

MEETING MINUTES

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – November 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Miller, Kari Kostka, Hilarie Engle, Eric Plotkin, Chuck Vertrees, Emily Reaves

ABSENT: Helen Carter

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg, Candy Hahlbeck, Robbie Sosin

OTHERS: None

INTRODUCTION:

C. Miller called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members. C. Vertrees moved to approve the September 28th minutes. E. Reaves seconded. Motion passed.

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS:

C. Miller mentioned that there was a traffic fatality involving a truck and a cyclist at Highway 55 and Beacon Light. The victim was a member of the Eagle Mountain Bike Team. The team and family are trying to spur trail connectivity from Avimor to Hidden Springs to the Bike Park. It is unknown what will happen as they are just in information gathering mode. They may start putting pressure on developers with Avimor and Boise Hunter Homes to complete trail connections.

Hubbard-S. Koberg reported that when Idaho Power redid the power lines there was a significant maintenance road established. Restoration of that road will be important because its turning into a trail. Additionally, at the tail head near the kiosk there has always been two posts and a cable across to discourage motorized use. For no apparent reason, these posts were yanked out of the ground.

Oregon Trail- During the last site visit S. Koberg looked at the property approaching from the Columbia side and there had been some vandalism to the gate and fence that joined near the BLM piece. Davey re-installed the gate and access has been restored. C. Miller inquired about property that borders the southeast border between Oregon Trail and where BLM ownership starts. S. Koberg responded that the gate at Columbia Drive is BLM land. Once you get to the corner of the neighborhood, if you follow the gated access to the corner of the property, to the left is the other parcel that Ada County owns. The parcels are not conjoined. C. Miller inquired this because he rides out there and was curious about the Oregon Trail markers. S. Koberg responded that it was National Park Service that contributed these. S. Koberg went on to say that there is illicit activity going on in BLM parcels closer toward Bonneville Point such as target shooting. There have been complaints to the Sheriff's Office regarding this. Additionally, there is a fair amount of dumping happening on the BLM parcels as well.

E-BIKES:

E. Reaves and H. Engle still plan to put ideas on paper to engage the City of Boise for a coordinated effort for safety on the Greenbelt.

C. Miller requested that E-Bikes subject be changed to Greenbelt Safety.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

S. Koberg reported that the new bridges for the Forest Loop were installed using a crane last week. There are still going to be some weather delays that have to do with the epoxy for the bolts on the bridges and the completion of the Staloc beyond the bridges. There will also be some concrete work done on the parking lot side.

Ada County Parks & Waterways Master Plan-The Board opened the submittal for the RFP at yesterday's Open Business Meeting. There will be an evaluation meeting on Friday. After the

evaluation meeting the expectation is to take the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration during next Tuesday's Open Business Meeting.

PROGRAM & EDUCATION SPECIALIST REPORT:

R. Sosin floated the idea for Advisory Board members to have their photos taken to be placed on the County website. The Board thought this was a good idea. E. Reaves commented that the recent social media posts have been good, and she has been approached with questions because she is on the Advisory Board.

OTHER ITEMS:

The parties went on to talk about some aspects of the Master Plan such as how long the planning process will take and what might be involved during this timeframe.

S. Koberg talked about the Waterways Advisory Committee (WAC) and what their role entailed prior to disbandment.

C. Vertrees added that Hidden Spring rerouted and built a new trail. They want to reseed now. If everything comes together, he would like to have a volunteer day. He will keep the group apprised.

E. Plotkin inquired if the trail up Bogus Basin Road had closed yet. S. Koberg responded that it closes seasonally on December 1st.

The group discussed having guest speakers in upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

K. Kostka adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.