

ACTION MINUTES
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (APRC)
Trails Master Plan Review Working Group – Wonder Trail Bail-Out
DATE: 2/17/2022 – TIME: 9 to 11 a.m.
LOCATION OF MEETING: Wonder Trail (Fairy Ponds parking area)

Present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ashland Woodlands & Trails Association Torsten Heycke, David Chapman, Ashland Forest Lands Commissioner Priscila Franco, Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association Casey Botts

STAFF SUPPORT: None

Absent:

None

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. Trails Master Plan Review Working Group – Wonder Trail Bail-Out – February 7, 2022

Motion: Botts moved to approve the minutes from February 7, 2022, as presented. Cill seconded.

Vote: The vote was all yes.

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VI. Discussion of proposal for Lower Wonder Bailout:

- Franco mentioned idea of fenced trail through part of proposed water treatment plant as a last resort
- Franco read comments from Public Works, Kevin Caldwell, re/water treatment plant. Caldwell prefers we communicate through Chris Chambers going forward. Map of site remains similar but subject to change. Fenced area might be somewhat flexible. Fencing affects Wonder. Wonder expected to be moved in north-eastern most section, possibly limiting area of a mountain bike bail-out trail in the same area
- Discussion of a lower bail-out route, also to north and east, would join Wonder trail at lower location, near creek, on flats, still with potential traffic issues. This route would likely be affected by Lower Wonder re-route pending water treatment plant footprint
- Discussion of “northerly bail-out routes” and geological concerns. Also discussed trail construction practices that mitigate against erosion and landslides (grade reveals and funneling water to ridges instead of draws)
- Discussed several possible “bail-out” starting points from Wonder trail (to be mapped)
- Hiked one route that seemed potentially viable, starting near Forest Service border. Relatively mild slopes according to both mapping software and empirically. However, bottom of route enters one or two drainages, near 2060 road that might present challenges

Action Items:

- Heycke and Botts to put route on Caltopo map and share GPS with City GIS
- Heycke to try to locate engineering geology report for area, if available

V. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Torsten Heycke
Ashland Woodland and Trails Association

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