

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 11, 2020
Held via conference call only
PRELIMINARY

Meeting called to order at 11:05 am.

Present: Paul Spencer, Katie Stevens, Maddie Logowitz, Stephen Schultz, Justin Ricks, Denise Ricks, Kya Marienfeld, Kirsten Peterson

Absent: Keri Fransden, Tyson Swasey, Evan Clapper, Kim Schappert, Mila Dunbar-Irwin, Cory Shurtleff, Brian Murdock, Marc Thomas, Aaron Lindberg, Brett Sutteer, Zacharia Levine

Guests: Jessica O'Leary

Approval Of Minutes: postponed due to lack of quorum.

Trail Mix Business: Unfortunately for Trail Mix, Aaron Lindberg has a new full-time position and will not be able to continue as either Bike Rep or Secretary. Trail Mix thanks him for the huge amount of work he has done for us and wishes him well. However, that leaves us with two new vacancies, along with the Vice Chair vacancy. How to find new volunteers was discussed.

Trail Mix received a request to correct the June minutes, specifically the wording "Friends of The Parkway or Moab Solutions have no official role at all with the city". It was confirmed that the minutes in fact should be an accurate representation of what was said at the meeting; all agreed that the minutes should remain as they were approved, since that was in fact what was said. Chair has offered to note at a future meeting if there is in fact a legal agreement between either organization and the City, but has not received any such documentation so far.

Chair noted that some members of the public, in letters to the papers and facebook postings and in citizens to be heard comments, are saying that Trail Mix is the driving force behind the Bike Skills Park, and that we plan on further expansion along the Parkway. (In fact, of course, Trail Mix was not involved in the skills park and has no future plans in that area). A discussion about how to stop this inaccurate information from being spread followed; it was agreed that there is no good legal mechanism to stop this and that it is best to just ignore it.

County Update: As everyone knows, Zacharia Levine has left the County. A hiring process for a replacement is under way; it will not be a direct replacement, since the County is undergoing a significant restructuring of its departmental organization.

Transportation planning for Spanish Valley, and Spanish Valley Drive in particular, are continuing. Developer bonds in the area now take this into account.

City Update: not present

BLM Update: The Pinto Arch trail is fundamentally complete; it just needs clear signage to avoid confusion about which arch each trail goes to.

The Motorized Trails Committee requested several trail changes in the Fins and Things area; most (but not all) were approved, and are up for public viewing on the eplanning web site.

Forest Service Update: not present

Trail Report: Maddie and Tyson are working on a substantial rebuild of Hazard County and are looking for volunteers. There is also work being done at Burro Pass.

The Bike Skills Park project is proceeding; the area is being graded right now.

The Red Onion hiking trail is nearing completion.

Fall staff will start on September 15th.

Because of Covid concerns, it is unclear what can be done for National Public Lands Day.

Biking Report: not present

Climbing Report: Brett was not present, but there was brief discussion of the Hell Roaring Canyon changes, which do not impact any popular routes.

Hiking Report: not present

Mountain biking: not present

Skiing: Nothing to report. Very poor ski conditions recently.

Trail Running: Nothing to report.

Citizens to be Heard: No comments were received.

Katie moved to adjourn meeting at 11:52. Kya seconded.