

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marc Grubert, Mark Suderman

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg, Candy Hahlbeck, Mike Edwards

OTHER: Larry Maneely, Chris Daly (Development Services)

INTRODUCTION:

C. Cook called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

Motion: K. Kostka moved to approve the June minutes. J. Keller seconded. Motion passed

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

This has been a record breaking year for the Raft & Tube/parking kiosk revenue. Seven days since July 4th are now in the top 10 in the history of Raft & Tube/parking kiosk. S. Koberg stressed how busy we are and how much coordination needs to happen to prepare of the season. J. Grant inquired if we are doing any demographic capturing? S. Koberg responded that we currently aren't collecting data but there are retroactive things we can do to collect information such as the liability release forms that are filled out and collect license plate information via the new cameras that were installed at the kiosk. He suggested that we may hire a consultant in the future to come up with this number. J. Keller inquired if the Raft & Tube renters have to fill out a form that includes a zip code. S. Koberg responded that yes, they do. J. Keller went on to say that this could be captured and analyzed. S. Koberg responded that so many people come to the park with their own vessels, that they wouldn't be represented because they don't fill out a form to rent items. K. Danley inquired what we contribute the increase to. S. Koberg responded that it's many things. We have a presence on Facebook. We have made improvements to make the experience more users friendly including the look of the beach house and providing more information to floaters. We also have an excellent vendor contract with Boise River Raft and Tube. They are always looking for ways to improve and create a good user experience. We have also increased the amount of inventory. There are also many people moving here and may people reading about floating the river. C. Cook inquired if he thought we would have problems with people parking on the street where the new homes are. S. Koberg responded that it was a problem on July 4th as well as the following weekend with a lot of citations being handed out to people that were parked illegally. S. Koberg went on to explain that we have to close the front gate to the park on busy days when the parking is full.

S. Koberg presented the Fiscal Year 19 budget on June 14th. We kept our budget fairly trimmed given larger projects in the past. We didn't have any capital projects. He did request to carry over what was left of the Barber Berm Deflection project. The request for Red Hawk was made and a request for a new vehicle purchase for our Waterways Department.

The fourth quarter Ridge to River Partnership meeting was held yesterday. There is an effort with a consultant group brought in by Boise City to begin conceiving a new trail etiquette campaign because of the conflicts that are occurring on the trails. The tag line is "Happy Trails." K. Danley inquired what the top 3 concerns are with trail etiquette. S. Koberg responded that it is lack of understanding of etiquette, speed and people generally not being friendly. C. Cook inquired if headphone use would be addressed. S. Koberg responded that he wasn't sure if that would be addressed but bells on bikes were discussed during the Ridge to River meeting because they can sometimes penetrate headphone noise.

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COORDINATOR REPORT:

M. Edwards shared a PowerPoint presentation of the work that has been completed at the Bike Park and other parks in the last month. The retaining wall on the second jump of Stormn' Mormon has been completed. The bermed corner on Stormin' Mormon has been replaced with soil hardener. The drains on Flow Trail and Shake n' Bake have been cleaned out and re-established.

M. Edwards showed pictures of the finished dry stack rock project.

There is a corner right above the dry stack rock project that was rebuilt. When the corner was originally built, cinder blocks were used to help keep the soil in place. These blocks were removed and the corner was rebuilt. M. Edwards showed photos as he talked about the process.

Two pickup loads of thistle were removed from the Bike Park. M. Edwards hoped to eradicate thistle from this area in the next couple years.

Work has continued on Oregon Trail to try and get rid of the alfalfa that is out there. K. Danley brought it to Mike's attention that some of the trails that come out Oregon Trail on to the cliffs were overgrown. Mike went out and cut this down.

M. Edwards met with Dean Johnson at Idaho Department of Lands to get approval to do some work at Hubbard. The 3 things he was asking for was to remove an old corral, pull the fence posts/ barbed wire on IDL land and altering the culvert. He will need to fill out an IDL form and submit it.

ADVISORY BOARD FILED TRIP REPORT:

J. Keller visited the Bike Park. He mentioned the trails were in great shape with light use the morning he went. He went on to say that everyone there was friendly and courteous. He rode Junk Yard trail. Coming back up across the road on the far west side, there is a fork. J. Keller suggested a sign be put there. The door on the maintenance shed stood out to Jim. He didn't know if it could be painted.

J. Keller also floated the river on the same day with no issues.

K. Danley visited Hubbard. The sightlines are great. She mentioned that there were 2 piles of wire close to the trail that needed to be picked up. She also visited Hulls Gulch and Lucky Peak.

K. Danley mentioned that she been invited to the local riding club meetings. They are willing to volunteer where needed. The Ridge to Rivers Equestrians Facebook page has been changed to Treasure Valley Equestrian Trail Riders. She would like to check out Bogus Basin and the underpass on Highway 21 that was discussed up at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PENITENTIARY CANAL GREENBELT UPDATE:

S. Koberg provided an update on the Penitentiary Canal Greenbelt. We are currently 5 weeks beyond the projected completion date. Path users continue to go around the barricades. There is a good chance the path will be completed by this evening. If that is the case, a news release will be put out. Currently, the bollard installation is happening as well as center line striping and mile marker stenciling.

Shoulder work is also occurring. The overlay happened this past weekend after an expedited contract process through the BOCC. K. Kostka inquired if the county had to pay for repairs. S. Koberg responded no, that it was being paid for by the contract retainage from the original general contractor that created the damage.

EAGLE CITY E-BIKES REPORT:

M. Edwards conveyed the Advisory Board's input on E-Bikes to Eagle City. The ordinance is now on the mayor's desk. It may go to the counsel at the next meeting. Mike didn't notice any major changes after his input was submitted. He still has questions on section G Exceptions, as far as class I E-Bikes go. K. Danley talked with 2 people that have easements. They were very adamant that they would withdraw the easement if this ordinance passed. K. Kostka inquired as to the timeline. M. Edwards responded that it had gone through their Trails and Open Space Committee and now it was on the mayor's desk. The mayor had looked at it, was ok with it and it would be present at the next council meeting in the next 2 weeks. C. Cook inquired if this would be an open comment meeting. M. Edwards responded that it would just be a council meeting, not likely a public comment meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:07p.m.