
MEETING NOTES
PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE MEETING #1
TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH
5:30 – 7:30 PM
RIDGWAY TOWN HALL

In Attendance: Jen Coates, Sara Ballantyne, Kimah McCarty, Eric Johnson, Rich Durnan, Doug Canright, Rick Weaver, and Paul Donegan

Sara Ballantyne is interested in developing a pump track somewhere in town for public use

- Could be placed at current BMX track, but may be temporary due to Fire Department plans for relocation
- Community interest is there according to a petition at the Peak to Peak bike shop (many are interested in helping build), developed by Sara
- Project could be completed with minimal funding: community involvement, town donation of land, and a design/construction donation from an individual in Telluride
- The committee discussed a more permanent location for the pump track in the undeveloped Green Street Park adjacent to the Parkside Subdivision and or the south side of the Regional Athletic Park
- The southern most end of the Athletic Park is a favorable due to proximity to parking and agglomeration of sporting opportunities, and some separation from the skate park
- The issues of accommodating space for the BMX park relocation, irrigation, and weed management were brought up

Review of Draft Map and Draft Plan dated June 9, 2011

- Committee reviewed and updated the vision statement for the Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Plan, inclusive of a reference to the economic development component of the plan
- Review of the Parks and Recreation Map brought up need for more detail to provide more information about current uses in Athletic, Hartwell, and Rollans Parks
- Additional cycling trails were pointed out along east side of Uncompahgre River between River Sage, Eagle Hill, and behind the Secondary School; Jen will provide maps to the committee for editing to include other existing trails and linkages
- The idea of developing a town-wide Parks and Trails map similar to the Montrose Parks Map was suggested, which would be for distribution to tourists and to support economic development
- The Committee recommended adding a goal to promote the concept of economic development for recreational amenities, including both outdoors tourism and long term improvements that enhance quality of life (encouraging development of parks and trails with annexations and new development)
- The issue of how parks, trails, and open spaces would be integrated into new developments was raised and also maintenance and care of existing parks. It was recommended that information be developed and made available to developers about town parks needs and their economic benefits to development

The Committee agreed to the following meeting schedule, which will be posted on the Town Website. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30-7:30PM at Town Hall, as follows:

- ↳ **Meeting #1:** (June 14): Review of Plan Draft and prior recommendations - Schedule, Plan Outline/Review, Maps and Vision, and Review and Develop Goals and Objectives
- ↳ **Meeting #2** (July 12): Review and Develop Goals and Objectives; review the updated map...
- ↳ **Meeting #3** (August 9): Develop Action Plan – Goals 1 and 2 (*What is it that we want?*)
- ↳ **Meeting #4** (Sept 13): Develop Action Plan – Goal 3 and 4 (*How to achieve needs/desires*)
- ↳ **Meeting #5** (Oct 11): Develop Action Plan – Goal 5 and Other... (*Maintain and Monitor, and...?*)
- ↳ **Meeting #6** (Nov 8): Finalize Plan
- ↳ Present Plan to Planning Commission – **Nov 29, 2011**
- ↳ Present Plan to Town Council – **Dec 14, 2011**

Follow Up:

Sara will work on documents to propose the pump track idea to the Town Council inclusive of a draft plan for the track, proposed locations, and public works staff resources desired.

The Committee will review and provide feedback to Jen including additional information on existing trails, etc. to update the draft map prior to the next meeting

The Committee will review the existing Goals and Objectives in preparation for discussion and finalization of the goals and objectives during the July 12th meeting.