

**Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**  
**APPROVED March 13 2019**

**Present:** Paul Spencer, Aaron Lindberg, Marc Thomas, Stephen Schultz, Maddie Logowitz, Tyson Swasey, Brian Murdock, Evan Clapper, Zacharia Levine, Katie Stevens, Jennifer Jones

**Absent:** Rani Derasary, Scott Escott, Sharon Hogan, Kirsten Peterson, Kim Schappert, Michele Hill, Brett Sutteer

**Guests:** Denise Ricks, Justin Ricks, Jordan Ricks, Anna Sprout, Ruth Dillon

**Meeting called to order at 11:00 am**

**County Update:**

Evan informed committee that the Utah State Legislature is working on a bill changing the structure of the Community Investment Board; this change would place more oil and gas representatives and fewer county representatives on the Board. Evan also mentioned that the BLM was setting up meeting dates for its Travel Plan revision.

Zacharia said that Active Transportation and its quality of life improvements was a part of several business summit workshops put on by county. He also is discussing with county attorney a policy on the sharing of map information and intellectual property.

The update of the Non-Motorized Master Plan is moving forwards; a kickoff meeting was held that invited everyone who had a part in the last revision.

The Spanish Valley Drive Parkway project is proceeding; cost estimates are in progress. Ruth responded by saying that the county has, in the past, went to state legislature for money for transportation safety. Katie suggested that there significant federal funding for these kinds of pathway projects as well.

**City Update:**

Rani was absent, but Paul reported that the Bike Path project on 100 west was delayed due to weather, but most of it is finished and rideable. The creekside path from 100W to Anonymous Park now has a hard gravel base and is much easier to walk or ride.

**Trail Mix Business:**

Discussion about the Trail Mix logo, Facebook Page, and other social media use centered around whether there needed to be a new, separate page for Tyson and Maddie to reflect the work that goes outside the scope of Trail Mix's charter, such as e-bikes and paved surface infrastructure. Paul said that he thought the pages should be kept same to minimize confusion and that the committee wants the same thing as Tyson and Maddie, plus the committee may change charter to include more user types. A consensus was reached that both the Committee and the County would continue to use the same accounts. Zacharia reminded everyone that any social media is a subject to governmental record requests. He also wanted to note in any social media that the County and City are major supporters of Trail Mix.

Paul reported on several YouTube videos: one, that was produced as a commercial video, included footage of riding off trail and had no BLM permit; another that used Trail Mix's copyright logo without permission was taken down by YouTube. A third video was of graffiti being made on a rock wall; the BLM is investigating.

**BLM Update:**

Katie says the Red Onion trail is proceeding on schedule. The BLM is looking to make changes to camping in the North Klondike area to minimize cultural and paleontology damage. Katie also reported that the BLM is starting to enlarge both the Amasa Back and Corona Arch parking lots.

Zacharia said that there is a coalition between City, County, BLM, and SITLA working to help mitigate overuse and damage occurring on BLM land at Mill Creek at the power dam. Zacharia also stated that there are conversations happening with San Juan county about having a Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) for trail Mix employees to be working in San Juan county on BLM and Forest Service lands.

Steve mentioned to Katie that the equestrian users would like the Hollywood Trails to have toilets due to increased impact.

Evan said that the Red Rock 4 Wheelers is requesting from BLM to exclude OHVs from using the Cliffhanger trail on Amasa back.

Maddie included that the Japanese confinement site in Moab at Dalton Wells would make a good trails project. She would like to start working on some projects and believes that site would be great for school groups.

**Forest Service:**

Brian reports that an invoice was paid for Trail Mix employees work on Forest Service land. There was one snowmobiler fatality on the east side of mountains due to avalanche. He says that LUNA is writing grant for new snow machine and is asking for letters of support. The Forest Service time for public comments on its plan revision is going to be extended to later in year. He encouraged Tyson to resubmit trail proposals, changing them from coming from private citizens to proposals from the county. Brian concluded by saying that they are doing carrying capacity studies on the Whole Enchilada and is asking for views and opinions.

**Trail Report:**

Tyson's social media mud reports are well received. Also, in the last month he monitored the Mad Moose running race: race staff did a lot of good work cleaning and fixing trails. The Jackson Trail boardwalk area was visited by Tyson and Maddie; they said that Grand County Search and Rescue did hazard cleaning for a few days to eliminate rockfall above proposed trail. Maddie reports that they continue transition to county. She is learning about active transportation. Seasonal employees will be returning March 6<sup>th</sup>. She is interested in applying to several grants for a bike skills area and a skate park inside city limits. She says that there is a small amount of money from RPT grant to have a bike-patrol like pilot program to provide user education at trail heads.

**Hiking Update:**

Marc wants to scout a couple new trails in Sand Flats and Monitor and Merrimac area. Katie mentioned that a previously proposed area, at the first parking area on 313 past the S-bends, is not feasible because it is in a sheep lambing area. Marc will look at possibilities further up 313.

**Canyoneering Update:**

Brett emailed saying he is getting some interest in forming a local climbing organization.

**Equestrian Update:**

Steve detailed a proposal tentatively named “Bijou Trail” in the Professor Creek area, at the Hollywood Westerns parking lot. He believes this trail would be a good addition to the area. He would like the proposal to be put on the March agenda.

**Skiing Update:**

Kirsten was absent but Brian report that grooming was being done twice a week. A beacon checker and buried beacons were placed at the trailhead so people can test avalanche safety equipment.

Aaron motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Evan seconded, passed unanimously.