

MINUTES
CITY OF YUCAIPA
TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Yucaipa City Hall, 34272 Yucaipa Blvd.
June 1, 2021

A regular meeting of the Trails and Open Space Committee was called to order by Kristine Mohler at 6:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: All in attendance rose to salute the U.S. flag.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristine Mohler, Mike Bagg, Kathy Barton, Kandie Cansler, DeDe Chudy, Mark Miles, Dan Morgan, and Kathy Utley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Emon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Community member Rob Richmond and City staff members Fermin Preciado and Scott Washburn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Draft minutes for the May 2021 meeting were not available.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION to approve: DeDe Chudy; SECOND: Mike Bagg. APPROVED.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Kristine Mohler extended her gratitude to city staff, committee members, and community members who participated in the recent clean-up morning at El Dorado Ranch Park. A great deal of debris, revealed as a result of the El Dorado fire, was removed. Additional debris removal remains to be completed, she reported. Scott Washburn suggested the next day be scheduled in fall 2021 due the number of community events requiring city staff participation until the fall. Kristine Mohler also recapped her attendance at a recent meeting of the Healthy Yucaipa Committee, where she described the Take-a-Hike events and invited Healthy Yucaipa Committee members to participate. She suggested they consider doing a short presentation before the hike on such topics on hydration and heart rate monitoring. The Healthy Yucaipa Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m.
- Kathy Barton updated the committee on two upcoming grant opportunities: 1) Outdoor Equity Program on which she is connecting with the school district and Supporters of Wildwood Canyon and 2) PeopleForBikes, a non-profit, which will open its next grant round with a letter of interest deadline in July; possibilities include bike lane development and the planned pump track. She will forward the PeopleForBikes information to city staff.
- Kandie Cansler reported there are 1,217 followers on the Take-a-Hike Facebook page.
- DeDe Chudy inquired about trail connectivity between the Oak Glen Basins and Serrano Lakes development (across Bryant). Fermin Preciado shared with the committee that trail connectivity was not part of the project. She also shared that The Wildlands Conservancy is working on connectivity between the Oak Glen Preserve and Wildwood Canyon State Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence addressed to the committee has been received.

FLOOD CORRIDOR PROTECTION GRANT: No update.

TAKE-A-HIKE:

- The next hike is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021, starting from Crafton Hills Park. Kathy Barton will lead the long hike east toward Yucaipa Regional Park. Kristine Mohler will lead the short hike and bring water and granola bars. DeDe Chudy will inquire about the possibility of a hike at Los Rios Ranch in Oak Glen in July.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

- Mark Miles inquired about the status of doggie poop stations at the trailhead of Canyon View Trail and Wilson Creek East Trail. Scott Washburn reported the materials have been delivered and installation is planned.

DESIGNATED PUBLIC MULTI-USE TRAILS: No update.

TRAIL CONNECTIVITY: City contact with property owners downstream of the Wildwood Basins is pending.

CRAFTON HILLS CONSERVANCY: Rob Richmond reported that a group of volunteers recently hand watered the oak trees that had been planted near the parking area of the soccer complex. He believes they will thrive and, when mature, create a pleasing environment at the entrance.

YUCAIPA EQUESTRIAN ARENA COMMITTEE: Kathy Utley reported that activity is beginning to pick up as pandemic restrictions are eased. There was recently a 2-day show and a sorting is planned.

YUCAIPA VALLEY CONSERVANCY: DeDe Chudy reported that the conservancy is concerned about the issue of housing density, and expressed its concerns at a recent City Council meeting.

SUPPORTERS OF WILDWOOD CANYON: DeDe Chudy reported the next board meeting will be in mid-July.

STAFF REPORT:

- Fermin Preciado reported that the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is June 23, 2021, at 6 p.m. Mark Miles plans to attend.

TRAILS STANDARDS & TRAIL MAP: No update.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Adopt a Park - El Dorado Ranch Park: No update.
- Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - Ad Hoc Committee Mountain Bike Park: Fermin Preciado reported that the city anticipates a clearance letter from the state Department of Fish and Wildlife and that the City Council must then accept the contract work before the single-track mountain bike trail can be opened to the public. Final approval is anticipated in mid-July. Kathy Barton will inform

the involved community members of a tentative opening event of July 17 and reconvene the group to begin planning the event.

Ad Hoc Committee for Five Winds Ranch: No update.

- Proposition 68 Grant Application:
 - Wilson III Park: Did not qualify for the last round of Prop. 68 funding
 - Dunlap Park: Fermin Preciado reported the city is awaiting the outcome of the application submitted in mid-March.
 - Five Winds Ranch Park: Did not qualify for the last round of Prop. 68 funding
 - Wildwood Creek Basin 4: City watching for upcoming grant opportunity that is expected to include a recreational component.
- American Viticultural Area Planning Committee: Committee members shared their impressions of the last City Council meeting during which the Council reaffirmed its approval of Phase 1 and commencement of Phase 2. Kristine Mohler encouraged committee members to express their opinions on the initiative during Phase 2.
- Five Winds Improvement Advisory Committee: DeDe Chudy serves on the committee as a representative of the Yucaipa Valley Conservancy. MOTION by Kristine Mohler to appoint Kathy Barton to as the representative of the Trails & Open Space Committee to the Five Winds Improvement Advisory Committee. SECOND by DeDe Chudy. APPROVED.
- Outdoor Equity Program (California Department of Parks and Recreation): Discussed during item VI.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: MOTION by Kristine Mohler to add Make a Difference Day to the July 2021 meeting in order to discuss the committee's participation. SECOND by Kandie Cansler. APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mike Bagg to adjourn meeting; SECOND by Mark Miles. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Approved:


Chair