

**PAYSON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2014**

**REGULAR SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman John Cowan; Commissioners Blair Warner, Todd Cannon, Ted Fitzgerald, Rob Baird, Harold Nichols and City Councilmen Kim Hancock and Mike Hardy; Planner Jill Spencer; Zoning Administrator Jon Lundell, Parks Superintendent Mark Hyland. Commissioner George Van Nosedol unexcused.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Baird

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Councilman Kim Hancock expressed his appreciation for the current trails and how these facilities benefit the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of minutes for the regular meeting of January 8, 2014

*Motion by Commissioner Todd Cannon to approve the minutes from January 8, 2014.*

*Seconded by Commissioner Blair Warner.*

*Motion carried.*

**REVIEW ITEM**

***PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PAYSON CITY GENERAL PLAN, SPECIFICALLY THE TRAILS ELEMENT AND TRAILS MAP.***

*Motion by Commissioner Blair Warner to open public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Todd Cannon.*

*Motion carried*

Planner Spencer presented information regarding the updated trail system. She stated that the trails system update was motivated by the opportunity for funding through the Mountainland Association of Government and Utah County requesting a regional plan to place a trail in Payson Canyon. The proposed amendments describe a trail that continues from the Payson Canyon Kiwanis Park and travels south; up the canyon to Bigler Bridge that accesses the 4-bay and 3-bay area. It then continues north following a ravine until it reaches the Gladstan Golf Course. It then turns east into Elk Ridge.

Commissioner Cowan asked if Elk Ridge has any interest in cooperating with Payson City and Utah County on the proposed trails.

Planner Spencer stated that she recently discussed the proposed trail with Elk Ridge Councilman Dale Bigler regarding their interest in participating in the plan. She stated that Councilman Bigler expressed interest in the concept.

Commissioner Warner asked if there is any structure to restrict the type of uses for the trail.

Mark Hyland stated that the current use is restricted to non-motorized use

Planner Spencer stated that there is not any design specifications associated with the trails at this time. Those details would need to be discussed and formalized as well as uses.

Chairman Cowan stated for a point of clarification that a concept plan needs to be in place at this point to allow for funding to be obtained.

Commissioner Cannon asked if there are any specific requirements for the individual funds.

Planner Spencer stated that she did not know the specific details regarding the individual funds.

Commissioner Nichols arrived at 7:20 pm.

Discussion was held regarding the ownership of the parcels above P-Mountain.

Chairman Cowan stated that the Bonneville Shoreline trail may need to have a connection on the east side.

Planner Spencer asked for suggestions on surface materials.

Councilman Hancock suggested that they need to be canyon trails design with gravel.

Commissioner Nichols stated a need for mud control design on the trails.

More discussion was held on the possible design criteria and uses.

Chairman Cowan suggested that a meeting with Elk Ridge and Utah County be organized to formalize and have some input on design and specifications

Commissioner Cannon asked if there were any other facilities such as water or restrooms planned for the canyon trail.

Mark Hyland stated that there is none planned but resources may be available for future facilities.

Planner Spencer stated that other cities are developing trails for mountain bikes and are scheduling organized events. There are already several trails in the 4-bay area designed for mountain bike use and we may want to consider having more events.

Commissioner Fitzgerald stated that educational facilities such as signs could be planned and installed to educate patrons of the environment and help get additional funding.

Planner Spencer presented more information on future trail connections into West Mountain, Bamberger Ranch, and Salem.

***Motion by Commissioner Fitzgerald to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Cannon. Motion carried***

***Motion by Commissioner Fitzgerald to recommend for approval of the concept plan so that further planning can move forward. Seconded by Commissioner Harold. Motion carried.***

Discussion held on new business going in near the 800 South interchange and along SR198.

## **COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS**

No report items.

***Motion by Commissioner Fitzgerald to adjourn.***

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.