

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee – July 15, 2009 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Woods, David McKinnon, Kristi Regotti, and Brian Baker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Cook, Susan Miner and Molly Jackson.

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Batista, Carolyn Nitz, Tom Harmon and John Caywood.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ada County Commissioner Rick Yzaguirre, Jay Gibbons, Development Services, Tim Breuer, Land Trust, Sarah Cohn, Idaho Conservation League, Tim Dublin Resident involved with the Homes Owner Association Hidden Springs, Coltin Tippetts, Manager for Hidden Springs Home Owners Association.

Chairman Paul Woods called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the June 17th meeting. Brian Baker motioned to approve the minutes as written, Kristi Regotti seconded; motion passes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

The main comp plan in the recreation part speaks about parks, trail and open space, though it lacks in regard to detail on the trails and open space portion. Jay is currently working on policy to implement a County wide trail system with supporting policy and implementation actions this will address open space with more specifics. The plan will be forwarded out to everyone for their input. Jay will have a discussion with the Board of Ada County Commissioners.

LAND TRUST OF TREASURE VALLEY:

Land Trust of Treasure Valley is a non profit, non government organization who works to conserve wild and scenic places close to home. There are about 1,500 Land Trust's around the country each are uniquely different in how they do their work. Locally they work with communities, local government, citizens, private land owners, and public agencies to try and advance the idea of conservation, recreation and trails.

There were a series of community workshops around the valley in Boise, Meridian, Eagle and Kuna. "The Heart of Our Valley" report was the outcome from the workshops and from the Open Space and Trails Task Force. The report was handed out.

The Land Trust of Treasure Valley is very supportive of the work the Parks, Open Space and Trails Board does and they want to be helpful in any way they can.

Sarah Cohn with the Idaho Conservation League, her role is to work with Southwest Idaho communities to make sure that Idahoans have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink and natural places to enjoy at home. Sarah said they are here to close the gaps between the cities and the county

OREGON TRAIL ITD EASEMENT GRANT UPDATE:

John updated the board on the easement grant. There are a couple land owners willing to sell to the County. A subcommittee consisting of David McKinnon and Brian Baker was formed to assist John with land deals.

MOTION: Brian Baker motioned to recommend and endorse to the Ada County Commissioner to expend funds for the appraisals, Kristi Regotti seconded; motion passes

OREGON TRAILHEAD GRANT:

We have received our grant for \$119,000 for the Oregon Trail Trailhead grant through Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. This grant is for a kiosk design, improvement on the parking lot and a split rail fence. We are in the process with the design work with the help from our Operations department. The Commissioners will sign off on the grant as soon as the County budget is approved. This grant will cross fiscal years.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Board requested updates at the August meeting.

- ✓ Continue to update for the Oregon Trail Easements.
- ✓ Staff has been asked to look into and address the trail connections of the foothill and other portions of the county including the surrounding cities (Kuna, Eagle, Meridian, and Star). What can the county do to help with the connectivity.
- ✓ Draft language for signage on the greenbelt.

August agenda item.

- ✓ Hidden Springs trail connection to Avimor - Tim Dublin and Coltin Tippetts.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chairman Paul Woods moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 p.m. Kristi Regotti motioned, Brian Baker seconded; motion passes

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2009.