



Bountiful Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 28, 2021

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

Excused: City Staff – Francisco Astorga

Visitors: Dave Gillespie, Kris Pexton, Laura Belnap, Dan Toller

1. Welcome

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

2. Committee Assignment Updates

Mr. Watson explained his work in preparing for the GOED regional grant. He has contacted the recreational division of GOED and feels good the City might receive something. The grant is due on March 20, 2021 and he will provide a draft mid-February.

Chairman Larsen said it would help any grant the City applied for if it were to make one of the trailheads ADA accessible. The most logical location would be North Canyon as it can be designed from the beginning. He invited Dave Gillespie from the public to comment as he has a trail trike that would need ADA accessibility. Mr. Gillespie indicated it was really only needed at the trailhead as his trike is only 36” wide and could access most trails.

Chairman Larsen indicated he has stayed in contact with IMBA and other trail groups and is hoping to get approvals from City Council to move forward on bids for individual projects or the entire system. He also indicated he has been approached by another landscape company who would be willing to donate work and resources. He said Wind River would likely not give the City an invoice for the use of fuel for the excavator in North Canyon.

3. Trails Master Implementation Plan

Mr. Poole presented a rough draft to the Committee of the Trails Implementation Plan for review and comments. He indicated a similar presentation would be presented to

City Council. The Committee indicated they felt the timeline was sufficient and were a little nervous about all the projects going on at the same time. Mr. Poole indicated he tried to space out big projects to help the Committee to focus on a few at a time.

The Committee felt the 2021 timeline would work and Chairman Larsen noted it would be very helpful to get this document in front of IMBA to get their thoughts and feedback. The Committee wanted to use this to start writing grants and getting bids for trail work. Mr. Hill indicated the Committee needed to wait for approval from the City Council and to be patient as it went through the process. Mr. Poole reminded the Committee the concern raised from public meetings that the City was being too aggressive in designing trails and trail locations. He said he would respond back to Chairman Larsen about getting the document for IMBA and other trail partners.

Ms. Larsen noted the name for the trail on the south side of the road in North Canyon should be changed from "single-track" as it is more of a mountain biking term and should be called a multiuser trail or something else.

4. City Update

Mr. Hill said he is close to getting bids for the Holbrook Canyon bridges. Mr. Poole asked if any from the Committee had pictures of the North Canyon trail volunteer day project. He would provide them to a reporter who is writing an article about the project and Bountiful trails.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 25th. Ms. Larsen asked for an agenda item to discuss calendaring for the trail project volunteer days. Chairman Larsen adjourned the meeting.