Minutes of the **Centerville City Trails Committee** meeting held Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**
Eric Barndt  
Matt Johnson  
Sunny Larson  
Jake Layton, Chair

**MEMBER ABSENT**
Shawna Dickamore  
Blair Parrish  
Mikael Remington

**STAFF PRESENT**
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director  
Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

**VISITORS**
George McEwan, City Council Liaison  
Joanie Lorscheider

**APPOINT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
Sunny Larson nominated Jake Layton to continue as Chair of the Trails Committee. Matt Johnson seconded the nomination. Jake Layton nominated Sunny Larson to continue serving as Vice Chair. Both appointments were approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

**CONTINUED GRANT DISCUSSION**

Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, explained it would probably work best for Davis County to apply for a grant to repair the Deuel Creek South Trail (in cooperation with Centerville City) since the property belongs to the County. Sunny Larson asked about grants for trail rehabilitation, and said she has a friend interested in helping the Committee with grant writing. Mr. Cox commented that the City Council would need to be willing to designate matching funds. Councilmember McEwan said he did not think it would be a problem to find matching funds for trail restoration. Mr. Cox said he would follow-up with County representatives and discuss with them the best way to stabilize the Deuel Creek South Trail.

Chair Layton commented that Sunset Trail could use some repair, but said he was not sure if the trail is on City property. Sunny Larson added there are spots along the trails that run north/south along the hillside that could use repair. Matt Johnson said portions of Zig Zag Trail could also use help. Mr. Cox said he believes the grant application process closes at the end of March.

Mr. Cox said the possibility of putting a trailhead with restrooms on a Centerville portion of Legacy Trail, possibly at 1275 North, has been discussed in the past. He said he believes it would be feasible to add another “park” restroom for City Staff to maintain without needing additional personnel. Matt Johnson suggested a seasonal porta potty instead of a permanent restroom facility. Chair Layton commented that Murdock Trail in Utah County has a large
vending machine that has become a bit of a destination. He suggested the Trails Committee
could get creative and add some type of attraction that could become a “destination”. Chair
Layton suggested looking into grant options for 1275 North.

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

The minutes of the November 21, 2019 Trails Committee meeting were reviewed. Chair
Layton moved to accept the minutes. Sunny Larson seconded the motion, which passed by
unanimous vote (4-0).

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunny Larson asked for an update on the hillside access road/erosion project. Mr. Cox
said there has been some Staff discussion of improvement to the hillside access road east of
100 South. Sunny Larson suggested the Trails Committee meet with trails committees from
neighboring cities. Councilmember McEwan asked about the County Shoreline Trail project.
Chair Layton said he believed the project was moving forward. Mr. Cox commented that the
Parks and Recreation Committee requested a presentation from Jacob Smith, Administrative
Services Director, regarding the status of RAP Tax Revenue. The Trails Committee discussed
meeting together with the Parks and Recreation Committee to possibly share that presentation
and to discuss master planning. Mr. Cox suggested the Trails Committee provide input to the
Parks and Recreation Committee regarding the proposed Parks Master Plan. He suggested that
a potential park in the Rockwood Estates area could be included in the Parks Master Plan. The
Trails Committee discussed the potential for an urban trail to connect City parks. Sunny Larson
told the Committee about a bicycle playground for young children she saw when traveling.

Matt Johnson asked Councilmember McEwan if there is anything the Trails Committee
could do to move the hillside bike trail project forward. Councilmember McEwan explained that it
would be difficult to proceed with the bike trail project without a plan to accommodate access
and parking, a plan for patrolling the area, and a plan for dealing with the erosion problem,
particularly around the road used to access the gun range. He encouraged the Trails Committee
to continue to advocate the project and to include the project in the master trails/recreation plan.
Sunny Larson said she thought a planned trail system would decrease police-related problems
rather than increase them. Councilmember McEwan stated that money and resources would
need to be found for ongoing maintenance needs related to the bike trail project. He explained
that the City’s annual payment to UTOPIA is making it difficult for the City to maintain services
without additional cost to the citizens. He stated that unless there is dramatic growth in the
City’s tax base in the next few years, he believes the City Council will need to increase property
taxes again.

Sunny Larson asked if the City has a plan for ATV and automobile use on the hillside.
She said she would not want to completely restrict anyone, but stated that off-trail ATV use is
causing a lot of problems and should be controlled. Mr. Cox stated a few efforts to block off-trail
access have been successful. Councilmember McEwan said he would love to see a fine for off-
trail use enforced, but commented that enforcement can be difficult with the limited number of
officers available. Sunny Larson commented that some communities have volunteer bicycle
patrols. Mr. Cox commented that illegal activity tends to decrease in cities with established
recreational facilities and trails.

Matt Johnson asked Mr. Cox about the large mound of dirt left by the City in the parking
area for the Parrish Trailhead. The Trails Committee agreed that the mound should be removed
before heavy trail use begins in the spring. Mr. Cox said he would communicate with the Public
Works Director.

The Trails Committee is scheduled to meet next on February 20, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:15 p.m., Chair Layton moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt Johnson seconded the
motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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Leah Romero, City Recorder

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: February 20, 2020