

BUENA VISTA TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2020



Present: Lois Walton, Pat McCarthy, Kelly Collins, Alex Ware, Ryan Cole, Shawn Williams, Earl Richmond.

I. Call to order: 5:40 pm

II. Agenda adoption or changes: Pat moved adoption; Alex seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously

III. Approval of October 1, 2019 Minutes Lois moved to approve; Pat seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously

IV. Public Comment: No public comment

V. REPORTS

- Public Works –
 - Arizona Bridge/Marquette Project has a CDOT issue with Marquette sidewalks; moving forward with the bridge and trail on Arizona;
 - Marquette/Baylor project went to bid today, expect completion in June.
 - New trail connecting The Farm development with Brady Road to provide a safe and shorter route to school for students from the Farm. The trail is on a Town water line easement and the adjacent property owners have agreed. Trail signage is needed to mark both ends of the trail. The name of the trail could be “Farm Trail”
- Parks – No report
- Recreation –
 - BVSC has trail volunteers to help with trail construction; pull together trail ideas for trails master plan, coordinate with Recreation Board;
 - Quote for stone stairway from Whitewater to Arkansas River Trail received; looking for ways to fund the construction (estimated \$4,500).
 - New trail in disc golf course (a figure 8 path) this summer;
 - All in-town trails have had GPS mapping completed by Scott Anderson and will be incorporated into new trail maps;
 - A new multi-user planning group is working on short term multiple use trail project and long term trail development planning;
 - Common Ground grant awarded to GARNA with partners Town and BVSC; beginning discussion on new kiosk at boathouse.
- Adopt-a-Trail –
 - Sue Neis adopted Zebulon Pike Trail and Cottonwood Creek Trail; submitted final report. River Run HOA will adopt trails for next year.
 - Arkansas River Trail from Whipple to Ramsour adopter has not had time to walk the trails. May want to find another adopter.
- County ENVISION report – Focus on dispersed camping.

VI. BUSINESS

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- TAB member Nancy Fox: Alex moved for acceptance of Nancy Fox on the trails Advisory Board; Ryan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously
- Social trails and barriers: materials in hand. Must wait until spring/summer
- Trail projects for 2020: TBD at next meeting work session

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- The TAB will recommend that the Town to install boulder signage at the new access trail "Farm Trail". Alex volunteered to help.
- Trail planning work session next meeting
- The TAB will recommend that the Trustees allocate funds to build a stairway from upper Arkansas Trail to Whitewater Trail to help eliminate social trails and request funds from Trustees
- The TAB will recommend formally naming the connector trail between the South Main Boulder Park and the Arkansas River Trail built by Logan Trenkle as his Eagle Scout project be formally named "Logan Connector" and have signage with that name.
- Tab recommendations are summarized in the attached memo.

IX. Adjournment: 7:06 pm

NEXT MEETING: **March 3, 2020**

Minutes submitted by Kelly Collins

Minutes approved as written (Date) 3/3/2020

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by _____

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The Trails Advisory Board respectfully submits the following three recommendations regarding Town of Buena Vista trails to the Buena Vista Board of Trustees.

Recommendation 1: Install wayfinding signage for the new Farm Trail

The Farm Trail will connect the new Farm development with Brady Road to provide a safe route to school for children residing in The Farm. Children walking to school can use the Farm Trail instead of walking on County Road 317.



The Farm Trail is on a Town water line easement between two homes. The Public Works Director has approached both homeowners and gotten their agreement for use of the easement for a trail.

The Trails Advisory Board recommends that the Town install signage for this trail matching other Town trails and consisting of boulders at both ends of the trail with the trail name sign attached to the boulder. The funds for this could come from the Trail Construction and Maintenance budget item 03-510-4815 (\$10,000).

Recommendation 2: Construct a rock stairway from the upper Arkansas Trail to the Whitewater Trail

The upper Arkansas River Trail has numerous “social trails” created by folks who want to access the river, but do not know where to do that. The social trails are steep and once started, continue to erode into the bank. The trails Advisory Board is working with the Public Works and Recreation Departments on Best Management Practices (BMPs) to avert use of the “trails” and allow for restoration. The first BMP is the to install barriers consisting of posts connected by rope. The barriers will serve as caution that the “trail” should not be used.



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A second BMP is to create another access route that is easier and safer to use to reach the river. The Recreation Department has identified a proposed location for a rock stairway that would provide this additional access and has received a bid to complete the construction. Earl Richmond has obtained a cost estimate of \$4,500 to complete this work.

The Trails Advisory Board recommends that the Town allocate funding for the rock stairway that will provide easy and safe access from the Arkansas River Trail to the river.

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Recommendation 3: Formally name the new connector trail from the South Main Boulder Park to the Arkansas River Trail the “Logan Connector” and install signage.

The area between the South Main Boulder Park/parking area and the Arkansas River trail had been a “social road” and was undergoing severe erosion. As his Eagle Scout project Logan Trenkle constructed a connector stair trail using materials on site. His project provides attractive access from the Boulder Park to the Arkansas River Trail and the Whitewater Trail and cures an unsightly erosional scar.

To recognize Logan Trenkle’s effort in improving the Town landscape and trail/river access, the Trails Advisory Board recommends that this connector trail be designated Logan Connector and signage added that is consistent with Town trail designation signage.



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