

**AGENDA**  
**BUENA VISTA TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**April 4, 2023**  
**Community Center**  
**5:30 pm**



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

**Present:** Kelly Collins, Pat McCarthy, Lois Walton, Ben Correll, Jonathon Litwiller, Dawn Denison, Colleen Fitzgerald, Earl Richmond (Recreation Special Projects Manager), Shawn Williams (Public Works Director), Alison Hopkins (Parks Assistant/Town Gardner)

**II. Agenda adoption or changes** No changes Motion to approve by Fitzgerald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Litwiller Motion approved.

**III. Approval of March 7, 2023, Minutes** Motion to approve by Litwiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarthy, Motion approved.

**IV. Public Comment** No public comment

**V. Development Reviews**

**VI. Homestead Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan** No representative was available to attend. Williams was able to provide some input. Walton asked about the alley that surrounds the parcel being developed. Williams said that the alley would in fact be changed to provide access into and out of the development. Walton also inquired as to whether the park would be open to the public or if the HOA would own and manage the park. The answer wasn't known. There was a question about the two brown parcels indicated on the map. It wasn't certain but Williams said it may be nature scape. One suggestion from the board is to provide a trail, soft or hard surface, around the entire perimeter of the project. Williams suggested that this might not be the safest idea due to all of the garages that will be accessing the route. He suggested that Safe Routes to School be implemented. Other trail ideas included extending some of the sidewalks and maybe a trail around the retention pond. Richmond mentioned that the Recreation Advisory Board will be discussing this development at their April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and any TAB member is welcome to join. 7:30am. McCarthy suggested that TAB request all developers adhere to trail standards set in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Correll agreed suggesting that all developers create dedicated trails throughout their plans and not just sidewalks. Litwiller mentioned the importance of

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connectivity North to South and East to West not only throughout the development but also to trails and streets that lead into and out of the development. Collins will draft a reply based on comments from the meeting.

**VII. Reports**

- Recreation- Richmond reported that he has finished with map designs for the various kiosks.

Work will resume on the Whipple Trail starting on Monday if the weather permits. The scope includes improving the trail for safety as well as implementing some new trails from the Whipple trail. If weather permits work should be completed in May.

Richmond reported that he has been busy writing grants. One project includes the Rock N Roll trail. The grant is combined with the City of Salida and Chaffee County Community Foundation. Work would include trail work, Whipple Bridge, Boat Ramp and bathrooms.

Earl and Denison met to discuss and revamp the Trail Adopter Program. The goal is to simplify the forms utilized by Adopters and create better data for staff and the board. Richmond will send out information to the board.

Denison mentioned that TAB members should attend the BVSC's fundraiser at the Slammer Saloon on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Grant funding for Cordova Park and Trail has been submitted.

- Public Works Williams reported that the Town did receive a bid for the Arizona Bridge project. He will be meeting with the contractor and our engineers to review the bid and costs associated. Williams also mentioned that staff are busy with large projects but also small pocket park improvements.

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- **Trail News** Collins reported that work will begin on the first 1.6 miles of the Crank N' Hammer trail. A Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) volunteer work session will be held to work on the trail later this spring.

**VIII. Newspaper articles** Denison volunteered to draft the next article about the Trail Adopter program.

**IX. Other** Richmond has been communicating with Mallory Brooks. She submitted an application for the TAB. Earl will update us with her response. Two alternate positions are available.

Collins let the board know that members of the Colorado Trail Foundation will be attending the next meeting to discuss possible opportunities for TAB in support of the Colorado Trail.

**X Adjourn** Motion to Adjourn by Correll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Litwiller. 7:20pm

NEXT MEETING: **May 2, 2023**