

MEETING MINUTES

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – October 25, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kari Kostka, Chuck Vertrees, Emily Reaves, Chris Miller

ABSENT: Eric Plotkin, Hilarie Engle, KC Shedden

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

INTRODUCTION:

K. Kostka called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

E. Reaves moved to approve September 27, 2023 minutes, C. Vertrees seconded. Motion Passed. No agenda changes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Oregon Trail: E. Reaves reported that her and H. Engle went out and walked the trail. Everything looked great. She wanted to make a couple recommendations on adding some signage and possibly moving the garbage can near the restrooms. She noticed that the all-weather trail is not complete. S. Koberg reminded the group that we are amending the surface with the updated mix. The loop isn't completed because we don't have approval from BLM. We can't go past Ada County's property line. S. Koberg attended that Ridge to Rivers quarterly meeting last Monday. It was indicated to S. Koberg that Brent Ralston, Four Rivers Field Office Program Manager, is working on a Management Agreement that would allow us to perform maintenance on specific trail alignments. This would include an improved surface of the trail. K. Kostka added that she was out there during the eclipse, and it was packed with people out with telescopes and cameras.

Bike Park: C. Miller reported that within the last couple weeks, the Eagle High Mountain Bike Team worked with a number of entities including City of Eagle and Ada County to unveil a memorial for Rylan Hoob. S. Koberg was called out by name for his help. C. Miller went on to say that Rylan's parents were coaches for this team when Rylan passed, and they were coaches again this year.

GREENBELT SAFETY:

No update. S. Koberg added that this past Wednesday's Boise City Council meeting was the final action for the Float Season. City staff and leadership were very complimentary of the partnership with Ada County during the report to council. This is a 180-degree difference from a year ago. Now we are set to pivot and talk about Greenbelt safety. He added that the Float the Boise template could possibly be used to promote safety on the Greenbelt. C. Miller added that he was at Telaya Winery, which is right on a narrow portion of the Greenbelt. He was amazed at the near misses by users. The parties went on to discuss this.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MEETING DATES:

After a few minutes of discussion, the parties decided to cancel the November meeting since it was scheduled on November 8th. C. Miller and H. Engle will attend the Master Plan meeting on November 8th. The meeting on December 13th will commence as scheduled with a virtual update from BerryDunn.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ADA COUNTY PARKS & WATERWAYS MASTER PLAN:

S. Koberg reminded the group that we are moving into Phase 4 and 5. R. Sosin, H. Engle and C. Miller were involved in a more extensive meeting to discuss the survey and how the data was collected. There was some valuable input from both H. Engle and C. Miller. C. Miller went on to say that after

the first meeting, BerryDunn delivered the first draft of the report. There was lot of good information, but C. Miller thought a lot more could be done with the data that was collected. He provided some general and specific feedback to BerryDunn. After a conference call they were going to go back to make some changes to the report and perform some additional analysis on the data so we could look at it in a way we could understand the findings. C. Miller went on to say that BerryDunn has asked for guidance on what we would like to see. He went over one of the questions on the survey adding that we have asked to have them report all questions by the districts. C. Miller would like the Advisory Board to think about the survey questions and think about what items where they would expect a difference. The Board decided it would be best for each Advisory Board member to take time on their own, instead of a group setting, to go over the survey questions and provide feedback. The input on the survey needs to be back to C. Miller before the November 8th Master Plan Meeting.

JPD GREENBELT:

The pre-bid meeting happened last week. This was a mandatory meeting and was well attended. Bids are due tomorrow. This is an ARPA funded project. The total length is 1.64 miles. B. Moore inquired if this section will be closed off during construction. S. Koberg responded that there will be two phases recommended by us-the upstream and downstream from the main bridge crossing. Each segment closure will be a full closure with no detour.

BIKE PARK / DCR TRAIL:

S. Koberg provided an update on the Dry Creek Trail connection to the Ada/Eagle Bike Park. He showed a map of the Ada/Eagle Bike Park as he talked. We had a preliminary trail design layout that ultimately proved to not be feasible. It included 20 climbing turns, influenced 7 total lots in the preliminary plat and wasn't appropriate for the site. S. Koberg and David Gordon met on site last week and they began working on this refining the alignment to reduce the amount of climbing turns and find a better way to minimize impacts to proposed lots. S. Koberg went through what a couple of scenarios of what the trail could look like. Davey and David were scheduled to go out on site today to do a clinometer kick line. We should have a good alignment to come back to the table with along with our Development Services team, Boise Hunter Homes, the Dry Creek Ranch Community and make sure the BOCC is on board with what we are doing. From there we can refine the exhibit in the easement. C. Miller inquired about timing for this trail. S. Koberg responded that if we went with the same methodology as the Landslide Loop, we would have a trail design and specs, have the appropriate funding entity behind this, put it on the street and have a professional trail builder with potential for volunteers doing touch up, we would have this going in spring. When it's a bit wet, we would have people walking and riding it in. This would be the perfect scenario. C. Miller inquired if members of the community that are engaged aware that this is likely to be professionally built? S. Koberg responded that he has communicated with the same people that him and C. Miller have met with years ago. We will do what we can to provide opportunities for volunteering, but the best result will be a professionally built trail. C. Vertrees inquired about the length of the trail. S. Koberg responded that it won't be quite 2 miles. The parties went on to discuss this.

PROGRAM AND EDUCATION SPECIALIST REPORT:

No report.

OTHER ITEMS:

B. Moore reported that ACHD is starting on the Eckert Bridge Concept Study. They put out the RFQ. This is the first step to this project. K. Kostka inquired if there is a public input process? B. Moore said he would find out and keep everyone updated.

C. Miller inquired about the development in Elmore County. B. Moore responded that there are 2 side by side planned communities near the Stage Stop. The smaller of the planned communities had their preliminary plat approved. The larger community is still working with the county.

K. Kostka inquired if S. Koberg has been involved with the Quagga mussel issue in any way. He replied that he has in the past, but not here recently.

ADJOURNMENT

K. Kostka adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.