

ACTION MINUTES
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (APRC)
Trails Master Plan Review Working Group – Alice in Wonderland (AIW) Re-route
DATE: February 15, 2022 – TIME: 3 to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION OF MEETING: Bandersnatch Trailhead and Ashland Loop Road

Present: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: APRC Commissioner Leslie Eldridge, City of Ashland Wildfire Division Chief Chris Chambers, Jeffrey McFarland, David Chapman (not a working group member)

STAFF SUPPORT: None

Absent: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.

II. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

III. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IV. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL FOR Alice in Wonderland Re-route:

- Jeff McFarland went over history of the trails in the area. Most were opportunistic and put in at different times. The area was not envisioned as a holistic system
- Review of objectives:
 - Provide bike climbing trail to AIW
 - Improve ecological condition, reduce erosion to existing bottom of AIW
 - Keep in mind over-arching goals of providing beginner trails and shorter options
- Working group walked Bandersnatch, JubJub and AIW discussing possible scenarios. General consensus is that there was not a lot of room or great potential for any new climbing trails
- Discussion as to the number of bikers that would use a challenging climb trail of this nature. Working group agreed it would be a small number. Nonetheless, benefits to those who wish to avoid the Mt Ashland Loop Road and want a single-track climb option to top of BTI or further up

Action Items:

- Best option proposal from the working group:
 - Allow uphill-only mountain bike trail traffic on Bandersnatch from Mt Ashland Loop Road to intersection with AIW (NOTE: switchbacks will likely need to be widened and optimized for mountain bikes)
 - Maintain existing bottom “gully” at the very end of the AIW trail for downhill mountain bike traffic, but add improved drainage, possible berm design and potentially add material to help with water management

V. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Eldridge
APRC Commissioner