

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – January 27, 2016 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Cook, David McKinnon, Mark Suderman, Jim Keller, Kari Kostka, Kyle Hemly and Brandy Wilson via phone

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg and Carolyn Nitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Maneely, Board of County Commissioners, Megan Basham, Development Services

INTRODUCTION:

Chairman Chris Cook called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the December 9th meeting. Chris Cook motioned to approve the minutes, Jim Keller seconded; motion passes

AGENDA CHANGE

Broadway Bridge Project Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADA COUNTY BIKE PARK & PUBLIC RECREATION AREA:

The hard copy is finalized and we are working with Advanced Sign and Design. IT is working on a mobile app for the Bike Park. The Advisory Board members have suggested adding to the mobile app; trail difficulties, pictures, kiosk locations, user interface, event notices.

Try It Out and Loaner Bike program will be held April 16th. They are anticipating 40 middle and high school aged kids. The kids are given a demo bike and instruction. They will complete a small two mile loop encouraging them to get interested in mountain biking. They will be taught bike safety, trail etiquette and bike skills. The kids that sign up and do not have a mountain bike will be given a loaner bike to use during the racing season.

Scott will invite this group to promote their program during County Government month on April 23rd.

RIDGE TO RIVERS TRAIL PLAN:

The subcommittee continues to meet every few weeks, they have added an Equestrian user to this group. The current objective is to make edits to the current draft outline.

Based on the input received there will not be any changes made to the race policy. Part of that is that there have not been enough race applications and second that Bogus Basin is taking on more of a leadership role in summer activities.

We received a request from an individual that was hired by Google Trekker. He has asked all the partners and is approaching all private landowners for permission to walk the entire Ridge to Rivers

trail system with a camera that will take pictures to capture the entire trail system. This will create an interactive Google 360° picture of the entire trail system.

OREGON TRAIL:

Scott took the Advisory Boards recommendation to Board of Ada County Commissioners they had the same result. The Commissioners have declined the parcel and approved the fire buffer under our terms and guidance based on BLM input.

Mark Wasdahl program manager with ITD requested a report showing activity on acquiring property or easements. There are only four potential parcels remaining. The report states that we will take one last run at these four parcels and see what happens in order of priority. If we do not have success we will return the money.

WARM SPRINGS GREENBELT PROEJECT:

Scott met with the design contractor yesterday. The construction timeline was provided to us and there are problems in the timing of greenbelt closures. Scott is recommending that we have all the design work completed and that we go to construction right after Labor Day.

NEW BUSINESS

SORP & RMS 2016 CONFERENCE:

The 2016 River Management Symposium is coming to town for a week in May. Scott will be in attendance. We did not budget additional funds to send a member of the Advisory Board but we can discuss options in anyone has interest in this conference.

2016 DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Scott gave an overview of where the department is going. We are working organizationally and operationally to be more efficient. 1) How we organize internally on property and project tracking. 2) Full scale maintenance and enhancement plan for all our properties. 3) We are working to create a special use permit process for events.

2025 ADA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE AND STRATEGIC BUSINESS:

Megan Basham updated the advisory board on the 2025 Comprehensive and Strategic Business. One of the first items that came up to tackle was Open Space and Agriculture. Megan would like to receive input on what is or is not working from the Parks Open Space and Trails Advisory board for the summit meeting on February 23rd.

MOTION: Mark Suderman motioned to move February's meeting from the 24th to the 17th to facilitate their input prior to the summit meeting on February 23rd, Chris Cook seconded; motion passes

BROADWAY BRIDGE PROJECT:

The media indicated that the river would be closed for the upcoming float season. This is not correct and Scott has contacted the statesman to correct this information. This project will not affect the float season.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.