

DUCHESNE COUNTY TRAILS COMMITTEE

July 11, 2023, at 734 N. Center Street, Duchesne, UT 84021, in the Commission Chambers, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Attending

TRAILS COMMITTEE Mike Hawley, Roosevelt
 Cheryl Fabrizio, Tabiona-Hanna
 Sharla Goff, Myton
 Darwin McKee, Duchesne
 Jeff Crozier, Upper Country

OTHERS Jason Blankenagel, Sunrise Engineering (virtual)
 Mike Gottfredson, Duchesne County.

Minutes

WELCOME

MINUTES Darwin McKee made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2023 Trails Committee Meeting; Sharla Goff seconded.

CHAIR'S REPORT Mike Hawley reported on Teddy's Playground, a planned mountain bike park east of the Cove Acres subdivision in Duchesne County. Land is owned by Roosevelt City, and is being promoted by the Arts, Parks, and Recreation Committee, headed by Preston Kadleck and Aaron Brown. The City is interested in any support for the park by the County.

STAFF REPORT Mr. Gottfredson reported on the following:

TRAILS WEB APP

<https://portal.duchesnecountygis.org/arcgis/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2ac21a79a39c431c93628ab9f00a52eb>

SMALL URBAN TRAILS

- Duchesne City Sidewalk Trail Connector: Project on hold pending Duchesne City taking the lead to advance this project.
[County's Role: support](#)
- 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 be a regional trail hub, connecting the City's Cottonwood Creek Trail into the Park. 1.25 acre pond is being filled. Bridges are now installed. Trails to be paved over next few weeks. ROWs out of the park are being worked on now. Planned opening in Spring 2024.
[County's Role: support and trail development](#)
- Tabiona Centennial Park: Project on hold pending further funding opportunities.
[County's Role: support](#)

NON-URBAN TRAILS

- OHV Projects Outstanding
 - 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. County is currently working with USFS to procure boulders.
County's Role: equipment and labor
 - ATV Trail Equipment for Yellowstone Canyon Trail Widening: County to support trail clearing and widening efforts on the first two miles of the Yellowstone OHV Trail system this summer, led by USFS.
County's Role: support, equipment, and labor
 - Harmston Canyon Connector Trail Environmental Assessment: SWCA Environmental finished their cultural resource review on 7/10/23. Following the acceptance of their findings, the USFS will begin clearing efforts and construction of a 60-inch OHV trail in late summer.
County's Role: support, equipment, and labor
 - Trail First Aid and Communications Equipment: Communications equipment is procured. First-aid equipment is yet to be purchased. Staff anticipates this project to close by the end of July.
County's Role: procurement
 - Badlands Loop Trail: Staff sent right of way agreement to property owner on May 26, 2023, and regularly follows up on the status of the agreement with the property owner. This agreement is for the last ½ mile of the Badlands Trail which traverses private property. The Badlands Trail will add an additional 91-miles of OHV trail to Duchesne County.
County's Role: ROW maintenance
- Bluebell-Sand Wash Reservoir State Park Bike Corridor: Project on hold pending a review by the local recreation district.
County's Role: support
- The Duchesne Flag Trail: Duchesne County desires to develop a network of trails connecting the Event Center Complex to flagpole set atop a County-owned bluff south of the complex and the Duchesne River. Staff explored possible routes with Commissioner Greg Miles in May and discussed strategies with Mike Hawley in June. A proposed route will be developed by end of summer.
County's Role: trail development, equipment, and labor

UDOT TRAILS

- Fruitland OHV Lateral Trail: Staff will submit required paperwork to UDOT for a 2.6 mile right OHV right of way running parallel to US-40 in Fruitland Staff by the end of July.
[County's Role: coordination and processing](#)
- Regional Cycling Active Transportation Corridors: A review of regional cycling corridors correlating with UDOT or County road improvement projects is ongoing.
[County's Role: coordination and trail development](#)

ACTION ITEMS July 2023 OHVR Grant Applications: Mr. Gottfredson noted the three memos to the Trails Committee requesting motions of support for three off-highway vehicle (OHV) grant applications, including a project to create OHV “no trespassing” signage, a request for fencing material for the County’s pending right of way in Argyle Canyon, and a motion to support the Forest Service’s application to widen the Petty Mountain Loop Trail, in the Yellowstone OHV Trail network. Due to time, no motions were entertained.

DISCUSSION Mr. McKee brought up the possibility of opening up an old road from Cliff Lake to Chapeta. Mr. Gottfredson said he would follow up with the Forest Service.

NEXT STEPS Mr. Gottfredson announced the next meeting to take place on October 10, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting ended at 7:00 PM.