



Bountiful Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 17, 2020 5:00 p.m.

Present: BTAC Committee Members – Brad Hansen, Bob Larsen (Chair), Melanie Larsen, Eric Rasmussen, Clint Watson (Vice-Chair); City Staff – Brock Hill, Curtis Poole
Excused: Committee Members – Jesse Bell, Bret Hutchings; City Staff – Francisco Astorga; Trail Partners – Jeff Oyler (Davis County Planner), Zinnia Wilson (Forest Service)
Visitors: Adam Nelson

1. Welcome

Chairman Larsen opened the meeting and welcomed visitors. The August 20, 2020 meeting minutes were adopted.

2. Committee Assignments

Ms. Larsen updated the committee on cleanup she organized on the Rudy's Flat area trail after the storm last week. Mr. Hansen indicated he would organize the Back-Country Horsemen to help clear the Holbrook Trail and would post for additional volunteers on Facebook.

Ms. Larsen and Mr. Poole provided follow-up to the Trails Forum they attended that morning sponsored by GOED. They discussed an online trails master steward course sponsored by Utah State University and would provide additional information and encouraged the committee to consider taking the course. Mr. Hill indicated he has enrolled and has been taking the course.

3. Mueller Park Downhill

Mr. Poole indicated the City has accepted the bid provided by Single Track Trails. The contract is currently being negotiated and work will begin shortly thereafter. Ms. Larsen asked about a second downhill trail. Mr. Poole explained it would be better to focus on getting at least one trail completed than to complicate it by adding a second trail. He explained this could be something to consider in the future.

4. North Canyon Single-Track

Mr. Poole said the City is working with another trail designer for the North Canyon Trail. He explained the designer has proposed two trails which would parallel the road, one on each side of the road. He said the designer thought this would be safer as one trail could be used as a downhill for mountain bikers and the other would be used by pedestrians and horses. The committee agreed it would be safer to have the

two trails. Chairman Larsen asked about the cabin located on the south side of the road. Mr. Poole explained the two trails would likely have to merge just east of the cabin and then continue as one trail to the eventual trailhead. He also said the designer has added construction training to the bid, which would be provided to the committee and City trails staff.

The committee asked about updates on the North Canyon Trailhead. Mr. Poole explained the City is still waiting for the decision from the County on a grant it requested back in July. He explained the City does not want to push anything forward until it knows what the County is planning to do.

The committee discussed providing volunteers to help with the North Canyon Trail once it has been designed and marked. Chairman Larsen said it would be better to have the trails committee go up first with a smaller group to clear and prepare the trail. He said he still has a volunteer who will provide a mini excavator and other equipment.

5. City Update

Mr. Poole said the City has submitted the permits for the Holbrook Trail bridges and is now waiting for a decision from the state. Mr. Hansen asked about access to the Highland Oaks Trail that was promised the City as part of a proposed subdivision. He explained the current property owner has posted “no trespassing” signs on the trail. Mr. Poole and Mr. Hill indicated the City has a road easement to access a water tank in the area but were unaware of the trail access through the proposed subdivision as it happened years before. Mr. Poole said he would do some research and return with information at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

The Committee decided its next meeting would be held on Thursday, October 1st, at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Larsen adjourned the meeting.