

GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 12, 2016 - Mucky Duck Restaurant- 6 pm

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Dick Bratton at 6:01 PM.
2. Attendance: Rocco Blasi, Dick Bratton, RJ Brown, Claudia Eley, Mike Lohman, Tom McCormick, Jan Smith, Gordon Wines, Myrna Wey (9 of 11 members present)
Absent: Greg Pfander, Richard Truesdell.
3. Agenda Approval- **M/S Wines/Blasi**- All yea.
4. Approve Minutes of Apr 14, 2016- **M/S Eley/Wines**- All yea.
5. Public Input- none
6. **PROGRESS Since last meeting:**
 - Apr 15 -The Chairman prepared maps showing the location of Red Devil Mountain Trail (Andy's Trail) in relation to property ownership and sent them to Jesse Stroope.
 - Apr 16-The Chairman updated the Work Plan Schedule and Projects List and sent it to Committee members.
 - Apr 25- Wines and Pfander hiked up to mark the Horseshoe Mountain Detour. They took GPS readings and photos.
 - Apr 27 The Chairman got Mile High Youth Corps to schedule a crew for two weeks (July 25-Aug 5) to construct Phase 2 (2700 LF) of the Belvidere Canyon Trail.
 - Apr 28- The Chairman sent out a Call for Volunteers for Work Day #1 on May 22.
 - Apr 30- The Chairman prepared a new map of three Construction Phases for the Belvidere Canyon Trail and sent it to Stroope and MHYC.
 - May 4- New (revised) GMFTC Hiker Maps (500) were received from the printer.
 - May 5- Wines hiked Mount Dewey with Jesse Stroope to determine the final location of the Spiritual Platform.
 - May 6- Wines and Stroope hiked Red Devil Mtn Trail with Karen Watson and to discuss her suggestion for a trail across her property. Wines took photos.
 - May 8- The Chairman reviewed the photos and sent comments and suggestions to Stroope. Included was a Town Plat Map showing a 20 foot wide street ROW from El Paso Ave to the Andy Pittman property.
 - May 9- Wines, Blasi and Smith climbed Mt. Dewey to mark (blue flag) the 2000 ft long trail corridor for Phase 1 of the Belvidere Canyon Trail.
7. **TRAILS WEBSITE**- Mike Lohman reported over 400 hits. Revised hiker map posted.
8. **SEASONAL MAINTENANCE & SAFETY WORK**- Deferred to next meeting. .
9. **BELVIDERE CANYON TRAIL**- Construction Phases Map handed out.
 - Phase 1 - 2,000 LF GMF Trails Crews May 22-June 25
 - Phase 2 - 2,700LF Mile High Youth Corps- July 25-Aug 5
 - Phase 3- 1,600 LF GMF Trails Crews- July 10-Sep 24Gordon Wines reported that Phase 1 from Mt. Dewey summit to Howard Gulch will require 3 short rock walls. A call for trails volunteers has been issued for people to sign up for work days on May 22 and June 4 (National Trails Day).
- 10.0 **RED DEVIL MOUNTAIN TRAIL**- Wines reported on a meeting and hike with

Jesse Stroope, HGMFF and Karen Watson, landowner, to look at a new public trail she was proposing across her property. Maps were handed out to the Committee showing her proposed trail and maps of the existing Red Devil Trail (Andy's Trail) that Andy Pittman had worn in with his horses in 2010. After a lengthy discussion concerning the Watson proposed trail, the Committee concluded that there was no good reason for the trail to be built because it would have little if any benefit to the public for hiking. It would be a dead end trail and would not be on the best and most direct route to the top of Red Devil Mountain.

M/S Smith/Lohman That the GMF Trails Committee does not wish to participate in the construction of a trail on the Watson property since the trail would be of little, if any, benefit to the public. Passed 9-0.

11. **GREEN BOX** -Dougherty Sculpture -Volunteers needed for June 18. An April 26 E mail from Jesse Stroope, Green Box Arts, Dougherty Installation, was forwarded to Trails Committee members. The Committee recognized this as an opportunity to participate in a community effort. The Chairman will send it to all volunteer trail workers to ask for volunteers.

12. TO DO LIST

- Seasonal Trail Safety & Maintenance Corrective Work
- Clear Belvidere Canyon Trail corridor of brush- Place Station Markers & Flags
- Prepare for Work Day #1 on May 22 and June 4
- Work on Horseshoe Mountain detour
- Complete the Mt. Dewey Hiker Map
- Mount Dewey Master Plan Update
- Participate in the design process for the Ute Pass Trail Regional Trail.
- Mount Dewey Trail- Recommend location of benches
- Obtain Easement for Red Devil Mountain Trail
- Participate in the design process for the Ute Pass Trail Regional Trail.

13. **NEXT MEETING- Thurs June 9 - 6:00 pm** at Mucky Duck.

14. OTHER-

15. Adjourned 7:29 PM

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC