

**Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday June 9th 2020**  
**Held via conference call only**  
**APPROVED July 14 2020**

**Present:** Kya Marienfeld, Justin Ricks, Denise Ricks, Stephen Schultz, Katie Stevens, Aaron Lindberg, Marc Thomas, Brett Sutteer, Cory Shurtleff, Paul Spencer, Maddie Logowitz

**Absent:** Stephen Schultz, Kirsten Peterson, Kim Schappert, Brian Murdock, Evan Clapper, Mila Dunbar-Irwin, Zacharia Levine, Keri Fransden

**Guests:** Kalen Jones, David Erley

**Trail Mix Business:** Draft comments to the BLM about Ebikes was discussed. Kya recommended several edits and changes. She also suggested that new trails need an environmental assessment and be open to public comment. Steve commented saying that having motorized ebikes on non-motorized trails confuses the issue for equestrian users who may not know the regulations but think that a non-motorized trail means no ebikes.

Kya then motioned to approve letter with suggested amendments. Marc seconded. Passed with 8 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions.

Steve reported that the Old Spanish Trail Figurines has issues on where to place statues. There is confusion over which government agency owns suggested site and who has right of way. Katie suggested new location by the Bar M trail. This will be pursued with County.

Paul brought up the Mill Creek Pathway pocket park saying that the project is well over a year old and has had sudden resistance. He wanted to clarify that this was a collaborative project between Grand County and the City of Moab, and that while Trail Mix fully supports it, they have had no involvement at all. He continued saying that all materials have been ordered and that most costs for the project are covered by the State grant.

Dave Erley was allowed to speak out of order. He said that The Friends of the Pathway, Moab Solutions nor Sara Melnicoff was never consulted and felt like there should have been more public outreach more than a line item in an agenda. Paul responded saying that although it was not required, the City did have a well-publicized open house at the site last summer.

**County Update:** none

**City Update:** none

**BLM update:** Katie started saying that the Pinto Arch trail construction has been delayed. She explained the BLM's proposed restricted rope access on Hell Roaring Canyon and Mineral Bottom. She said that the BLM is in a scoping period which will be followed by an environmental assessment. The area is home to Mexican Spotted Owl, over 40 raptors and the only genetically pure Bighorn Sheep herd.

Katie reported that new ebike trails in the Tusher Canyon area are opened and signed, but there are no data on usage. Paul responded that perhaps a press release on the new ebike trails could dispel the mistaken belief that Trail Mix is anti ebike.

**Forest Service update:** none

**Climbing Report:** Brett reports that the suggested limits on group size in Upper Grandstaff trail are not working. He encountered several groups of more than 50 people - all from private groups. He

continued saying that these suggested limits need to be turned into standing rules that are perhaps enforced by monitoring the entrance at Sand Flats.

**Biking Report:** Aaron asked what the status of the county's employees were. He reported that various trails seemed to need some maintenance. He asked who people should contact if they want to clear trails on Forest Service land.

**Trail Report:** Maddie said she has been working one day a week. She has been interviewing for summer seasonal position and has secured a couple months of work with the Forest Service. She then commented on the city's pocket park, explaining why the current site was chosen; one factor was that the city wanted a public restroom in that area. Anonymous park was considered, but to make it ADA compliant would have cost at least 60K to build wheelchair friendly ramps. Also, Anonymous Park has advanced skilled riders travelling at high speed, whereas this park would have small children who are learning basic skills, resulting in conflicts. Maddie noted that Friends of The Parkway or Moab Solutions have no official role at all with the city. Maddie finished her report by saying that the Red Onion trail was half build and partially signed.

**Equestrian report:** Nothing to report.

**Hiking Report:** Marc had nothing to report.

**Trail Running:** Justin reported that people who were against the Mill Creek Pathway pocket park were some of his volunteers and had worked with him on his races.

**Citizens to be heard:** Reed Bakken of Tacoma, Washington said that ebikes were coming and that areas like Klondike Bluffs and Navajo Rocks will not be impacted negatively because of them.

Marc motioned to adjourn, and Steve seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.