREENBELT PROJECTS/UPDATES:
Construction on the Mesa greenbelt project will begin right after Labor Day and will continue through October 28th. This will be a hard shutdown of this section there is no viable alternative route.

The design and permitting for the Penitentiary Canal greenbelt project will be completed in August. We will begin looking for money to complete the construction phase of this project.

The greenbelt segment that was developed in partnership with Ada County by the Foundation for the Ada Canyon Trail System (FACTS) located between Glenwood and Eagle Road on the Southside of the river. FACTS moved at their last meeting to ask the County if we would accept the conveyance easements of the section.
2025 ADA COUNTY OPEN SPACE & RECREATION POLICY SUMMIT:
The Advisory Board discussed their individual comments. Megan Basham collected them and will consolidate for the summit on February 23rd. Chris Cook, David McKinnon and Jim Keller will be attending the policy summit.

NEW BUSINESS

IDAHO FISH AND GAME BRWMA MANAGEMENT:
Krista Muller presented the Boise River Wildlife Management Area (BRWMA) overview. Krista presented a PowerPoint to provide the Advisory Board with answers to questions they are receiving from the public regarding trails.

Krista advised the Board that to minimize the human activity and affect they would not go forward and create any new non-motorized routes or access points (trails).

GREENBELT CROSSING – BENS CROW INN:
The owner of Bens Crow Inn is retiring. Conger Management Group is proposing a 24 home development. This is expected to be heard by Planning and Zoning in June.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Cook adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.