

**February 2, 2022**  
**Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: Go To Meeting online, 5:00 PM**

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**Members Present Online**

Bob Schiowitz, Chair  
Martyn Pearson, Vice Chair  
Sue Barsom  
Jay Hemphill  
Bridgette Johns

**Others Present**

Drew, SE Group  
JB Bjornstadt  
Alexa Tubbs  
Wendy Raven Phillips  
J. Brandon  
Candice Baca, Secretary

**Members Absent**

Marsha Lustig, Member  
Mayor Ladner, Member

The meeting was called to order at 1708 hours.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sue moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021; regular meeting as submitted. Bridgette seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Community Input:**

Wendy discussed the open member position on the Trails and Open Space Committee. Discussion occurred about the committee and what they are looking for regarding new applicants as well as the application process. Alexa and guest discussed volunteer opportunities and potential jobs regarding trails or outdoor work, they stated they are interested in paid or volunteer work.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Drew, SE Group representative presented data and lead discussion regarding the Grant County Outdoor Recreation & Trails Master Plan project. Lengthy conversation occurred amongst group.
2. Bob reported on the Boston Hill Americorp work done in December had received 3 of the 6 benches installed, one just above Cooper Street on a section trail. The other benches went in the Cheyenne Street area, one on the top of the north pit, and one on the bottom of the north pit. On the very top of Boston Hill, an eight-foot picnic bench was installed.
3. Update on proposed San Vicente projects was presented by Bob. Currently, there are three or four of these projects that are being evaluated, major ones are improving the trail opposite of the Chinese Gardens, or as we are calling it the 'Still Trail' or 'Gila

Conglomerate Cliff Trail'. We've received four different bids from companies on 650 feet of eight-foot-wide trail at the top of the cliff as we try to meet state guidelines for obligating at least 5% of the \$150,000 that the state gave to the town for San Vicente project. We've had continual problems with people cutting and entering illegally with motorized vehicles. We may be able to the town to haul that material down near the old landfill at the ball fields and plug some of the open holes while also closing off access points for ATV off-road vehicles on the lower part of San Vicente. Discussed the trail underneath Highway 90 Bridge and about construction of the Outdoor Education Center in that area receiving maple style posts that could hang shade sails/structures for shade. Discussed low water crossing East of the Outdoor Education Center across San Vicente Creek and the bidding process and how the committee acts as a point of contact for the public to figure out what to do with the money. Lengthy discussion on this occurred.

Bob proposed a motion to adopt the Fourth Wednesday of every month for the Trails & Open Space Committee meetings. Martyn seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Bob motioned moving the next trails meeting that will be February 23rd to the Outdoor Education Center, Bridgette seconded, and motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

4. Update on proposed San Vicente watershed restoration projects. Bob briefly discussed the idea of the Watershed Keepers working with the committee on projects to improve the habitat along San Vicente Creek to reduce non-natives and maintenance of various sections of the city along the greenways including the Big Ditch Park.
5. Discussed proposal for Town to purchase Homick "Last Comer Mine" parcel for Boston Hill Open Space. Bob presented a map showing where the parcels are located. Discussion on the parcels the town is interested in purchasing, discussion on use, details, and purchase process about this topic. Bob proposed a motion to move the town to proceed with the purchase. Bridgette seconded and motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

**Committee Discussion:**

None

**Adjournment:** Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Sue seconded and the motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1904 hours.

**Minutes Submitted by:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Candice Baca, Recording Secretary

**Approved by:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Schiowitz, Chairman