



BIG SKY COMMUNITY CORPORATION

Trails Committee Meeting Minutes April 18, 2007

The Big Sky Community Corporation Trails Committee met on March 14, 2007 at 9:05 AM in the BSOA Conference Room. Committee members in attendance included: John Leeper (Chair), Ryan Hamilton, Bill Olson, Barry Margetts, Denise Schmidt and Pete Bolane. Kate Halloran was in attendance representing the staff.

1. Call to Order

John Leeper, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. John informed the committee that we would be requesting two resort tax rollovers in the amounts of \$47,910 and \$323,463; we will also be asking for an additional \$428,312 in additional requests.

Denise motioned and Bill seconded to request both rollovers and the new request from Resort Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Report on Spur Road Trail** – Bill reported that we had just signed to proceed with the bridge construction; however we still need 3 Rivers to sign on. Construction was to begin today and the bridge should be delivered the first part of June. In terms of the trail, it seems that we would save \$40K by going with delineator strips rather than a guardrail. The slope at Skywood is sluffing so we do not want to out it, instead we will do a 4 foot metal sidewalk on the inside of the guardrail at that point. Bill also informed the committee that we would be issuing bid documents for the trail in late July provided that we receive the funding; this would make October 2007 as a target finish date for the Spur Road Trail. Lastly, Bill explained that the bridge will be coming in two pieces and fit both foundations.

Bill motioned and Ryan seconded to recommend to the BSCC Board to sign the notice to proceed.

4. Committee Reports

- a) **New Trails/Master Planning/Easements** – A party for new trails and the bridge celebration will be scheduled for some time after June 17th. We would like to avoid other parties in order to get the best turn out we can.
- b) **Maintenance** – Steve Johnson was not in attendance.
- c) **Donation Collection** – Pete needs help installing the donation canisters. The ground has been frozen so installation has not made sense. Bill recommended that we rent a post digger and power auger from ABC to help with the installation process.
- d) **Finance/Budget/Grant Writing** – John Leeper informed the committee that we did not get the FWP Grant. In other news, Bill and John have begun putting bridge plank plaques on the bridge.

e) **Spur Road Trail** – See beginning of Minutes.

5. New Business – It was discussed that a good way to get people involved with the Trails Master Plan was to outreach. Barry recommended get thoughts from our town leaders and Bill suggested that we talk to the Big Sky Hikers at their annual picnic.

June 2nd is National Trails Day. Kate said that she would get in touch with Sara at Gallatin Valley Land Trust to coordinate advertising and a BBQ. The plan will be to meet at Ousel Falls Park with a BBQ to follow at the park pavilion.

6. Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Trails Committee will be Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 9 AM in the BSOA conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.