

Minutes
BUENA VISTA TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD
July 5, 2022
Community Center
5:30 pm



- I Call to order :** Kelly Collins (Chair), Ryan Cole, Lois Walton, Ben Correll, Dawn Dennison, Pat McCarthy, Nancy Fox, Jonathon Litwiller, Colleen Fitzgerald, Earl Richmond (Recreation Special Projects Manager), Shawn Williams (Public Works Director)
- II Agenda adoption or changes – No changes. Motion to approve by Fox, Second by McCarthy, approved**
- III Approval of June 7, 2022 meeting minutes- Motion to approve by Litwiller, Second by Cole, Minutes approved**
- IV Public Comment- No public comment**
- V Development Reviews**
- None received this month
- VI Reports**
- Recreation (Earl Richmond) – A Trails Inventory for the Town has been completed. It is a wonderful tool for all users. The Board of Trustees reviewed it and adopted it at the May meeting. It can be found on the Town website <https://www.buenavistaco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4555/Guthrie-Platman-BV-Parks-Trails-Inventory-Final-Report?bidId=>
- Town Trail Map- Earl met with Ryan Harper (Parks). They did a tour to review locations for new maps linking signs. Approximately 18 signs of town trails will be located throughout the community. Earl discussed a couple of items with the maps with the board. Trying to fit all trails is difficult such as the many trails in the River Park area. He made some suggestions and the board agreed. The map will include the Stage and Rail trails, a link to Buena Vista Singletrack Coalition, dog waste stations and all town trails including bike/pedestrian lanes. There was discussion about the dog waste stations and whether this was necessary or would it actually increase the amount of poop left on the trails. It was decided to leave them on the maps. Ben suggested a QR code instead of adding a web link.
- Pump Track maintenance- Earl reported that the Fountain Valley High School completed work on the pump track getting it ready for the summer. Earl thanked the high school for their work.
- Southwest Conservation Core – Earl reported that the Core provided 3 different work groups that did an amazing job on the Whipple Trail and other trails in town. The first group

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was a Train the Trainer model in which work was identified and completed while the members were learning leadership skills. This group built a retaining wall on the Whipple Trail and also created a new trail down to the river. This was created because there were social trails that users created previously. The second group focused on naturalization aspects of the River Trail. They did maintenance, cut down overgrown shrub and eliminating any aspect of social trails that may have existed. The final Core group continued work on the Whipple Trail.

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) funded life jackets and they are available at the changing station in River Park.

Dog Waste Bags- Bags have been ordered. Last year a there was a campaign to get sponsors for the bags. They are on order and when they come in Earl will reach out to board members who hike the trails to take some and keep them on hand and refill as needed.

Whipple Trail Corridor- An RFP will be going out for work on the first 1500 feet of the Whipple Trail. The work is necessary for sustainability and safety as trail use has increased immensely over the past few years. BLM tracks usage and data regarding number of trail users is available.

- Public Works (Shawn Williams) – Arizona Bridge update- The RFP was advertised two times, with no respondents. The RFP will be reissued in October. Goal is for completion in 2023.

Street striping and repairs are ongoing but the bulk may happen later this summer.

Shawn thanked the board for their comments for the Sunset Vista Phase 5 comments.

Whipple Bridge is in need of being replaced. Shawn said it will be put on the 2023 Capital Project list.

Shawn said he has draft language for the Chuck Smith Trail and dedication. He will send it out the board for review.

- Other Trails News (Kelly Collins) – no new information
- **Updates and New Business**
 - Trail sign schedule- see Richmond’s report above

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- Continental Divide Trail Community- Collins sent out information regarding the town looking into becoming a Continental Divide Trail Gateway Community. The board discussed this opportunity and will defer it to the Board of Trustees for their decision. If the BOT thinks it is beneficial then a TAB member will be asked to be on the committee. Collins will draft a memo to the BOT. Collins also asked about the Colorado Trail as well.
 - Dog waste bags- see Richmond's report above
 - Other- Richmond suggested that TAB begin thinking about Capital Improvement Projects for next year as the Town is beginning the budget process now. Collins said she will add it to the agenda for next month.
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- **Adjourned 6:58pm**

Next Meeting: [August 2, 2022](#)