

Grand County Trail Mix Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 8/9/22

Held Grand Center Pavillion

Draft

Meeting called to order at 11:05

Attendance

Present: Katie Stevens, Stephen Schultz, Dave Wilson, Sam Van Wetter, Kirstin Peterson, Colin Topper, Kya Marienfeld, Luke Wojciechowski, Brian Murdock, Brett Sutteer, Brendon Cameron, Tyson Swasey, Zane, Mike Baird

Absent: Paul Spencer, Jacques Hadler, Madeline Logowitz, Jessica Backer, Laura Harris, Jason Keith, John Guenther, Brian Torgerson, Tim Smith, Kim Schappert, Justin Ricks

Guests:

Approval Of Minutes

Kya made a motion to approve minutes from April, May, and June with spellings corrected
Passed unanimously

Citizens to be Heard

Mark Howe: Nonprofit organization "Friends of Anonymous Park" formed to address public/private interface at Anonymous Park. Involvement from Tyson, Poison Spider, City. Business partners are funding maintenance, volunteer efforts are ongoing. Master plan has been presented to City. Encompasses all three parcels, has goals of building shade, equipment, benches, trails.

Action items

Discussion items

Hawk's Glide: 2 month window to build Hawk's Glide - connector between Eagle Eye & Falcon Flow. Trail Mix will spearhead volunteer efforts on behalf of GCATT. Volunteer efforts will occur for three days weekly, starting around 9/15-10/31. Trail Mix will make and disseminate a flyer which will be shared with guiding companies. Must be specific with time, location, and tasks. Parking could be tight, so we must encourage carpooling. Incentivisation? Luv Muffin, grill-out, other restaurants?

NICA may contribute, but they will work on Bar M first.

Scheduling ASAP will lead to better turnout.

Top portion will be easiest for volunteers; second part is more labor-intensive. Volunteer groups need to contact GCATT to coordinate efforts.

Member reports

BLM: Katie Stevens: BLM is still processing camping comments. Inventory on all sites will happen. Sunshine Wall restoration is ongoing

Forest Service: Zach Lowe: Geysers Pass Road is closed until Aug. 31. It will be open for Labor Day Weekend; opens Friday AM, closes again Sunday. Trail builders collaborated with GCATT on Clark Lake Connector reroute, aspen regeneration mitigation, trail clearing. Working with UCC on South Mountain trailwork, will work on Tuk Springs Trail off La Sal Pass Trail. Ute 100 Race is this weekend in La Sals, ~100 participants, based out of bottom of Miner's Basin. Received funding from Infrastructure Bill to develop Porcupine Rim Campground into a fee site with better infrastructure.

GCATT: Tyson Swasey: Tuk Springs exit trail is flagged 7/11. Next summer will involve volunteer effort with shuttles offered - trail is ~4 miles from anywhere. Working on Clark Lake Loop with GCATT & FS - aspen removal is necessary. Volunteer events in La Sals may come late summer. Team is at Oowah for the next 2 weeks, will bump up to Warner after that. Hired 2 trailwork staff for summer season.

Responsible Rec: Anna Sprout: 39,000 public interactions. 3 positions are still hiring, primarily weekend work. Contact Anna for more info. FIG Grant completed to bring ambassadors to motorized trailheads. Volunteer ambassador training event 9/1 & 9/3 and will include Science Moab Biocrust unit. TrailMix members are welcome to attend. Collab with Waste Management on wag bag disposal; October is Poop Month.

Moab TrailMix & MBA is hosting PipeDream 10th Birthday Party - group ride on PipeDream, celebration at Moab Cyclery. 6pm Monday 8/22 @ Moab Cyclery.

County: Absent, no report.

City: Luke: City is applying for a Vision Zero grant (org working towards 0 pedestrian fatalities) which will help City implement new cycling lanes, city transportation.

Elizabeth: Health Department: Sharing information on poison plants, venomous animals. More Wag Bags are being ordered.

Chair: Colin: Mud Springs - south of town, designated as Mountain Biking Focus Area. San Juan County economic development is beginning process of trail building out there. Could be eBike friendly. Very early in the process thus far.

Vice Chair: Absent, no report.

Secretary: Sam: Attended Forest Service/CFI trailwork event in La Sals, well-attended and lots of work.

Biking: Mike Baird: Trail Conditions Report built into website would be well-used and helpful. Currently tourists go to shops, county website for information. TrailMix is sharing on social media which is helpful but a centralized location would be good reference.

Tyson suggests that TrailForks app could be a platform for this. Needs updating.
Discussion of future of PipeDream-adjacent social trails near University. Is there a future for legitimizing, signing, and maintaining these? Is there a future for a Pipedream loop?

Climbing: Brett Sutteer: Authorized bolting of Entrajo Canyon up Right Hand Mill Ck. Outfitters were going to bolt it but have not yet. Brett will move on that if it doesn't happen soon.

Equestrian: Stephen: Moab Canyons Rim endurance ride Sept 30-Oct 2. 50 mile loop ride. Last run in 2017, concern about increased OHV traffic. Issues with SITLA land near South Mountain; cattle guard has prevented horse movement. Contacted Clif Koonz, should interface with SITLA. Has been working with Horizon film horseman needs.

Hiking: Kya: Hiking has been good in La Sals. Interested in a Science Moab / TrailMix event for a "walk & talk" this fall. Encourages goathead mediation in town!

Trail running: Absent, no report.

Skiing: Kirstin: nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:4