



Bountiful Trails Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2020
5:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Committee Members – Jesse Bell

1. Welcome

Chairman Larsen opened the meeting and asked for a review of the minutes from the prior meeting.

2. North Canyon Trail Evaluation

The Committee discussed and evaluated the North Canyon downhill trail. The Committee felt the trail was about 95% completed; however, there were still many things to fix and complete. It has been observed by members that there are already many people using the trail. The Committee agreed there were too many features added for such a short trail. The trail difficulty would likely be rated as blue to double blue and if there were less features it would become less difficult. Chairman Larsen said for the first trail the Committee has constructed he gave the overall project a B+. He indicated the impact the Boy Scout's Eagle Project had in conjunction with the trail build was impressive. Ms. Larsen indicated there were a total of 170 volunteers and over 455 service hours completed on the trail project. She also indicated having Pioneer Chips as a sponsor was a success and would likely reach out to them on future builds. Chairman Larsen said he would reach out to Wind River Construction to get invoices from them. Mr. Astorga mentioned Councilwoman Bradshaw publicly thanked the volunteers, the Trails Committee, City Staff and Wind River at a recent City Council meeting. Committee members felt Jared Justensen worked well for the project as a consultant and would likely use his services again; however, members felt he would need to listen what features and design the Committee wanted on different projects.

3. Trails Master Implementation Plan

Mr. Poole presented a rough draft timeline to the Committee of the Trails Implementation Plan for review and comments. He indicated the timeline is for three years which would correspond the bond Bountiful City residents recently passed. The

Committee agreed this was a good thing as it would mean within a few years many trail projects would be completed. Mr. Poole explained the purpose of the timeline was to keep the Committee focused on a few projects at a time in various phases – conceptual design, bid, and build. The Committee will review the timeline and provide additional feedback to Mr. Poole.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Chairman Larsen said he had met with representatives from IMBA and Trail Solutions and reported they would be extremely happy to help Bountiful City to develop a trail network. He said they would be willing to provide consultation in whatever capacity we requested – design, construction, etc. The Committee was excited about the offer and wanted to include them in the process going forward. Chairman Larsen will remain in contact with them. Mr. Hansen also presented a list of trails his subcommittee had identified should be part of the Implementation Plan. The Committee will review these trails to determine if/when these trails should be constructed or improved. Mr. Hansen asked if people asked to serve on the subcommittees would need to be interviewed and appointed. Mr. Poole indicated these individuals would be considered volunteers and not official members of the Committee and would not need to be appointed.

5. Holbrook Canyon Bridges

Mr. Hill reported he had found two widths for the packable bridges and the Committee decided on the 36" width bridge. This item was moved to the next meeting.

6. City Update

Mr. Poole said he will provide the Committee's feedback to Jared Justensen for the North Canyon downhill trail. The next meeting was scheduled for January 7th. Chairman Larsen adjourned the meeting.