

**Grand County Trail Mix Meeting
Tuesday, August 14th 2018
Grand Center, Moab, Utah
APPROVED Sept 11 2018**

Present: Paul Spencer, Aaron Lindberg, Sharon Hogan, Scott Escott, Tyson Swasey, Rani Derasary, Marc Thomas, Evan Clapper, Kirstin Peterson, Zacharia Levine, Brian Murdock, Chris Baird

Absent: Katie Stevens, Kim Schappert, Steve Schultz, Brett Sutteer, Maddie Logowitz

Guests: Sheri Griffith

Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 am

Approval Of Minutes:

The city requested that July's minutes be changed from saying "surplus budget" to "Community Contribution Fund". A spelling error in "Kane Creek" was noted by Michele Hill.

Sharon moved to approve July minutes as edited, Tyson seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Total income in 2018 through 7/31/18: \$32,337.23

Expenditures in 2018 through 7/31/18: \$44,015.63

General Fund Balance: \$58,020.09

Income since last report:

- \$12,000.00 from MTA Maps for Trails. 2018 YTD from MTA: \$15,000.00 (vs. \$16,000.00 in 2017)

Other Business:

- Maddie and Tyson have spent \$3,600.00 so far on working in the National Forest. The Forest Service will reimburse Trail Mix up to \$10,000.00 on their grant.

All figures subject to change pending CNHA verification.

Trail Mix Business

Zacharia moved to elect Scott Escott as Vice-Chair of Trail Mix. Seconded by Kirsten, and passed unanimously. Scott now has an official title.

CNHA wants to stop doing Trail Mix's payroll and accounting by the end of 2018. Chris Baird from the Grand County budgeting office says that county is potentially willing to take on these responsibilities, pending Council approval. Discussion ensued about seasonal employees, benefits for full time employees, fundraising, grant writing, and potential monetary contributions from Moab City. Chris Baird asked for a schedule of labor hours, and rewrite of job descriptions. Zacharia moved to continue exploring moving employees and accounting from CNHA to Grand County. Kirsten seconded, passed unanimously. Chris said that he needs this to be figured out by October as county budget is done by November.

County Update

Zacharia thought that Trail Mix needs to spend more face time with City and County and possibly do a quarterly report. He is going to present to County council a contract for the Spanish Valley Pathway survey. The Courthouse Rock corral and horse campground will have a ribbon cutting ceremony either October 11th or 12.

Zacharia didn't include Trail Mix in budget proposal for Governor's Outdoor Recreation Grant. He can however help with Trail Mix projects and can coordinate with Maddie on this. Zacharia and Chris discussed that Trail Mix could possibly provide county representation to Forest Service for planning.

Zacharia concluded that the NICA race course issues on the Moab Brands trails was resolved.

City Update

Rani reports that the bridge behind the Episcopal church is being worked on this week. She also clarified the City's Community contribution fund, stating that Trail Mix's proposal is still with the city and city has to determine how it can legally disperse money.

Travel Council update

Paul sent notice to Travel Council about a 240 mile running race that was planning to go through the Matheson wetlands preserve. The manager and Nature Conservancy did not know about the race.

BLM update

Katie Stevens was absent, but sent email. She says that the Chisholm trail reroute paper work is complete and trail work can begin.

The Red Onion trail needs ground cultural clearance. The Jackson trail reroute on Kane Creek can begin. The Abraxas Wall still needs an archaeological survey. The Amasa Connector trail is waiting US. fish and Wildlife approval. The planned Arches bike trail connector to the Moab Canyon bike path needs cultural clearance, being done by Park Service.

The Jackson Street Pipedream trail connector is ready for work and Trail Mix needs to coordinate with Bill Jackson of the County Roads department on reroute.

Forest Service Update

Brian Murdock reports that a fire ban continues in the Forest. He also worked with SUWA volunteers on the south Mountain reroute. The forest service is also working on a reroute on the Jimmy Keen trail at the newly paved loop road parking lot. They also installed new cattle guards on Jimmy Keen.

The Whole Enchilada bypass is complete on Burro Pass, and four bridges were installed on trail.

Trail Report

Tyson says that Maddie has been working with Forest Service Crews up in the mountains. He and Scott also said that there is considerable damage on the Moab Brands trails and needs to be repaired soon.

Hiking Report

Marc reports that National Public Lands day is coming soon and that he and Maddie have planned a day to work on Mill Creek Canyon above waterfall. He will try to bring Sierra Club volunteers.

Biking Report

Aaron suggests that MTA make maps of summer rides in mountains – many tourists ask bike shops for ride suggestions in mountains to escape heat of summer. He also reports that he receives a lot of feedback on the poor condition of the Hazard County trail.

He suggested to Rani that the concrete bike path between the Chevron Station and school bus garage get repaired by city.

Aaron also ran into a citizen with photos of baby deer being caught in the city's bridges on the dirt sections of the Mill Creek Parkway, and asks the city to look into alternative flooring for future bridges.

Equestrian Report

Sheri Griffith reports that the Courthouse Rock corral being used and receiving positive feedback. She also says that bike/horse interaction is rare in Moab, but possible signage on proper etiquette could be posted on several trails.

The Backcountry Horsemen has been doing kids camps, and Paul suggested that the county may have money for these activities.

Motion to adjourn was raised by Tyson, seconded by Sharon and unanimously passed.