

MEETING MINUTES

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – March 27, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Miller, Chuck Vertrees, KC Shedden, Hilarie Engle, Emily Reaves,

ABSENT: Eric Plotkin, Kari Kostka

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg, Candy Hahlbeck, Brent Moore, Robbie Sosin

GUESTS:

Jessie Snow, David Snow

INTRODUCTION:

C. Miller called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

C. Vertrees moved to approve the February minutes, KC Shedden seconded. Motion Passed.
No agenda changes.

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS:

Oregon Trail- E. Reaves plans to read the Oregon Trail script to her 9-year-old son. H. Engle reported that it was busy when she drove by last week. C. Miller inquired how the all-weather trail was holding up. S. Koberg responded that it was holding up well. Maintenance on the BLM portion will begin after spring maintenance at the Ada Eagle Bike Park. S. Koberg went on to remind everyone about the volunteer week April 1st-April 5th.

Hubbard- No report.

GREENBELT SAFETY:

S. Koberg reported that Kari's email indicating support from the Advisory Board for the MOU was sent to the BOCC, legal staff and Spencer Lay. He doesn't know if Boise and Ada County has signed off on this. Spencer will keep us posted.

PLANNING & ZONING TRANSMITTAL DISCUSSION:

C. Miller thinks 2 members from Parks Board should be appointed to receive these emails. B. Moore did a review of the past transmittals to get an idea of what was being sent out. There are about 10 per month that may be of interest to the Board. B. Moore inquired if it would be easier to transmit all hearing items to Parks Board recipients or for him and his department to filter them and send items they think would impact the Board. C. Vertrees replied that his initial reaction would be to have B. Moore and his department filter them. He suggested 10 minutes per month to review the transmittals. S. Koberg inquired what level of filtration is in place for the transmittals he receives? B. Moore responded that he thinks it's anything the planner thinks will impact Parks. He went on to say that any property that is within 300 feet of the subject property or 1000 feet if it's in a rural area, they automatically send a mailing to the property owners. C. Miller is concerned about the burden that will be put on the Board members who are assigned to this. B. Moore responded that all applications come through him, he can be the filter. The appointees would provide comment to fellow Board members at the following Parks Board meeting. K. Shedden and E. Reaves volunteered to receive transmittals from B. Moore each month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

JPD Greenbelt-S. Koberg supplied an update. Phase 1 of the project is now complete. 1.13 miles have been completed on the south side of the river downstream from the West Bridge at the head of Eagle

Island. This is an 11 foot wide concrete path that was in rough condition from the 2017 flood fight. This section re-opened this past Friday. Phase 2 has started. This is upstream between Garden City limits and the New Dry Creek Diversion. Construction is currently scheduled through the end of June. This is the county's first concrete Greenbelt and this is an ARPA funded project at just under \$2 million.

PROGRAM & EDUCATION SPECIALIST REPORT:

R. Sosin reported that he continues to work on the Oregon Trail project including editing video. Content will be out in the next couple weeks.

OTHER ITEMS:

The Parks, Open Space & Trails Coordinator position is open for applications and will be filled this fiscal year.

Jesse and David Snow with Boise River Floaters, Inc. stopped by to talk to the Board about their non-profit organization for the preservation and recreation of the Boise River. Some of their goals include keeping the river clean and educating people on how to care for it. C. Miller suggested they speak with all entities that manage the river corridor. E. Reaves added that she would encourage that they stay involved and that there are other entities that are working on some of the same goals.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Miller adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.