

ESTES VALLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2016
6:00 P.M.

Estes Park 18-Hole Golf Course Clubhouse
1480 Golf Course Road
Estes Park, CO 80517

PRESENT:

Voting Members: Danny Basch, Hal Dalzell, Dan Marshall, Lisa Plaut, Amy Plummer, Dick Putney, Ken TeSelle

Non-voting Members: Ron Duell (*EVRPD Board Liaisons*); Greg Muhonen (*Town of Estes Park Public Works Liaison*)

Staff: Janet Carabell (*EVRPD Administrative Assistant*), Tom Carosello (*EVRPD Executive Director*), Herb Loveall (*EVRPD Parks-Trails Maintenance Manager*), Kim Slininger (*EVRPD Comprehensive Trails Master Plan Manager*)

ABSENT:

Voting Members: Ed Hayek, Gary Matthews [excused absences]

Non-Voting Members: Tina Kurtz (*Town of Estes Park Community Development Liaison*)

GUESTS: NONE

Prior notice of this meeting was given by posting a notice at the Town of Estes Park's Municipal Building, the Estes Park Public Library, Estes Valley Recreation and Park District's Administration Office, the Larimer County Clerk's Office in Estes Park, the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's Office in Boulder.

Trails Committee Vice President, Amy Plummer, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Ken TeSelle, seconded by Dick Putney, to approve the January 20, 2016, Trails Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

Ayes – 6. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
(*Hal Dalzell arrived after the minutes were approved.*)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Dick Putney, seconded by Dan Marshall, to approve the February 29, 2016, financial report, as presented.

Ayes – 6. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
(Hal Dalzell arrived after the financial reports were approved.)

EVRPD UPDATES

Tom Carosello, EVRPD Executive Director, provided the following updates.

Tom clarified a question posed at the last meeting by former EVRPD Board member, Ben Greer, who resigned from the Board in March 2016. Mr. Greer had asked about a \$80,000 Fish Creek Trail expenditure; Mr. Carosello clarified that the expenditure was for flood recovery repairs and was reimbursed by FEMA.

The REACH health and wellness program is promoting National Park Prescription Trails Day on Sunday, April 24. Tom is organizing an informal walk around Lake Estes from 2 to 4 p.m., starting at the Lake Estes Marina. The public is invited to participate.

ESTES VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

RLH, EVRPD's Owner's Rep for the community center project, has hired Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative (OLC) for architectural/engineering design services (via a competitive RFP process and with EVRPD Board approval). Next steps are to hire a General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM); submit a development plan to the Town of Estes Park; and hold public presentation meetings. The building footprint has been reduced to keep the project within budget.

COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS MASTER PLAN RFP UPDATE

EVRPD Project manager, Kim Slininger, and Patsy McEntee (NPS/RTCA) recently met with representatives from the USFS, and Boulder and Larimer County Open Space staff. Kim suggests making these entities project partners for the Trails Master Plan. Kim also suggested that once the master plan is in place, EVRPD publish trail information and make it available to the public (trail location, elevation, length, use policy, etc.).

Kim also met with the Estes Valley Cycling Coalition and encouraged the group to get involved with CDOT's restructuring of Hwy 7 for addition of bike lanes to the highway. He also reported that the the Cycling Coalition is seeking a grant for a pump track in Stanley Park.

Kim reported that the USFS is exploring the possibility of a trail from Pierson Park to Homestead Meadows that would loop from Little Valley to Hermit Park. Lisa Plaut noted that the Larimer County Horseman's Association donated \$10,000 to Larimer County for an equestrian trail into Hermit Park some time ago. Dick Putney asked if parking for horse trailers is planned in the Little Valley area. Kim replied that it is not, but that there is plenty of horse trailer access, parking and campsites at Hermit Park.

Trails Master Plan Open House will be held Thursday, April 28 at Town hall, from 4 to 7 p.m.

DRY GULCH ROAD UPDATE

Greg Muhonen, Public Works Director for the Town of Estes Park, reported that Dry Gulch Road is closed for construction. Phase I of the project goes from Hwy 34 to Wildfire Road and is scheduled to be completed by mid-June. Phase II goes from Wildfire Road to Stonegate and is scheduled to be completed by mid-August. The

Town will install a concrete trail alongside Dry Gulch Road as part of this project. The Town obtained a CDOT permit for the trail underpass at Highway 34; they still need a BOR permit. The underpass will connect the Lake Estes Trail to Dry Gulch Road sidewalk. Mr. Muhonen stated that the BOR requires approval from EVRPD's Board for the installation of the underpass since EVRPD manages the property around Lake Estes for the BOR. As an advisory group to EVRPD's Board, the Trails Committee voted on the issue:

Moved by Ken TeSelle, seconded by Dick Putney, to recommend that EVRPD's Board approve the Town of Estes Park's planned installation of a pedestrian/trail underpass connection from Dry Gulch Road to the Lake Estes Trail.

Ayes – 6. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
(Hal Dalzell arrived after the vote was taken.)

EVRPD's Board will take up the matter at their April 19, 2016, regular meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Otie's Trail – EVRPD Board member Duell is still working on trying to obtain an easement from the Pratt family.


2016 TRAILS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Terms of service are expiring in May 2016 for Trails Committee members Gary Matthews, Ken TeSelle, and Danny Basch. All three have expressed interest in continuing on the committee. Current seat holders can be reappointed and may reapply to serve on the committee for an additional three-year term. It was decided to advertise the vacancies in the local papers on the EVRPD's Web site through the end of April, and to change the May 3 meeting to May 10 to allow more time for the interview committee to meet. The Trails Committee will then make their recommendations for filling the vacancies to EVRPD's Board, who will appoint new EVTC members at the May 17, regular Board meeting. The appointed Trails Committee members will start their new terms in June 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

Greg Muhonen was asked to verify who from Town staff will serve as liaisons to the Trails Committee. Mr. Muhonen discussed possible FLAP projects -- one plan is to widen Moraine Avenue to Mary's Lake Road and either add a separated concrete sidewalk along the road or instead build a trail along the Big Thompson River that would parallel the road. He asked EVRPD for a letter of recommendation and a commitment of funds for this project (not to be expended until 2019) by May 14 so that it can be included in the FLAP grant application.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Gary Matthews, President
Amy Plummer, Vice President

5/10/2016

Date

Recorded by Janet Carabell