

Grand County Trail Mix Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Held Grand Center Pavillion

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Meeting called to order at 11:09

Attendance

Present: Tyson Swasey, Katie Stevens, Luke Wojciechowski, Stephen Schultz, Brian Murdock, Madeline Logowitz

Absent: Paul Spencer, Dave Wilson, Sam Van Wetter, Kirstin Peterson, Colin Topper, Jacques Hadler, Kya Marienfeld, Jessica Backer, Justin Ricks, Mike Baird, Brett Sutteer, Laura Harris, Jason Keith, John Guenther, Brian Torgerson, Tim Smith, Kim Schappert

Guests: Theresa King, Brendon Cameron, Elizabeth Wright, Zane Taylor

Approval Of Minutes

Quorum not met. Minutes from meetings on April 12, May 10, and June 14 need to be approved at next meeting with quorum.

Citizens to be Heard

Theresa King would like the Committee to drop the requirement that Citizens to be Heard must submit a written topic or comment before 9 am the day of the meeting. She also asked for recordings of the meetings to be posted. She would be happy to add a space in "Moab Happenings" to get out key trail information for us.

Action items

None

Discussion items

None

Member reports

BLM: Katie Stevens. Kestrel Trail: Still waiting on cultural clearance. BLM is attempting to hire an archaeologist to help with field work. Finished public comment on management of public dispersed camping. They are summarizing comments and will publish soon. The BLM is also working on making specific sites on public dispersed camping.

Forest Service: Brian. Aug 8th- Aug 31st is a full closure of Geyser Pass Road. They are working on widening the roads, reducing blind corners, & other fire area improvements. They

are adding a better parking lot at Clark Lake and creating a loop at the top for drop off. Currently working on clearing mountain trails. He has trail re-routes to talk to GCATT about for summer trail projects.

GCATT: Maddie Logowitz: Still hiring trail ambassadors & summer positions. Right now it's only 2 staff and 2 returning seasonals for August summer field season. They attended the Utah Trails Forum in Cedar City, UT and Maddie attended a session about eBike policy with extensively info. They have also been meeting with the Health Department and collaborating about human waste and wag bag drop-off locations. Maddie and Tyson flagged the Squaw Springs Exit Trail in the burn area (this trail is soon to be renamed). The work they have done in the mountains is holding up well.

Tyson Swasey: Tyson and Maddie also taught a USU Maintenance Master Class at the Utah Trails Forum. Tyson has been learning more about adaptive trail users and their design needs. Tyson participated in the Porcupine Rim Trail maintenance day with the Motorized Committee. GCATT has been working with the Motorized Trail Committee to better incorporate motorized use into map projects. GCATT helped the Backcountry Horseman with the project to install Old Spanish Trail markers - metal silhouettes visible north of town off of Hwy 191. Mud Springs is a mountain bike focus area in San Juan County and GCATT staff are involved in conversations about this project along with SJC, the BLM, and NICA. Their role currently is advisory, and they are interested in advising about how to design to include adaptive users and possible E-bikes if approved.

Responsible recreation (Maddie): So far trail ambassadors have encountered 36,000 visitors. In 23,000 of these encounters, they were able to educate about responsible recreation, which is 63% of people encountered. They are seeking applicants for volunteer trail ambassadors, who will be required to go through a training process. Anna has been working with "AllTrails" to correct trail information and is planning a co-presentation with them at the International Trails Conference next year. Poop awareness month is October.. More to come on that. GCATT is also working with the City to update kiosks on Main Street to update maps and highlight walkable areas and add responsible recreation info.

County: Absent. No report.

City: Luke. Working on redoing special event permits with a focus on environment improvement. They are looking to other successful event cities.

Chair: Absent. No report.

Vice Chair: Absent. No report.

Secretary: Absent. No report.

Biking: Absent. No report.

Climbing: Absent. No report.

Equestrian: Stephen. Metal silhouettes were successfully installed. Equestrian users are going to do some casual trail clearing and want to look at trail clearing on SITLA: they are looking for resources and contacts for SITLA areas. They are looking at more trails at the Geyser Pass area and working on making them passable.

Hiking: Absent. No report.

Trail running: Absent. No report.

Skiing: Absent. No report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06.

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