



## **Bountiful Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 18, 2021**

Present: BTAC Committee Members – Jesse Bell, Brad Hansen, Bret Hutchings, Bob Larsen (Chair), Melanie Larsen, Eric Rasmussen, Clint Watson (Vice-Chair); City Staff – Francisco Astorga, Curtis Poole

Excused: City Staff – Brock Hill

Visitors: Andrew Applegate, Jason Curry, Jason Graham

### **1. Welcome**

Chairman Larsen opened the meeting and minutes were reviewed.

### **2. Grants Update**

Mr. Watson discussed the status of the GOED regional grant due March 19, 2021. He had a couple more things to add but it was pretty much completed. He said if the City makes it through the first part of the selection, there would be an oral presentation made before the board. He thought chances were good of getting the grant; however, it may not be until next year since Bountiful has not really done anything with trails and outdoor recreation for decades.

### **3. Volunteer Service Day Schedule**

Mr. Poole indicated a local stake had expressed interest in the April service day and the committee would need to have a couple of plans for work. The Committee identified the North Canyon multi-user trail on the south of the road and Kenny Creek trail clearing.

### **4. Trail Logo**

Mr. Poole explained he misunderstood the direction from the City Manager and there would not be any competition to design a trail logo. The trails system would use the current City logo with the words “trails” underneath. This is what the Council had voted on years ago.

### **5. Trails for NEPA Approval**

The Committee identified six trails that would be on the list for NEPA approval this year: 1) Mueller Park Downhills, 2) Kenny Creek, 3) Ridgeline Trail, 4) Mueller Park Trail to Holbrook Trail, 5) Additional Mueller Park downhill trails from Bonneville

Shoreline Trail and Ridgeline Trail and 6) Ward Canyon Trail to Skyline Road. These trails would need to have alignment and design work completed this spring to submit by the end of May. This would allow construction to hopefully start next summer.

Chairman Larsen said he had spoken with IMBA and they had given him some preliminary costs for trail design. Mr. Watson explained that the benefit of having IMBA design trails is that the City could tap into other financial resources that would be unavailable with other designs. Mr. Astorga and Mr. Poole explained the City's requirement for receiving bids.

## **6. City Update**

Mr. Poole explained the Committee's minutes and meetings would be handle a little differently going forward. He suggested the Committee not take public comment as the Trails Committee should be seen as an "open" City work meeting. If residents had concerns or wished to express their opinions, they should contact City Staff or use the City Council open session time.

The Committee asked about trail access to the "Christmas Tree Farm" area between Mueller Park and Holbrook Canyon. Mr. Poole said he would check any potential easements the City had to the water tank just below the area.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Larsen adjourned the meeting and thanked the visitors who had come.