

**Bayfield Area Trails Committee Meeting Notes
Tuesday November 9th @ 3 – 4:45 pm**

Participants:

- Committee members present:
- Committee members absent:
- Communications Subcommittee:
- Trails Subcommittee:
- Partners:

Review Agenda

Fiscal sponsorship: Recreation & Fitness Resources Board of Directors has approved this in concept. Kitchell is coordinating with Finn to develop a simple agreement. Goal is to have an agreement in place in December.

Expanding scope of BAT Comm. and Subcommittees (20 min.)

1. Expanding to Cornucopia/Town of Bell (5 min.):
 - a. Kitchell sent a letter to the Town of Bell to invite them to join the Committee and sign the MOU (to be updated in January).
 - b. Rothe et al update report on Town of Bell
2. Solidifying subcommittees (15 min.):
 - a. Communications Subcommittee Charter (Jeannette, Fentress): review & adopt (?)
 - b. Trails Subcommittee Charter (Ipsen, Wegerson): review & adopt (?)
 - c. Other Subcommittee: Fundraising/Finance
 - i. Establish fiscal sponsorship agreement
 - ii. Consider “memberships”
3. MOU Update & Documentation Actions:
 - a. Incorporate subcommittees into MOU update in January
 - b. Kitchell & Jeannette revise diagram to show 1) Core Membership (land owners/managers); 2) Trail User Liaisons; 3) Subcommittees; 4) Fiscal sponsor
 - c. Clarify decision making protocol in MOU: decisions would remain under the purview of the core BAT Committee members with welcome input from trail liaison reps and subcommittee members.
4. Re-engaging trail user liaisons and trails groups: Recommendation: re-engage via virtual trails forum & invitation to winter meetings.

Communications Subcommittee Reports (Jeannette & Kitchell) (5 min.)

1. Tony’s Update Report
2. Deferred until early 2022: “More to Explore” map sign at other trailheads including Jerry Jolly, Salmo, Frog Bay, and Brownstone:
 - a. **Action:** wait to finalize until geographic scope is revised (e.g. Town of Bell, etc.)
 - b. **Action:** revise and bring back to committee. Determine appropriate size: 24” x 24”?
 - c. **Action:** include these signs in respective 2022 budgets for the County, Town, Tribe...

Project Status & Outlook (Trails Subcommittee) (10 min.)

1. Hatchery connection (map attached) – Good progress: Kitchell & Parent met with DNR. Planning to select bridge site and refine route prior to Thanksgiving. May be able to “piggy-back” on Xcel work related to powerline upgrade. Goal: establish easement/lease agreement by spring; apply to DNR RTP grant for construction.

2. Brownstone Steps – complete
3. East Rim Gravel & Boardwalk: complete
4. Martin Rd.: gravel (Phil Peterson) - complete
5. Gil Larsen Waterfall Stone Steps & School Trail stabilization: November (City)
5. Pratt's Peak Trails (Cornucopia Trails Club): Rothe et al: update report on agreement between the County and Cornucopia Trails Club. Next steps...

Project Plan Review (see attached) (20 min.)

- Review 2021 priorities & work plan table: completed items in gray boxes: CONGRATULATIONS!
- Review draft 2022 priorities & work plan table:
- Next steps:
 - Request review and comment from BAT Comm. by Nov. 30

Fundraising & Virtual Forum: see attached draft agenda (15 min.)

- Reconsider Forum for December to initiate fundraising during “giving season?” or can this be achieved just as easily via social media, website, other outreach?
- Draft Forum agenda: keep it simple – see attached

Round Robin Reports from Committee members and partners (if time permits)

1. Ashwabay (AOEF) (Finn):
2. City (Kitchell):
3. County (Bratsch):
4. Landmark (Lang):
5. NPS (Van Stappen):
6. Red Cliff (VanBergen):
 - a. Department of the Interior plans for [Native American Youth Service Corps](#).
7. Town (Fahrenkrog):
8. Cornucopia Trails Club: (Rothe):

Private Land Trail Crossings Status of Finn easement on East Rim (Finn): still pending. Do a blog post, when signed.

Adjourn: NEXT MEETING: PROPOSAL: December 7th @ 3 p.m.