

**AGENDA**  
**BUENA VISTA TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**March 7, 2023**  
**Community Center**  
**5:30 pm**



**I. Call to order 5:40pm**

Present: Kelly Collins (Chair), Ben Correll, Ryan Cole, Jonathon Litwiller, Dawn Denison, Lois Walton, Colleen Fitzgerald, Gina Lucrezi (Mayor Pro Tem), Earl Richmond (Recreation Special Projects Manager), Shawn Williams (Public Works Director), Paul Andrews (Crossman Development), John Crum (Crossman Development)

**II. Agenda adoption or changes** No changes. Motion to approve made by Cole, Second by Litwiller, motion passed.

**III. Approval of February 7, 2023, Minutes** Motion to approve made by Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Litwiller, motion passed.

**IV. Public Comment –** No public comment

**V. Development Reviews**

- **Crossman Addition** Andrews presented to the board a revised concept plan for the Crossman residential and commercial development plan. The development is 15 acres. A sketch plan was completed last September and presented to the Town. Comments were received regarding the plan and changes have been made to reflect the comments. The goal is to complete this project in 3-4 phases. Phase I A includes a combination of apartments and triplexes. This is being proposed in partnership with Chaffee County Housing Authority and will include deed restricted units to help address local housing needs. Phase I B and C will include a mix of residential and will be developed in partnership with the Chaffee County Housing Trust. This phase will also include some deed restricted units per Housing Trust regulations. Phase II will include residential homes and finally, a commercial development that will border highway 24. Discussion with board: Streets will be 60 feet wide and sidewalks will be provided to encourage walking and biking. There will be onsite street parking. Richmond asked about the size of the green space which would include a park. Andrews said that the park would definitely be available for public use,

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but Litwiller asked about it being governed by an HOA. Andrews said yes it would and Litwiller said he would hope that they wouldn't end up restricting public usage. Several board members inquired about the 1 mile path around the perimeter which was a request from the TAB at a meeting earlier. It was requested that the trail, if implemented be ADA accessible. Cole asked about a bike lane on highway 24. It was not clear if that was confirmed but it was suggested that the best way to travel into town would be via the development onto Pleasant or Waters Avenue where there are currently bike lanes. There are several lighted cross walks for people to cross highway 24.

**VI. Reports**

- Recreation- Richmond reported that there is an agreement in place with the Town and BVSC. BVSC will assist with maintenance on Town trails as well as the their own trails and are interested in assisting with Town trail development. The four trails that are being focused on include: Tater Tot, Peaks View to Cordova Park, the single track around the Pump Track and the new proposed trail at the Chicago Ranch. (Rodeo Grounds)

Richmond reported that the town received \$150,000 from a \$300,000 request. Money will be used to improve the boat ramp, continue work on the Whipple Trail, renovate bathrooms, and address needs on the Rock N Roll trail.

Work on the Whipple Trail will resume this spring. The work up to now has been awesome. The work this spring will include 800 more feet of widening and improving the trail and addressing social trails.

Richmond next update the board on the installation of the new kiosks. He presented a map. These kiosks are a wonderful addition to the BV River Park.

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The signs will provide visitors with a comprehensive trail map and include various amenities.

Richmond next updated the board on an exciting new project. Evans Street is a street that runs along the pickleball courts next to Newbies. There will be work along this street to provide a connector to the planned Walton Loop and assist in a complete loop that brings one back down to the Rive Park parking and bathrooms. The path will not have to go in the new gravel parking lot where the new pickleball courts are. This will be a wonderful addition to the system.

Richmond reported that he met with Trail Adopter Leslie Toepfer who reported on her work at the last meeting. Richmond discussed possible changes to the Adopter program. A new App is being developed for all trails in Chaffee County which will provide all trail users real time ability to make comments on trail conditions or issues. The board discussed whether this is all that is needed and maybe the Adopter program doesn't need to be revamped. Many board member weighed in on the importance of both and it was decided that work would be done to improve the Adopter program. Board member Denison volunteered to assist Richmond reviewing online forms etc. Denison also suggested maybe the Adopters should be called Steward's to better reflect their work.

Richmond discussed the Walton Loop and the need for assistance planning this out and board member Correll volunteered to meet regarding this.

- Public Works- Williams told the board that the Arizona Bridge work is out to bid. Deadline is end of March so he will report back. This has been a very long and

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changing project. Williams is to be commended for continuing this project amidst the changes.

Per last month's meeting, Williams followed up with Colorado Parks and Wildlife regarding signage at the Rodeo Grounds. Signage is being considered.

- Trail News- Collins suggested that the board host a contest for students of the high school industrial arts program to develop dog waste stations for the Arizona Bridge trail. She had seen some very creative stations while visiting another community and thought something fun may encourage users to place their dog's waste in the container.

BVSC newest trail being developed is Crank N Hammer. It is a trail that will parallel Camp Elevation trail and will be about 2 miles in length. The name honors Crank Yanker of Eddyline and Deerhammer both local businesses in town that are supportive of BVSC. Collins will let the board know when community members can volunteer to work on the trail.

VII. **River Park Map** See Richmond's report above

VIII. **Newspaper articles** No report

IX. **Goals for 2023** Please see Richmond's report for a list of the work being completed this year. There are many projects happening. Goals include: Whipple Trail, Walton Loop, Trail, Tater Tot, Peaks View to Cordova Park, the single track around the Pump Track and the work planning the proposed trail at the Chicago Ranch. (Rodeo Grounds)

X. **Adjourn 7:20pm**

NEXT MEETING: **April 4, 2023**