

**ESTES VALLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

*Tuesday, September 1, 2015*  
*6:00 P.M.*

*Homer Rouse Trail Hike*  
*Lily Lake Trailhead Parking Lot near the Baldpate Inn*  
*State Hwy 7, Estes Park, CO 80517*

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Voting Members:** Danny Basch, Hal Dalzell, Ed Hayek, Dan Marshall, Gary Matthews, Amy Plummer, Ken TeSelle

**Non-voting Member:** Ben Greer (*EVRPD Board Liaison*), Erica Goad (*EVLTLiaison*)

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

**ABSENT:**

**Voting Members:** Lisa Plaut, Dick Putney [excused absences]

**Non-Voting Members:** Ron Duell (*EVRPD Board Liaison*), Tina Kurtz (*Town Community Development*), Phil Kleisler (*Town Community Development*) [excused absences]

**GUESTS:** Shari Kleist (Equestrian Club representative), Todd Plummer, Chispa Plummer [trail doggie]

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*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 Courthouse in Boulder.*

*Trails Committee President, Gary Matthews, called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.*

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Amy Plummer, seconded by Ken TeSelle, to approve the July 7, 2015, Trails Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

Ayes – 7. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Two financial reports, both dated July 31, 2015, were prepared by Mary Davis, EVRPD's Accountant and Interim Executive Director. Year-to-date reports include a trails fund balance and a trails expense report that compares this year's budget to last year's budget. The Trails Fund balance as of July 31, 2015, is \$657,229. Trails Expenses: YTD actual operating expenses are \$12,451.48; YTD actual non-operating expenses are \$4,500; YTD operating budget is \$14,994; total YTD trail expenses are \$19,494.

Moved by Ken TeSelle, seconded by Danny Basch, to approve the July 31, 2015, Treasurer's Reports, as presented.

Question regarding YTD capital land improvements fund. [Mary Davis responded that the ~\$111,000 is mainly for Fish Creek Corridor and Trail flood repair funds from FEMA].

No further discussion. Ayes – 7. Motion carried unanimously.

## **EVRPD UPDATES**

Mary Davis, *EVRPD's Interim Executive Director*, introduced herself to committee members and provided the following updates:

### ***Estes Valley Community Recreation Center Update***

EVRPD's Board has decided to place two community center issues on the November 3, 2015, Coordinated Election ballot. An election committee (not consisting of EVRPD staff) is working on the election campaign.

### ***Comprehensive Trails Master Plan RFP Update***

Kim Slininger, EVRPD Comprehensive Trails Master Plan Manager, provided a project update. The first public meeting was held with Patsy McEntee's help (RMNP RTCA). A project Website is online. A second round of survey questions will be posted on the Web site prior to the second public trails master plan meeting. SE Group, project consultant, sent draft trails maps out today.

Aspen Brook Trail: Ken TeSelle and Amy Plummer will organize a meeting with YMCA and RMNP officials, Kim Slininger, and Trails Committee/Easement Subcommittee members to discuss trail options and easements. An easement across the SW corner of the Cowley property may still be needed. There is some 2013 flood damage to the access road and properties in the area. NPS land in this area has a "wilderness" designation, which requires additional studies and requirements for trail development.

Dan Marshall will obtain adaptive trails standards created by the Crested Butte Adaptive Sports Center. Dan reported that these standards are similar to Boulder County's adaptive rating systems for trails.

A bypass for the Homer Rouse trail as discussed. Kim Slininger reported that Ken Curry is not interested in granting an easement for a bypass through his property.

EVRPD Board member Ben Greer thanked staff and Trails members for their work.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Gary Matthews mentioned that bird count lists are available at the Estes Park Visitor Center counter for people walking along the Lake Estes Trail and through the Matthews Reeser Bird Sanctuary.

*Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The group hiked down the Homer Rouse Trail to the Cheley Camp Road.*

  
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Gary Matthews, President

Date 

*Recorded by Janet Carabell*