



Bountiful Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 3, 2021

Present: BTAC Committee Members – Jesse Bell, Brad Hansen, Bob Larsen (Chair), Melanie Larsen, Eric Rasmussen, Clint Watson (Vice-Chair); City Staff – Francisco Astorga, Lloyd Cheney, Todd Christensen, Brock Hill, Curtis Poole

Excused: Bret Hutchings

1. Welcome

Chairman Larsen opened the meeting. The meeting was not broadcast via Zoom and there were no visitors present.

2. Sign Designs

Mr. Bell showed the committee different designs for temporary and permanent signage. The temporary signs would be brown carsonite utility markers that would have stickers of the Bountiful City logo, trail users and trail reminders. Mr. Bell will check with local print shops for trail sticker cost estimates. The committee felt that metal pole signs would work better for permanent signs to avoid the future maintenance costs.

3. June Service Day Assignments

Ms. Larsen indicated she has marked the North Canyon trail on the south side of the road in segments to break up volunteer groups. Committee members were assigned to be trail bosses to oversee the different trail segments. Mr. Poole indicated there is some work that is still needed on the north downhill trail to bring it within the public easement. He reminded the committee they needed to stay within the easement. Mr. Bell asked if the City could negotiate with property owners if they were outside the easement. Mr. Hill said the trail needed to be within the easement and the City should not be negotiating with individual property owners.

4. North Canyon Trail Evaluation

Mr. Poole reminded the committee of the additional work that was needed in North Canyon and the work would likely need to be extended to the July service day. Mr. Cheney indicated the committee needed to understand the limitations on Staff and reminded the committee Staff was taking on trails as an addition to other responsibilities they had within the City. He discussed that going too fast led to some

of the problems the City was currently dealing with in North Canyon. Mr. Poole said after speaking with the City Attorney that volunteers wanting to operate machinery or power tools would need to have a signed agreement with the City before any work begins because of liability. Mr. Poole said to avoid problems with scheduling Staff time and contractors wanting to volunteer their time that he would coordinate with the contractors and Staff to ensure there was someone keeping track of the work being performed. He said that the trail construction issues they were facing in North Canyon were unique because of the easement which would not be the case for other trails. He explained that future trails would be designed and constructed by contractors for the most part.

5. City Updates

Mr. Poole discussed another RFP would be issued for trail design and construction for the trail between Holbrook and Ward Canyons. This would be entirely on City property. Chairman Larsen asked about the Kenny Creek Trail. Mr. Poole indicated it was part of the previous RFP that was approved by City Council. Ms. Larsen asked about trail names and suggested the committee should start naming some of the trails. Mr. Poole said that Ms. Larsen should compile a list of trail names from the committee and send them to him. He would run them by City Staff before the trails are officially named. Chairman Larsen expressed concern the trail process was going slower than it should. Vice Chair Watson reminded the committee there were multiple trails under design and even though trails were not being physically constructed there was still work being completed. Mr. Cheney thanked Mr. Hill and Staff for spending time beyond their normal responsibilities and taking time away from their families to help with trail building. The next meeting was scheduled for July 8th.