

MINUTES  
CITY OF YUCAIPA  
TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
Yucaipa City Hall, 34272 Yucaipa Blvd.  
December 7, 2021

A regular meeting of the Trails and Open Space Committee was called to order by Kristine Mohler at 6:04 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, Rob Richmond, and Adam Tissot.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Utley (excused).

OTHERS PRESENT: City staff members Fermin Preciado and Scott Washburn; community member Denise Allen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION to approve November 2021 minutes by DeDe Chudy; SECOND by Kandie Cansler. APPROVED.

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

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Kathy Barton shared that the Trails and Greenways Conference 2022 has been scheduled for an in-person session in April 2022 in Modesto, Calif., and suggested the topic be placed on the January meeting of the Trails & Open Space Committee for possible attendance by 1-2 committee members. She also shared information about the conference awards program and suggested the Take-a-Hike program would be a strong nomination for the “Merit (Event)” category. As a private citizen, she will prepare and submit a nomination.
- Kristine Mohler discussed the possibility of a nomination for the conference’s lifetime achievement award. She also reiterated her interest in establishing trail connectivity between the Wildwood Basins and Bryant Street.
- Adam Tissot shared that the Hops & Spokes mountain bike ride group plans a volunteer maintenance effort on the Highway 38 side of the Crafton Hills Conservancy.
- DeDe Chudy reported downed fencing along the east side of El Dorado Ranch Park, due to recent flooding. Scott Washburn shared the city is initiating a repair. DeDe Chudy also mentioned that the watering basins around some newly planted trees at Five Winds Ranch have been eroded by the irrigation system, that it appeared the water volume of the irrigation system could be reduced.

- Scott Washburn shared that the Healthy Yucaipa Committee is planning a health fair from 8 a.m. to noon on February 26 at the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center and would like to extend an invitation to the Trails & Open Space Committee to participate. The committee consensus was to accept the invitation and participate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Denise Allen informed the committee that she has applied for the vacancy.

**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 9 a.m. Saturday, December 11, 2021, at Wildwood Canyon State Park. Kathy Barton will lead the hike up Water Canyon Trail to Hunt Ranch and back. Kristine Mohler suggested having trash bags and litter grabbers available at the hike for any participants who wish to pick up litter on the hike. City staff will provide approximately 10 litter grabbers.
- Kristine Mohler will follow up on the Take-a-Hike Challenge prizes (hats and lapel pins). MOTION by DeDe Chudy to use the city logo on the next order of lapel pin prizes; SECOND by Kandie Cansler. APPROVED.
- Kandie Cansler reported the Facebook page has nearly 1,400 followers.
- The January 2022 hike will be at the Oak Glen Basins.
- Rob Richmond will draft the remainder of the hike schedule for 2022.
- There was discussion about the possibility of staging one of the hikes in 2022 on the Wildwood Mountain Bike Trail. MOTION by Kathy Barton to recommend city staff investigate the mechanics of staging a hike event on a mountain bike-exclusive trail. SECOND by Kristine Mohler. APPROVED.

**ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM**

- Rob Richmond reported he is organizing the adopters list, contacting adopters to renew, and asking if any adopters are no longer interested. He will report back at the January meeting.

**DESIGNATED PUBLIC MULTI-USE TRAILS:** No update.

**TRAIL CONNECTIVITY:** There was discussion about connectivity along the flood control channel between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Oak Glen Road and from the Wildwood Basins to Bryant Street.

**CRAFTON HILLS CONSERVANCY:** No update.

**YUCAIPA EQUESTRIAN ARENA COMMITTEE:** No update.

**YUCAIPA VALLEY CONSERVANCY:** Next board meeting will be February 2022.

**SUPPORTERS OF WILDWOOD CANYON:** DeDe Chudy reported the board will not meet in December and that the board is exploring the possibility of applying for funding from the Recreational Trails Program for educational/interpretive amenities at the state park.

**STAFF REPORT:** No update.

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY (MADD) 2021: This item will be removed from the agenda until planning for MADD 2022 begins.

TRAILS STANDARDS & TRAIL MAP: No update.

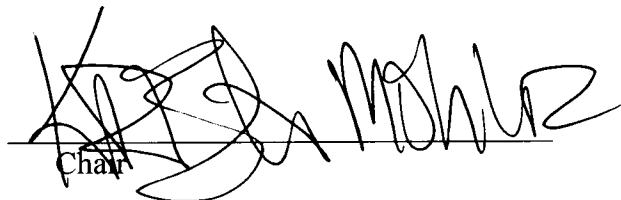
OTHER BUSINESS:

- Adopt a Park - El Dorado Ranch Park: Mike Bagg reported he submitted a leak report to city staff.
- Ad Hoc Committee Reports
  - Ad Hoc Committee Mountain Bike Park: Kathy Barton reported she is working on two foundation funding opportunities for the third phase of the Wildwood Canyon Mountain Bike Trail. There was discussion about advocating for phase 3 to be included in the next city goal and objectives update. MOTION by Kristine Mohler for the committee to write a letter to the City Council requesting phase 3 be added to the next goals and objectives update. SECOND by Mike Bagg. APPROVED. Kathy Barton will draft the letter.
  - Ad Hoc Committee for Five Winds Ranch: MOTION by Kathy Barton to recommend to the city if there is a planning committee established for the opening festival for El Dorado/Five Winds Ranch that a representative of the Trails and Open Space Committee be appointed to the committee. SECOND by DeDe Chudy. APPROVED.
- Proposition 68 Grant Application:
  - Dunlap Park: No update.
- American Viticultural Area Planning Committee: Kristine Mohler reported there was discussion at the last meeting about creation of a subcommittee to make recommendations on aesthetic standards for the viticulture area, minimum acreage for wineries, total number of wineries in the planning area, and housing density. She asked Trails and Open Space committee members to share with her their thoughts on trail features. There will be a study session on the viticulture area planning at an upcoming City Council meeting.
- Five Winds Improvement Advisory Committee: No update.
- Grant Funding Update: Kathy Barton mentioned the Recreational Trails Program as a possibility for funding of trail connectivity.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mike Bagg to adjourn meeting; SECOND by DeDe Chudy. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved:



Chair