

Lake Havasu City  
**Trails Advisory Committee**

March 16, 2016  
Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center  
Room 155/156  
100 Park Avenue  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

**Summary Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Mary VanRooy, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Bill Bryan, John Geyer, David McAtlin, Jim Rosensweet, Jeff Smolek, Mary VanRooy  
Excused: William Katen, John Masden  
Absent: Dale Bailey

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the minutes from meeting February 10, 2016; Member Jim Rosensweet moved to approve as written; seconded by John Geyer and unanimously carried by the committee.

**Call to Public:**

Jeff Smolek reported after the last Trails Advisory Committee meeting he received an email from Louis Martinez, Director of Operations with a start date on the Directional Placards on the Island Bike Path. Painting of the placards is all complete now and looks very nice and is a nice accomplishment of the Advisory Committee. Smolek wanted to thank Director Froslic for taking that over the project and making it happen.

**Communications, Announcements, Staff Report:**

6.1 Staff Report

Director Greg Froslic reported Dub Campbell has volunteered to donate his equipment, time and materials to construct the Piccadilly Point Trail will be signing a service agreement with the City which is under review with our legal team. Staff anticipates having that agreement back next week and will hopefully start shortly after.

6.2 Trails Advisory Committee City Volunteer Applications

Director Froslic announced if you decide to help out and go through the City Volunteer process the group can come in after to work on the Piccadilly Point Trail but no one can be down there while Dub Campbell has equipment on site building the trail.

Staff member Cheri Kowalski explained to the committee members if they are interested in becoming a City Volunteer to see her after the meeting to pick up the packets and directions on applying and she will explain how the process works.

## **Public Hearings:**

### 7.1 Presentation by Amanda Deeds, Bureau of Land Management

Amanda Deeds, Assistant Field Manager from the Bureau of Land Management addressed the Committee. Deeds explained that their office manages over a million acres. With the BLM having such a large acreage of land to manage it is split up into multiple sectors for their travel plan. The Travel Planning is a process that allows them to inventory, evaluate, and designate routes, trails, roads on public land. Portions of their area have completed Travel Management Plans which are documents with the designated route networks and they provide maps which are made public and the opportunities for trail signage. The Travel Management Plan is a living document that can be amended by adding a trail or designating areas. If you have ideas for the community as far as travel plan activity and there isn't access at this time you can bring it to them and it can be discussed.

Committee member Jim Rosensweet asked if this information is available online. Deeds responded yes it is available online and with maps on the BLM website.

Deeds stated one of their main objectives is to have the maps printed and available in the office. The BLM has provided Polaris with all of their data and Polaris has offered to produce maps with advertising and they would like to have those available at local shops in town. Public education and outreach is the best way to let the public know where the trails are and to keep them safe.

Deeds asked how can the BLM help this Trail Committee. Chairperson VanRooy stated looking at the maps and seeing all the numbers but she feels if she was walking out there she wouldn't be able to figure out what trail she is even on. Deeds responded they are in the process of signing those trails and the Havasu 4 Wheelers and the Havasu Side by Side have been instrumental in putting up those signs. They have covered hundreds of miles of trails.

A discussion took place regarding the placement of signs and what it takes to put one up. Deeds stated last year the BLM purchased a post pounder that you can take apart and split up because they are so heavy to carry to different non-motorized areas. Deeds stated if you know of anyone interested in putting signs out at SARA Park they can work with the BLM office and make it happen.

Committee member David McAtlin stated we will need help in the future when we are planning connectivity across SARA Park. Deeds responded connectivity is huge. She referred to the map and discussed areas on the map. She stated if you have ideas for connectivity down south now is a really good time to bringing them up because you can add them to this plan.

Committee member Bill Bryan asked if they have a digitized trail head, location maps or proposed trail heads he believes this would be beneficial around Havasu and would work in with the connectivity Havasu Trails and the surrounding trails that are existing. Deeds responded that is a great idea and that is something they are working on and looking at getting ASU involved in creating an app for boating locations and campsites on the lake. Deeds stated some of their offices in different states have already completed that.

Bryan stated the Southern end of SARA Park is a wilderness area and he was asking if the BLM ever make an acceptance as far as getting motorized equipment in there when it is needed to maintain or put up signage. Deeds responded there have been times administrative use has been granted to power roads and get equipment in the area. It does need to be scheduled through the BLM office.

Deeds stated they will accept any type of application you submit. She stated they look at everything you are asking for and make sure it is complied with the Travel Management Plan, Resources Management Plan and with all of the Federal Standards. If it passes all of those tests then it would get passed on the geologist, archeologist, and the biologist which are the ones that have input as well. The duration of this process is typically 180 days.

Deeds stated there are trails on the map that are not in the best of condition or not used and you may think are creating opportunities for spurring. You can always reclaim certain routes and build other places to make more of a longer connected area. Deeds specified if they have the money in-house for signage they can do that if not there are grants they can apply for.

Committee member John Geyer and president of the Havasu Side by Side Club stated BLM has been wonderful to work with.

#### 7.2 Application for AZ Best 100 Trails through AZ State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)

Chairman VanRooy announced there will be a second Webinar this Friday presented by the AZ State Committee on Trails. If you are interested this is to name 100 Best Trails in Arizona. A discussion took place regarding different trails already established in Lake Havasu. The application is due by June 1, 2016.

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

Speaker – Mickey Rogers, State Parks  
SARA Park Trail Head under contract for design  
TAC Priorities  
Piccadilly Point – Staff Report

**Future Meetings:** April 20, 2016 5:00pm

#### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, member Jim Rosensweet moved for adjournment at 6:00 p.m., seconded by member Bill Bryan and unanimously carried by the Board.