



Bountiful Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 6, 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, Brock Hill, Curtis Poole

Visitors: Dan Black, Councilwoman Bradshaw, Teresa Crocket, Alan Lindsley, Adam Nelson, Ryan Packard, Randy Ricks, Steve Slatter

1. Welcome

Chairman Larsen opened the meeting welcomed and reminded the guests the Committee does not take public comment.

2. Service Day Report

Ms. Larsen reported that 448 hours were given by 157 volunteers on May 24 building the North Canyon multi-user trail. Chairman Larsen indicated there was still more work that needed to happen on both trails. He was able to get Granite Construction to donate an excavator or two the week of May 10 to help clear some of the areas the volunteers could not reach. Mr. Hill and Mr. Poole indicated they would go up with the excavators to ensure they stayed within the public easement. Ms. Larson volunteered to take some pizza up to the workers.

3. NEPA Trails Bid Update

Mr. Poole explained the City has receive two bids from SingleTrack Trails and IMBA regarding the design of trails requiring NEPA approval. There was a total of six trails included in the bids. Mr. Poole indicated the low bid was from IMBA and City Staff would be recommending that the City Council choose the bid from IMBA.

4. Holbrook Trail and Bridges

Mr. Hill showed the packable bridge designs he has found. They are in eight-foot packable sections that would be assembled on-site. Mr. Hansen explained that horses would be unable to carry the bridge sections but would be able to carry the heavy bolts needed to attach the bridge sections together. The bridge sections would need to be hauled in by manpower. Mr. Hansen said he would help to organize the Back Country Horsemen to help with volunteer efforts. Mr. Hill indicated it may take some time to secure the lumber and material to build the bridges. In the meantime, the

Committee would need to finalize the placements of the bridges. Mr. Poole and Ms. Larsen reminded the Committee they walked with engineers from the Forest Service, and they pointed out different locations they would recommend.

5. Sign Designs

Mr. Bell showed a couple of pole designs for trail signage. One was a straight metal pole and the other had metal direction pointers at the top of the pole. The Committee reviewed what the public wanted during the open house prior to the Trails Master Plan being adopted. The Committee also discussed the need to have some temporary signage in North Canyon for people to know the difference between the downhill and multi-user trails. Mr. Bell will get pricing for the straight metal posts with square directional signs attached to the post and the temporary signage.

6. Upcoming Service Days

Ms. Larsen recommended moving the May service day to June 5, which is National Trail Day, and the Committee agreed. There would still be additional work needed on the North Canyon Trails like clearing brush and shaping the trails. The Committee felt like having a weeknight service may help to reach a different group of volunteers in addition to the service day on June 5. The Committee decided to have a quick debris clean-up night on May 20. Mr. Hill would bring the City's chipper to help remove the branches and brush.

7. City Update

The Committee discussed trails on City owned property and Mr. Poole indicated the trail listed on the Trails Implementation Plan for this year was the trail connecting Ward Canyon to Holbrook Canyon. This trail would also require a bid to design but would not be as technical as the downhill trails and depending upon the price of the bid may or may not need to receive Council approval. Mr. Astorga thanked the Committee for their efforts and service given to the City. The next meeting was scheduled for June 3.