

UNAPPROVED TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 17, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Hot Springs Village Trail Committee was held at the Coronado Community Center on April 17, 2012 at 2:30 pm. The proposed agenda was adopted as the order of business. A motion to approve the March 20, 2012 minutes was made by Mickey Stant, seconded by Claire MacNeill and unanimously approved.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Webb, Chairperson, Ginger Tanner, Vice Chair, Linda Monson, Pam Lee, Claire MacNeill, Mickey Stant, Valerie Derryberry

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marti Mather

STAFF: Stephanie Stone, Director of Recreation, Fern Hancock, Secretary

BOARD LIAISON: Jim Owens

PRESS: Jeff Meek

FOT: Rick Erickson

REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON: Dale Webb –I want to thank all of you for your service this year. I believe we worked well together and tried some new things to develop interest in the trails. I thank Ginger for serving as Vice Chair and Linda for Secretary. Thank you to Jim Owens for stepping in as our board liaison. We are lucky to have you to go to bat for us when needed. Thank you to Stephanie Stone for your support. Thank you to Norman Meredith and Bea Nation and the maintenance crew that keeps the trails looking nice and to Fern Hancock for keeping our minutes. Marti is retiring this year and I thank her for her service. I especially thank Claire MacNeill for all her years of work on the trails. We look forward to having them both as Friends of the Trails. We still have one vacancy on the committee. Don't forget the POA appreciation party after our meeting. It will be at the Desoto Event center. Welcome Valerie Derryberry as a new committee member.

BOARD: Jim Owens –Jim Owens reported on activities from the March 7 board work session. Thanks to Dale Webb and the committee as a whole for your great innovative ideas. Thanks to Stephanie Stone for embracing the trails with enthusiasm and support. Welcome to Valerie Derryberry to the committee and thank you to Claire MacNeill for all her hard work over the years.

DIRECTOR: Stephanie Stone- Landscaping at the East Gate has been completed with mulching to do done on Friday. An agenda of 4th of July activities is still in process. During British week the Triathlon will be held on June 9, 2012. Volunteers will be needed. John Tidquist mentioned that the POGA group has dissolved; however, he still feels some money can be raised to help fund the short Hernando trail extension to Ponce de Leon and crossing Desoto.

TRAILS: Claire reported that **Hernando West Trail** is in good shape, some wash out down hills. She also mentioned that the trails in front of the POA Administration building need to be recovered as the plastic is showing through and the picnic tables either need to be replaced or removed. Mickey reported that the **Magellan Beaver Dam Trail** is in very good shape, just need to fix the sign. Some letters have faded over time. Pam reported that **Hernando East Trail** looks good; however it does have some wash out on the hills. At the end of Hernando East behind the shed, trash has been dumped in a round bin. This needs to be removed. Linda reported that the **Cedar Creek Trail** is well used and looks good. Marti was absent, so there is no report on the **Desoto Multi Purpose Trail**. Ginger reported that the **Desoto Spillway Trail** looks good, just some grass growing up near the dam. The **Desoto Nature Trail** is in good shape. Dale Webb submitted a written report on the **Coronado Boat Ramp Trail** and the Balboa **Spillway Trail**. Both are in good shape. Coronado boat ramp trail has grass growing in the middle of the trail and the door on the Balboa Spillway Trail box still needs to be repaired.

NEWCOMERS: The next meeting will be Thursday, April 26th at 8:30am in the Ouachita Building. Mickey Stant will attend and greet newcomers.

REPORT FROM FRIENDS OF THE TRAILS: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Spring Trail Event: Flyers are being picked up at each of the trail boxes for the Scavenger Hunt being held April 1st – 30th. The Balboa Pavilion has been rented for May 15th for a picnic lunch at 11:00 for all who completed the Scavenger Hunt. Our regular meeting will be held afterward at the Pavilion. Another E-Blast will be put out to help promote.

Five Year Plan: A motion was made to accept the draft (with the following changes) to be put on the Agenda for the work session in May. Ginger Tanner motioned, Linda Monson 2nd, and all approved.

B: Will be corrected to reflect that John Tidquist, a private citizen, wants to try to solicit private money to help pay for this extension.

C: It will be changed to state that "While the committee prefers the connector go in front of the memorial along DeSoto, if it is deemed that space/safety is an issue, we will support a connector that uses a few of the parking spaces behind the memorial."

NEW BUSINESS:

FRIENDS OF THE TRAILS COMMENTS: No comments

GUEST COMMENTS: N/A

The regular meeting adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION – Jim Owens

- a. Valerie Derryberry was welcomed and seated as new committee member.
- b. Election of 2012-2013 Officers
A motion was made by Dale Webb to nominate Ginger Tanner as Chairperson, no other nomination was made, all approved.
A motion was made by Dale Webb to nominate Linda Monson as Vice Chair, no other nomination was made, all approved.
A motion was made by Ginger Tanner to nominate Pam Lee as Secretary, no other nomination was made, all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, May 15, 2012 at Balboa Pavilion following the Scavenger Hunt picnic lunch at 11:00