

**AGENDA**  
**BUENA VISTA TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**June 7, 2022**  
**Community Center**  
**5:30 pm**



Present: Kelly Collins (Chair), Ryan Cole, Ben Correll, Nancy Fox, Lois Walton, Colleen Fitzgerald, Earl Richmond (Recreation Special Projects Manager), Shawn Williams (Public Works Director), Scott Simmons (Fading West)

- **Call to order** 5:35pm
- **Agenda adoption or changes** No changes. Motion to approve agenda made by Cole, second by Fox. Motion passed.
- **Approval of May 3, 2022 meeting minutes** Motion made to approve minutes of June 7, 2022 made by Fox, second by Cole. Motion approved.
- **Public Comment** Becky Cassel introduced herself as a person interested in learning more about the Trail Advisory Board and its work. She may be interested in a position in the future. The board thanked her for her attendance.
- **Development Reviews**
  - Carbonate Street (Scott Simmons, Director of Development, Fading West)  
Scott provided the board with a thorough presentation of the Carbonate Street development plan and his thoughts on a trail connection that would be of interest to TAB. The trail connector would create a convenient 2-3 mile loop in town. The trail would be a wonderful addition to the town's current trail plan. The housing development is slated to provide attainable and workforce housing. In addition to housing the plan provides for a childcare location and other commercial opportunities. Please see [my-bv.com](http://my-bv.com) for updated plan information. The board thanked Scott for her presentation and support for the plan.
  - Sunset Vista Phase 5 (update provided by Collins)  
The TAB was asked to provide input. This phase indicates a small trail connector between lots 101 and 102. This is a small trail that would connect two streets. Collins reviewed the phase and discussed other additional trail options that the board should consider and encourage. Two additional options include a small path near the retention pond that would connect to Rodeo Road and a second is a trail along the western edge that would run the entire length of the Sunset Vista and connect to the gas easement trail. The board agreed that these other ideas would be a wonderful addition and instructed Collins to include those with her recommendations.
  - ACA Pit Collins and Williams provided an update to the process of the ACA expansion. No new news.
- **Reports**

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- **Recreation (Earl Richmond)**

Richmond reported on the wonderful work being done by the Southwest Conservation Core. They have provided the town with work addressing drainage issues on the River Trail, Rock N. Roll Trail, social trails and more. A second group from the Core are slated to work again later this summer.

Arizona Bridge Trail project was put out to bid two times. It was determined that due to the current economic conditions, availability of materials and timing of the project it was difficult to attract a bidder. The project will be put out to bid again in hopes that the timing will attract a contractor.

Chaffee County Trails Master Plan project is moving along. Seeking out funding for the development of the plan. One focus of the plan is to create safe connections of trails throughout the county that will not impact wildlife. Fox asked to be the board liaison.

Richmond reported that he had a high school group Fountain Valley School assist with the pup track cleanup and revitalization. The group also helped with clearing some debris located on the Whipple Trail.

Trail Adopter Program- Richmond mentioned that they are still working on an app that will utilized to provide immediate and real time feedback about trail issues and conditions by trail users.

Buena Vino- Richmond and Collins reported that the event was very successful and raised money for the Buena Vista Whitewater Park and also for the Buena Vista Singletrack Coalition (BVSC). IF anyone is interested in helping next year's event, please contact Earl.

- **Public Works (Shawn Williams)**

Williams reported that it has been a very busy season for staff so far. Parks is still ramping up. Weather events have made it interesting but still going well. Staff are also working on trail maintenance and inventorying trails and trail issues. Williams reported that staff are also very busy with week management. One project was the cemetery.

Williams noted that there are also many street projects slated for this summer. Chip Seal project on Arizona Street to Main Street, working with South Main, sidewalk replacement on Main Street, and many striping projects.

- **Other Trails News (Kelly Collins)** Collins reported that the BVSC has completed an archeological study of a proposed trail Ramsour South. The report was provided to BLM

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in hopes that the trail project can move forward. This trail is slated to be a beginner mountain bike trail that would provide easier access to the Trail System.

- **Updates and New Business**

- **Trail sign schedule** Earl will convene a meeting to begin work on this project. Cole and Fitzgerald have volunteered to assist.
- **USGS Trail** The Feds are working on developing a comprehensive plan and Collins commented that she will keep an eye out and make sure that Town Trails will be included
- **Chaffee County Trails Master Plan** As reported earlier, the group is seeking out funding for the Master Plan.
- **Other** Fox asked if anyone knew about the train tracks in town and whether or not they will be activated again for if the issue is a dead issue. Richmond reported that the tracks are once again “active” and may in fact be utilized again. Williams commented that there is a large easement on both sides. Fox suggested a trail on either side.

Fox brought up the issue of dogs off leash on the Whipple Trail and the challenge for other users as well as the dog poop left behind by off leash dogs. The Town requests users to leash their dogs but BLM does not. Richmond suggested signage that may suggest trail user etiquette regarding the need for dogs to be leashed.

- **Trails Advisory Board Mission**

Collins addressed the following two statements and said that TAB is in fact doing both of these.

- Part 1: Identify and Plan trails, assist with procuring funding
- Part 2: Review major subdivisions for trail connectivity (Town and County)
- **Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

**Next Meeting:** July 5, 2022