



**Bountiful Trails Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 9, 2020**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Present: BTAC Committee Members – Bret Hutchings, Bob Larsen (Chair), Eric Rasmussen, Clint Watson (Vice-Chair); City Staff – Francisco Astorga, Curtis Poole; Trail Partners – Zinnia Wilson (Forest Service)

Excused: Committee Members – Jesse Bell, Brad Hansen, Melanie Larsen; City Staff – Brock Hill; Trail Partner – Jeff Oyler (Davis County Planner)

Visitors: Sherrelyn Larsen, Joe Pelaez

**1. Welcome**

Chairman Larsen opened the meeting with comments from a meeting he had with an official from Draper City regarding its trail system. He said his key takeaway from the meeting was if the City starts building trails the community will rally behind the projects. He also mentioned a lot of in-kind trail work was done by local businesses.

**2. Meeting Flow and Committee Focus**

Mr. Poole explained the Committee should be run very similarly to the Planning Commission, where Staff would work with the Committee Chair on the agenda items and would be responsible for most of the presentations. There would also be times when Committee members may give reports and presentations. This would help keep the meetings on track and within the hour time frame. The Committee Chair would be responsible for taking the Committee through the agenda. Mr. Poole also reemphasized the Committee's focus should be on North Canyon single-track, Holbrook bridges and Mueller Park downhill.

**3. Committee Assignments**

Mr. Poole reported that individuals could give in-kind donations of stock. Chairman Larsen indicated he had heard from an individual that donations given to the City would not be tax deductible and the Committee should set up a foundation to accept donations. The Committee again requested there be a “donate” button on the website. Mr. Astorga said he would follow-up on that for the next meeting with regards to fundraising. Mr. Poole also reported and showed the new trails website to the Committee. He reminded members to send their two sentence bio to him so it can be posted to the web. He asked the Committee to review other trails websites to see what else should be added to the City's website. Mr. Astorga reported for Committee Member Bell regarding the purchase of maps. Mr. Bell has found maps available online which could be stitched together and would serve the purpose the

Committee needed. Mr. Astorga reported he is still working to locate the individual who wanted to give money for the North Canyon trail, which was mentioned in prior meetings.

#### **4. Holbrook Bridges**

Mr. Poole reported Staff has visited the bridge sites and is currently working with the Forest Service on bridge types, locations and will apply for a permit through the State for all bridges in Holbrook Canyon; although the grant money would likely only cover two or three bridges. Chairman Larsen asked about who would build the bridge. Staff indicated the bridge would most likely be built by volunteers under the guidance of the Forest Service.

#### **5. North Canyon Trail**

Staff reported that the City has applied for a grant, approximately worth \$837,000, through the County. The money would cover the acquisition of the property for a trailhead, the construction of the trailhead, single-track trail and grading of the existing road. The Committee asked about starting the trail before the grant was awarded. Mr. Poole explained the private property owners would need to be given notice of any work being done through the easement on their property. Staff will follow-up on when the notice will be sent. Chairman Larsen indicated the Committee could organize volunteers to help with the construction of the trail and possibly have it all completed within a few weeks. The Committee felt this could be done before snow starts to fall.

#### **6. Mueller Park Downhill**

Staff indicated trail design and work would need to be carefully coordinated with the Forest Service. Ms. Wilson discussed the process to acquire permits and approvals through the Forest Service and the ultimate route would need to receive approvals from the Forest Service. The Committee felt they didn't have enough expertise in trail layout and would rather have a professional consultant hired to help design and build the trail. Mr. Rasmussen indicated there were two possible routes that had been discussed in the past: 1) coming off Elephant Rock and running along the south of Mill Creek and 2) riding east and then crossing Mill Creek and running along the north of the creek until it hits the east end of Mueller Park.

#### **7. City Update**

Prior to the update, Staff asked the visitors present about their thoughts on the location and construction of trails and where they learned about the Committee meeting. They indicated they were interested in any trail built and supported the direction of the Committee and heard about the meeting through social media. Mr. Astorga discussed the possible acquisition by the County of the parking lot near the "B." He explained the County would buy the property, construct a parking lot and trailhead, and then give the property to the City who would be responsible for maintenance.

## **8. Adjournment**

The Committee agreed the next meeting would be held on Thursday, July 30, at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Larsen adjourned the meeting.