

**AGENDA**  
**BUENA VISTA TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**May 2, 2023**  
**Community Center**  
**5:30 pm**



**I. Call to order 5:35pm**

**Present:** Kelly Collins, Mark Jenkins (Town Trustee) Gina Lucrezi (Mayor Pro Tem), Lois Walton, Colleen Fitzgerald, Earl Richmond (Special Project Manager, Shawn Williams (Public Works Director), Tisha McCombs (Executive Director Colorado Trail Foundation), Darin Raddatz (Field Operations Manager), Mallory Brooks (Public-interested in possible board position)

**II. Agenda adoption or changes** Not approved for lack of quorum.

**III. Approval of April 4, 2023, Minutes** Not approved for lack of quorum.

**IV. Public Comment –**

**V. Potential for Collaboration on Colorado Trail (CT)– Discussion with:**

**Discussion:** In recent months the board sought out information about how the TAB and Town of Buena Vista may develop a relationship with the Continental Divide Trail Coalition. After further discussion amongst the board, it was determined that the Colorado Trail is a more logical trail as it comes closer to town and trail users from the CT are more likely to utilize the town’s hotels, restaurants, and grocery stores. Collins invited Mc Combs and Raddatz to the meeting to see what opportunities might be available if any for the Town/TAB. Mc Combs and Raddatz provided the board with an overview of the mission, goals, and operation of the Colorado Trail Foundation. They discussed how the Foundation collaborates with other organizations and opportunities available for volunteers. Discussion also included ways people can be involved. One option is to Adopt a Trail. This is a 2 mile or longer segment where a person or more or an organization agrees to walk the trail 2x per year and record conditions and provides the information back to the Foundation staff. Weeklong trail cleanups happen several times a year and are posted for people to join. Second option is partnership/sponsorship option to host a 1x event per year for trail work. A group may provide funding to host the many volunteers that agree to do trail work. Other ways volunteers can get involved is by fundraising, donations and telling the story of “the trail.”

Mc Combs mentioned that she has observed that the most popular pages accessed on the CT website are the “Segments” page and “Trail Town’s” information. Mc Combs talked about how the Foundation is working hard to collect better data from trail users so that towns and organizations affected by users can better understand the financial impact and resources needed by users. The Foundation does list Trail Adopters on the website along with sponsors and work crews. The Foundation is also happy to work with Town’s to highlight their

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amenities such as showers, brewpubs, grocery stores, hot springs, etc.

Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Mc Combs asked if the Town of BV was interested in hosting some event seeing as BV is the halfway point of the Trail.

**VI. Development Reviews-** No reviews given to TAB this month. Williams and Richmond both reported that they met with the developers of the Homestead development.

**VII. Reports**

- Recreation (Earl) Whipple Trail work has been completed and is very nice. Congrat's Earl on a great job overseeing the project. Additions to the trail include a new viewing area, trails to the river, rock walls and more. Work still to be done includes revegetation and signage. Collins asked about a Nancy Anderson recognition bench and if there might be a good location for something like this. Richmond will discuss this further. Work on Rock N Roll Trail has been completed. Richmond mentioned that he will be presenting to GOCO ( Great Outdoors Colorado regarding a grant request. Richmond will provide an update at the next board meeting. Bike To School Day was very successful with 200 kids participating. The new Kiosk by the River Park is complete. Keeping Bewnie Buena was very successful again this year. Adopt a Trail website information is online. The Trail App that was being developed by Chaffee County Common Grounds is being tested and ready for implementation. A training will be held for interested members.
- Public Works (Shawn) Williams is working with a contractor who submitted a bid regarding the Arizona bridge trail work. He will have more updates later. The parks team is very busy getting parks open and looking beautiful. Some concern about snow level and potential flooding with snow run off. Keeping an eye on it.
- Trail News (Kelly) BV Singletrack Coalition is waiting on approval from BLM for the Cranken Hammer trail.

**VIII. Newspaper articles** No update

**IX. Other**

**X. Adjourn 6:50pm**

**NEXT MEETING: June 6, 2023**