Trail Committee Friday, 15 January, 2021 6:30pm via Zoom due to Covid Restrictions. Agenda/Minutes

Introductions

- Trail Committee Members present:
- Tracey Perkosky, Matt Woodward, Dale and Angela McKee, Linda Parry, Miguel Galeana, Tanja McMurray, Jessica Combs, Mark Michel. Excused: Shannon Riddle-Reichl.

Meeting scope and duration

~~ Anticipate 45 minutes to 1 hour.

- Trail Status Update

- Existing and New Trails in 360:
- Mark briefed the committee on Tracey's desire to limit trail development for 2021, to focus on inventory, a trail audit, upkeep, and maintenance.
- Mark added that staff had partially completed a SW perimeter trail in 360 as discussed in the January 2020 Trail Committee meeting. That trail could be finished around the interior MTB jump line, "Blood Pressure" if/when demand dictates.
- Angela and Miguel stated there are adequate trails in 360, with parking at Gateway being the limiting factor. Discussion continued on future parking options and/or development and recent maintenance.
- Existing and proposed new trails in Key Central Forest:
- Angela praised the trail experience in Key Central Forest as being a "totally different experience from 360 Trails." it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the "Remote, private, backcountry feel" be preserved with limited, deliberate trail expansion.
- Linda brought up a desire to have "mounting blocks" placed near the trail head to facilitate
 getting into the saddle before a ride. Dale and Angela mentioned they had multiple big "rounds"
 from trees which had recently fallen down. Dale and Angela agreed to place multiple rounds in
 places where re-mounting may be necessary.

New Trail Maintenance considerations/practices

- Tracey briefed the committee on revisions to the "Adopt a Park" policy. The newly adopted policy provides for "adopting trails," or areas as opposed to entire "parks."
- Tracey and Mark briefed the committee on recent discussions and meetings with trail building volunteers who indicated a willingness to return to maintain the trails they had built.
- Tracey has been working with Nick Marvik and Jessica Combs to conduct a "trail audit" of 360
 Trails and provide recommendations for volunteer maintenance, ensuring correct trail
 maintenance volunteer capability with need.
- Jessica expressed a desire to prioritize trail maintenance to focus on youth safety.
- Miguel mentioned the Peninsula School District's requirements for student volunteer hours, reminding the committee this could be an outstanding, mutually-beneficial partnership.

- Trail Naming

- Explore naming options

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 Mark provided a brief overview of previous naming conventions, indicating a desire to have builders, maintainers, volunteers and frequent trail users propose trail names.

 Jessica proposed the possibility of having certain trails sponsored by businesses or organizations. Mark said the District has a naming policy with appropriate fees attached to each amenity. Adding trails or features within trails could be considered after research.

- Signage improvements

- Proper for trail use(s)

- Angela brought up a desire to have signage at Key Central Forest indicating it's a "Multi-Use Area."

Mark brought up the trailer parking conflict at Gateway. Numerous single cars have continued to park in the trailer parking area, preventing trailers from using those dedicated spots. Discussion involving numerous option ensued. Improved signage was agreed upon. Matt mentioned having "Trailer Parking" stencils already. The trailer parking area will be annotated as weather allows painting.

- Volunteer Recognition

- Key Pen Pirates work in 360 Trails

- Mark mentioned the Key Peninsula Composite Mountain Biking Team's 200 hours of volunteer trail work over the fall, and a desire to have that work and those kids recognized. He added this desire brought about the revision to the "Adopt a Park" policy mentioned above. Mark anticipates the Pirates applying to "adopt" a trail in the near future.

- Comments

 "Off-agenda" discussion included future equestrian rides with Angela and Dale coordinating rides with Tracey, Linda, and Mark. Mark emphasized how successful the trail systems have become, recognizing Committee member participation, and a hope the demand continues or increases after the pandemic subsides.

- Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.