

DUCHESNE COUNTY TRAILS COMMITTEE

May 2, 2023, at 734 N. Center Street, Duchesne, UT 84021, in the Commission Chambers, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Attending

Jeff Crozier, Neola
Cheryl Fabrizio, Tabiona-Hanna
Sharla Goff, Myton
Darwin McKee, Duchesne

Others Attending: John Titre, USFS Duchesne Ranger District; Adyn Bird, TriCounty Health; Jason Blankenagel, Sunrise Engineering (virtual); and Mike Gottfredson, Duchesne County.

Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Mike Gottfredson conducted the meeting to facilitate the election of a new committee chair and vice-chair.
 - i. Mr. Gottfredson opened the nominations for the Trails Committee Chair for 2023.
 1. Darwin McKee nominated Mike Hawley as committee chair, with Jeff Crozier as second. Nominations were closed, and Mr. Hawley was elected unanimously.
 - ii. Mr. Gottfredson opened the nominations for the Trails Committee Vice-Chair for 2023.
 1. Darwin McKee nominated Jared Thacker as committee vice-chair, with Jeff Crozier as second. Nominations were closed, and Mr. Thacker was elected unanimously.
3. Minutes
 - a. No minutes were reviewed or approved.
4. Chair's Report
 - a. With no chair or vice-chair present, Mr. Gottfredson reminded the committee of their purpose, and for each committee member to submit a W-9.
5. Staff Report
 - a. Mr. Gottfredson reported on the following:
 - i. Trails Web App:
<https://portal.duchesnecountygis.org/arcgis/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2ac21a79a39c431c93628ab9f00a52eb>
 - ii. Small Urban Trails
 1. DUCHESNE CITY SIDEWALK TRAIL CONNECTOR: Staff and Chair continued to meet with Mayor Rowley, but he remained unavailable. Staff will contact UDOT to explore active transportation funding opportunities and provide findings to Duchesne City.

2. ROOSEVELT CITY NATURE PARK AND TRAILS: Roosevelt City continues to develop the Nature Park on the north bank of Cottonwood Creek, north of Uintah Basin Medical Center. Park will include an 8-mile walking trail.
 3. TABIONA CENTENNIAL PARK: Duchesne County committed \$8,000.00 of in-kind material and labor to the Tabiona Centennial Park. The Town was unsuccessful in their Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant application. State received over \$24 million in requests, and could not fund them all. Town will explore other funding avenues, including UDOT active transportation grant opportunities.
- iii. Non-Urban Trails
1. County closed two OHV grant projects: the Duchesne County OHV Trail Equipment grant, and the Duchesne County BLM Trail Mapping OHV grant.
 2. OHV PROJECTS OUTSTANDING:
 - a. Sower's Canyon: County working with the Forest Service to place two "gateway" boulders at either access points of the Sower's Canyon OHV Trail, and post applicable signage. Project to conclude this spring/early summer.
 - b. ATV Trail Equipment for Yellowstone Canyon Trail Widening: County has obtained all equipment requested as part of this grant, and now can now support the trail improvement efforts led by the Forest Service on the Yellowstone OHV Trail system this spring/summer.
 - c. Harmston Canyon Connector Trail Environmental Assessment: SWCA Environmental was awarded the contract for cultural resource review of this improved/new trail. They have obtain the necessary permits from the State, and will begin their survey once the snow melts. The Forest Service has slated their resources to begin construction on this connector trail this season.
 - d. Trail First Aid and Communications Equipment: County has purchased GPS and mapping equipment and has ordered the radios per County and Forest Service specifications. They are anticipated to arrive mid-May. First-aid equipment are yet to be purchased.
 - e. Badlands Loop Trail: County is finalizing right of way and agreement documentation for the last ½ mile of the Badlands Trail which traverses private property. These documents are to be sent to the property owner this week. Once completed and recorded, the Badlands Trail will add an additional 91-miles of OHV trail to Duchesne County.
 3. BLUEBELL-SAND WASH RESERVOIR STATE PARK BIKE CORRIDOR: Representatives of Bluebell have initiated a pre-analysis of a bike corridor connecting Bluebell to Sand Wash Reservoir State Park. This

corridor would require improvements to 12000 W, including expanded shoulder, signage, and reduced vehicle speeds to accommodate a wide range of riders. The project is still in the concept stage.

4. THE DUCHESNE FLAG TRAIL: Duchesne County recently acquired just under 30-acres southwest of the Centennial Events Center in Duchesne, and desires to develop a network of trails connecting the Event Center Complex to the County-owned bluff south of the complex and the Duchesne River, where the giant flag is located. Staff will initiate pre-project activities over the next two months and report back to the Committee in July.

iv. UDOT Trails

1. FRUITLAND OHV LATERAL TRAIL: UDOT has granted pre-approval of the existing OHV trail running within the south right of way of Highway 40 from the Big G gas station to Red Creek Ranches, to the east (approximately 2.6 miles). Staff will finalize paperwork, and the trail will be official after UDOT review.
2. REGIONAL CYCLING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS: The County is initiating a review of UDOT right of ways throughout the County to identify potential active transportation corridors, and to specify the improvements needed to make a safe and complete active transportation system. The County's goal is to ultimately package these findings into grant requests to UDOT, or roll them into larger transportation improvement projects.

6. Action Items

- a. No action items presented or voted on.

7. Discussion

- a. Roosevelt Mountain Bike Trails: Mr. Gottfredson highlighted a new mountain bike trail to be constructed by Roosevelt City in Duchesne County.
- b. Committee members suggested to John Titre to consider Wolf Creek and Pidgeon Water for OHV trails.

8. Next Steps

- a. Mr. Gottfredson announced the next meeting to take place on July 11, 2023.

9. Adjournment

- a. Meeting ended at 7:00 PM.