

**ESTES VALLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 10, 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, Ed Hayek, Dan Marshall, Amy Plummer, Dick Putney, Ken TeSelle

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

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: Lisa Plaut, Gary Matthews [excused absences]

Non-Voting Members: None

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 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Dan Marshall, seconded by Ken TeSelle, to approve the April 5, 2016, Trails Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

Ayes – 6. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (*Danny Basch had not yet arrived at the meeting.*)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Dick Putney, seconded by Hal Dalzell, to approve the March 31, 2016, financial report, as presented.

Ayes – 6. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (*Danny Basch had not yet arrived at the meeting.*)

ANNUAL TRAILS COMMITTEE HOUSEKEEPING

New Member Appointments

In April, Gary Matthews informed EVRPD staff that he will not continue to serve on the committee after his term ends in May 2016. This leaves three potential vacancies. Two current committee members are interested in continuing to serve on the committee and two applications were received from interested citizens. Prior to this meeting, Ken TeSelle and Tom Carosello reviewed applications received for the vacancies. The committee discussed changing the membership clause in the By-laws to accommodate all four applicants. Tom and Ken will interview the two new applicants and present their recommendations at the June 7, 2016, Trails Committee meeting.

Officer Appointments

Moved by Ken TeSelle, seconded by Ed Hayek, to appoint the following Trails Committee officers to serve from June 2016 to May 2017: President: Amy Plummer; Vice President: Danny Basch; Secretary: Hal Dalzell; Treasurer: Dick Putney.

Ayes – 6. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (*Danny Basch had not yet arrived at the meeting.*)

Subcommittee appointments will be made after committee vacancies are filled.

EVRPD UPDATES

Tom Carosello, EVRPD Executive Director, reported that EVRPD will soon fill the Parks & Recreation Director position (the title for this position was formerly *Recreation Manager* and *Recreation Superintendent*). Todd Plummer recently presented a proposal for a bike park in Stanley Park to EVRPD. Tom asked the committee if they were in support of the project; no committee members opposed the idea. Dan Marshall asked if adaptive considerations are included in the pump track design, noting that the City of Boulder's bike park on Valmont Avenue was designed with adaptive accommodations/considerations. The Trails Master Plan is expected to be completed by SE Group in June 2016. The community center development review plan process with the Town of Estes Park has begun. EVRPD hired Adolfsen and Peterson (Aurora, CO.) to serve as the General Contractor/Construction Manager for the community center. Meetings are scheduled to review cost estimates and design alternatives in order to control project costs.

TOWN OF ESTES PARK UPDATES

Greg Muhonen, Public Works Director for the Town of Estes Park, reported that the Town Board will decide on May 10 whether or not to apply for a FLAP grant that would build a hard surface, detached multimodal trail along Moraine Avenue from the Donut Haus to Mary's Lake Road. The trail would run along the south side of Moraine Avenue and tie into existing sidewalks along this route. The Town is considering using Open Space funds and 1A sales tax revenues for three years (2017, 2018, and 2019) to fund the project. EVRPD supplied a letter of support for the project, but did not commit funds to the project.

Audem Gonzalez, Planner I, Community Development Department, reported that the Town has obtained a ROW/easement for 600-700' along Fish Hatchery Road. That the Town is acquiring a new easement on Spur 66, and stated that is not clear if the easement is along the road or the river. He noted that many of the easements on Spur 66 are along the river and not along the road.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Otie's Trail – Audem Gonzalez reported that the Otie's trail "missing link" easement was vacated and is most likely a prescriptive easement. EVRPD Board member Duell reported that he has been unable to make any headway in discussing the easement with property owners. Discussion ensued as to what action could be taken and whether or not there are alternate trail routes that would link Otie's Trail to Devil's Gulch Road. Audem stated that the Town has no interest in the trail, but offered to research property plats for the Trails Committee.

Moved by Dick Putney, seconded by Ken TeSelle, to ask EVRPD's Board of Director's to provide an opinion to the Estes Valley Trails Committee on whether or not to move forth with pursuing obtaining the "missing link" easement for Otie's Trail (as the trail is currently configured).

Ayes – 7. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. *(Danny Basch had arrived at the meeting by this time.)*

Ron Duell will provide a verbal update to the Board at their April 19, 2016, EVRPD Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hal Dalzell noted that the electric lines are going up along the Homer Rouse Trail.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Amy Plummer, President



Date

Recorded by Janet Carabell