

Hurricane City Trails Committee

January 21, 2015

Minutes

Committee members in attendance: Jeff Olsen, Quentin Morisette, Dave Wilkey, Darin Thomas, Rachel DeBoer, Jason Ward.

Business:

1. The minutes for December 2014 were approved.
2. Lucy Ormond sent an update on the walk-about on December 29th regarding the proposed Virgin River Trail by Grandpa's Pond through land owned by Interstate Rock. In attendance were Mayor Bramall, city counselors, city employees, owners of Interstate Rock and 3 Trail Committee Members. The walk-about was positive & the trail envisioned will be an asphalt path at least 10 ft. wide over-looking the Virgin River. Much negotiation and many details must be hammered out.
3. Lucy made a presentation on Thursday, 1-8-15, to the Mayor & City Council asking that the city sponsor our becoming a Road Respect Community (which is a UDOT initiative). They voted unanimously to support the Trail Committee. Lucy will be the "Champion" and oversee the project. A community Road Respect event will be held Friday, May 29th, 2015 from 9am to 1pm at the Community Center. (Note-this is a revised date from our December minutes) At that time the Mayor and City Council will be presented the Road Respect Designation by UDOT. The event will be a bicycle rodeo for kids, a short closed-route ride for kids, a 20+ mile road ride for youth and adults, and a give-away of 100 bicycle helmets for kids. We will receive \$2000 from the Utah Department of Health for this project. Lucy also asked the City Council at the meeting to budget \$100,000 per year for trail building which got their attention but was not approved. She asked the city council to take seriously our Master Trail Plan. When a developer comes to the city to ask for permission to build, we would like the question to the developer to be: "Here is our master trail plan, how does your plan fit into our plan?" The Mayor is completely supportive of this concept.
4. Rachel reported on the January 17th clean-up project in Confluence Park which was successful in cleaning up trash from below the old dump. Dave recruited volunteers from Diamond Ranch Academy who worked hard to help. He hauled away several piles of garbage – more piles still need to be removed.
5. Regarding future trail projects: Quentin reported that the H-Connector Trail has been flagged and he is taking trail builders to start work tomorrow. Dave will bring a group (up to 30 people) to help him on Monday, March 9 at 6pm. They will meet at 400 S. & 60 E. Dave will bring a group back to the dump site on Saturday, February 21, to haul out the remaining trash piles – time to be determined by Dave. Quentin has a possible Eagle Scout project building a bridge on the trail at Quail Creek – anyone can contact him for details.
6. Rachel attended the Confluence Park meeting today – the plan for the main street trail head (parking, kiosk, restroom) is still evolving. The building will be smaller than the original design.
7. Jason has tried contacting the BLM regarding trails (Cinder Knolls, etc.) but has not had a response as of yet.
8. We are still in need of a trailer to hold our tools that the city purchased for the trails committee. Quentin is willing to park it at his business when one is secured.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, at 6 pm at the Community Center, room 103.