

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
PRELIMINARY

Present: Aaron Lindberg, Madeline (Maddie) Logowitz, Tyson Swasey, Justin Ricks, Denise Ricks, Keri Fransden, Brett Sutteer, Katie Stevens, Paul Spencer

Absent: Sharon Hogan, Scott Escott, Marc Thomas, Steven Schultz, Kirsten Peterson, Kim Schappert, Zacharia Levine, Evan Clapper, Anna Sprout, Brian Murdock

Guests: Joe Kingsley, Britta Kingsley, Kya Marienfeld, Andrea Brand, Matt Olding

Trail Report: Due to high temperatures, the trail crew has been spending some of their days helping the Forest Service on the Squaw Springs Exit Trail. They also met with local guiding businesses and local pedal bikers about the design of the Urban Bike Skills Court on the Millcreek Parkway. Tyson explained that they have been looking at a company that makes prefabricated bike obstacles. The structures are attached to the ground with long bolts; this removes the need for making foundations, makes obstacles moveable, and reduces environmental impacts to the area - he and Maddie want to keep as many trees as possible.

Maddie continued her report saying that they are preparing for volunteer groups that come to assist with trail work, and are getting ready for volunteer day at Outerbike, where she and Tyson will set up an information booth about Trail Mix. She explained that the Leave No Trace Hot Spot campaign has targeted this area and Indian Creek; she is wanting to figure out a way to bring their message to customers riding bike shuttles. Maddie concluded her report by handing out a draft of a Non-Motorized Trail Survey. This will help the County in their efforts to update the Non-Motorized Master Plan.

Citizens To be Heard: Joe and Britta Kingsley of the Moab Rotary spoke next. They explained the history of Rotary Park, and how the original vision connected Sand Flats Recreation Area to the wetlands along the river. Due to a proposed housing development near Powerhouse Lane, the time is crucial now to finish the part of project connecting Rotary Park to the Sand Flats boundary via a nonmotorized bike/pedestrian pathway. The developer is keen on having the trail made, as it helps meet their open space requirement and will increase housing values. Joe and Brita are asking Trail Mix for help and support for doing this project. Maddie and Tyson agreed to meet with them to look further into how Trail Mix can help.

Climbing Report: Brett will begin removing bolts in Wilderness Study Areas; a brief discussion revolved around how to tell public that bolts in wilderness areas are being removed and being done by the BLM.

Trail Running Report: A hundred mile running race was done in the La Sals last weekend - Justin said that they cleared many, many trees on the trails that they used.

Hiking Report: Marc Thomas sent email to Paul, which said that he will have proposal to vote on a trail spur that would connect Bowtie, Corona, and Pinto arch by next trail mix meeting. Maddie quickly interjected that this trail proposal would require lots of annual maintenance - this area receives more than 50,000 visitors. She suggested that the BLM build trail and that Trail Mix advise on the process.

Guest Andrea Brand: Andrea, who is the manager for Sand Flats Recreation Area, presented the plans for the Slickrock 50th anniversary party. She asked for input on their flyer and informed the group about the various events. She also mentioned that they were looking for volunteers.

Minutes: Marc Thomas sent email with a clarification that the proposed spur trail would include three arches (Corona, Bow-Tie, Pinto) and not just two. Aaron moved for an approval with the edits; seconded by Maddie and approved unanimously.

Trail Mix Business: Maddie then shared her proposal for a parking area to be created at the western end of the Big Burrito trail on Sand Flats. There would be a minor reroute of the Big Burrito trail by 790 feet and create a safer ending of the trail. The Grand County roads department cited a possible safety hazard with original trail ending on a curve on road; the change would place the trailhead on a straight. Maddie moved to approve the proposal; Brett seconded, passed unanimously.

Tyson then moved to adjourn, Maddie seconded and all approved.