

# **BUENA VISTA TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**

**September 6, 2022**

**Community Center**

**5:30 pm**

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

Present: Kelly Collins (Chair), Jonathon Litwiller, Ben Correll, Lois Walton, Colleen Fitzgerald, Earl Richmond (Recreation Special Project Manager)

## **II. Agenda adoption or changes**

Motion to Approve made by Walton, second by Correll. Motion passed.

## **III. Approval of August 2, 2022, Minutes**

Motion to approve made by Walton, second by Fitzgerald. Motion passed

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

## **V. Development Reviews - No reviews**

1. Sky View

## **VI. Reports**

### **Recreation Report**

Recreation (Earl Richmond) Richmond reported that the fact that TAB is reviewing development plans for trail possibilities has been well received with the BOT.

Whipple Trail - the Town received 3 proposals for the scope of work to be done on the Bridge-to-Bridge trail to increase safety and mitigate environmental issues. Proposals differ slightly and staff along with Collins are reviewing.

Richmond reported that there has been a fair bit of camping mitigation along CR 304 at the top of the Whipple Trail.

Richmond has been working on developing information for a kiosk, a 5-metal panel to be located at the bath house. Walton asked that picnic sites be included on the maps.

The Town and the City of Salida are working together on funding for several infrastructure improvement projects. In BV funding will be used for boat ramp improvement/maintenance, upgrade bathrooms, decking, pocket wave and more.

Sign schedule- Work continues with this project.

Walton Loop- Funding is being sought to complete the loop from the disc gold course around the new pickleball courts to connect with the sidewalk.

Rodeo Grounds- Walton requested an update on planning for the new parcel being deeded the to the Town. Richmond mentioned that there is still some discussion regarding the water flow before work can continue.

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ACA Expansion- Walton inquired if the expansion would affect the Gregg Drive trail. There will be more truck entrances but there are no plans to move the trail to the north side of the street. It was suggested that TAB keep this trail in mind in case an opportunity arises in the future to move it to the opposite side.

Crossman road has been striped by the Town. Also, Walton complimented the county on the expansion of the road as it continues west toward CR 360.

**Parks Report - No report**

**Public Works Report – No report**

### **VII. Capital Budget Recommendations**

1. Refine recommendation- Richmond suggested that the Land and Water Conservation Fund would be a good opportunity to fund the Walton Loop in 2023. The LWCF grant is very extensive, and this would give staff time to develop material for the proposal.
2. TAB should revisit prior year's project list and make any changes or additions. Fitzgerald suggested that the trail along Arizona be widened and also the nature trail behind the high school be improved. These should be added to the project list. Collins will send out the excel spreadsheet and board members should review it before next meeting so the list can be finalized at the next meeting.
3. Litwiller asked about the town having a dedicated funding source for trails. Richmond explained that a few years back there the board looked at the prospect of a Recreation District. A Town attorney provided information. Richmond said and did provide the board with the information.

### **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Continental Divide Trail Coalition Update- Collins reported that the BOT responded positively to TAB's recommendation to create an exploratory committee for Buena Vista becoming a Gateway Community. Correll said he may have some further information and contacts with CDT staff. It might also fit well due to the Colorado Trail being so close as well. Correll also mentioned that the bike segment for the CT (Colorado Trail) goes through town. Collins suggested that TAB members consider taking the lead on this committee.**

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2. **Comprehensive Plan review-** [COMP PLAN FINAL DOC 30-NOV-15.indd \(buenavistaco.gov\)](#) TAB members should review the plan in preparation for discussion at the next board meeting.
3. **Capital Budget Recommendation** TAB should review spreadsheet attached and be prepared to make additions or changes.

**IX. Adjournment 6:55pm**

NEXT MEETING: **October 4, 2022**