

Grand County Trail Mix Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Dec 10 2024

Held Grand Center Pavillion

Meeting called to order at 11:04am

Attendance

Brendon Cameron (Vice Chair), Brian Murdock (Forest service), Colin Topper (Chair), David Glover (Biking), Elizabeth (SEU Public Health), Jacques Hadler (County), Katie Stevens (BLM), Keri Nelson (BLM), Kia (Hiking), Colin? (City), Madeline Logowitz (GCATT), Mark Howe (FOAB), Sharon Hogan, Tyson Swasey (GCATT), Katie Murphy, Melissa, Samantha, Tenisha, Kathy Grossman, Tim Rowe, Scott Escot, Katie Stephens, Mark Howe, Elizabeth Wright (Health Dept)

Guests: Randall, Mike Baird,

Approval Of Minutes

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Citizens to be Heard

Kevin Dwyer: Local, Likes to Ride & loves the bike park, Most folks have larger 29" wheels and those bikes are not appropriate for the current bike park. People that want to ride have to go to Green River.. We should have a local location to jump Mountain Bikes. He has located a location at the end of Jackson Street (Off of Pipe Dream). It's BLM land. Representing 800 folks

Action items

N/A

Discussion items

-Final Call for 2025 Elections (Chair, Vice, Secretary & all other elected positions).. We will hold the actual vote in January. Right now Brendon is interested in Chair, Samantha in Vice Chair, & Dave Wilson in Secretary. David Glover is interested in Biking, We are needing another Climbing/ Canyoneering rep, Equestrian Stephen is interested in, Kia is interested in staying the Hiking Rep, Matt Olding might be interested in Running Rep, Kirsten interested in staying, Tenisha Hartnagel, Randall Fox, Jared Trader are all interested in Active Transportation Rep, At Large: Mark wants to stay, Tim is going to stay, Samantha will be running for Vice Chair, and Dave will be running for Secretary so we will have 3 open "At Large" seats open

-Maddie: Introduced Katie who is helping the county with Active Trails & Transportation.

- 2025 Projects, Priorities & Goals: We are in the time to process what our goals and ideas folks have for 2025. The MATT team is in the planning & scheduling phase.
- Colin would like to make sure we prioritize trail volunteer days to help.
- Discussion about holding some potential training sessions for TM folks to help train them what to do when they volunteer on our trails. The idea was put forward to create "Trail Stuarts" (Adopt a Trail), etc. Joy and the GCATT team is currently working on this process with the proper training. Also figuring out a way to reward the volunteers. Hiring Joy will help GCATT in organizing these folks.
- Mark: More available Public tool Stands
- Discussion was brought forward to add more "Maintenance Monday" days in our off season because we have a large population of volunteers coming on our off seasons.
- Communication to the public in a channel instead of many channels, Also ensuring that the reps bring us info from their respective groups and bringing in to the meeting and reporting out what was covered in the meeting
- Tyson suggested that we have someone "Boil Down" the meeting minutes into something smaller & more digestible to include everyone (Emails & Socials).. Boil down into Bullet Points
- Colin suggested that we use socials to introduce all the Reps (Bio's) to share with the General Public
- Kia would love it if there were a mailing address for the individual reps
(Hiking@Trailmix.com)??
- David, the best meetings we've had are when there are a lot of general public folks, Let's keep them involved and invited
- Maddie- promoting and reporting to the county yearly of accomplishments, etc. potentially a newsletter to community
- Colin: Excited for focus on Active Trails & Transportation in 2025
- David: Interested in adding more progressive Single Track trails going forward

Member reports

BLM: Katie. Movement on new Falcon Climb and Bar-M additions (Hand Built Trails). Scoping comments for E-Bikes have been received. Would like to put a focus on 313 strolling trails again (Jason Keith submitted something earlier in the year). They are going forward with the Horse Thief connector trails & rodeo parking. They are adding an exit to the Carona Arch Parking lot exit.

Forest Service: Brian: Trail Crew is off. They are not hiring seasonals next year. They are hiring some interns (Forrest Service) for 8 positions. The trail crew got a lot accomplished and still have some funding. Over 100 Miles of trails maintained and built/ restored several bridges. They also restored a trail @ Bears Ears. They got all their ski grooming equipment up there. The gate closes this Sunday 12-15. The loop road will still be worked on Mon-Thur (8:30-5:30) the road will be closed... They are pausing Dec 18 Jan 6th. The overall forest plan is still in the works (2026) Maddie wants to make the channels to Grand County, USFS, BLM clear regarding comments and public input of the travel plans. Still encouraging us to identify areas that we'd like to still use (Private property, etc.)..

GCATT: Maddie: We received 1.1 Million for Mud Springs Phase 2. We now have Phase 1&2 paid. They have selected a contractor for Phase 1.

The crew have been working on Pipe Dream & went to Navajo Rocks and fixed the area with the beach fence. They will be on Captain Ahab filling in a few holes for the next 2 weeks. They will be completed then. Thanks to the BLM for flattening and fixing the trail area on Horsethief. Thanks for the AmasaBak trail Gate relocation. They moved the gate 250 feet up the road and added a cattle guard with lots of partnerships & help. Now it is a cattleguard with a single track bridge for bikes and Moto's. The Hawk Campground is currently being turned into a day use area/ trailhead/ picnic area. They are moving them to additional campsites near to Hawk. Tyson's last week for the season. If you have an email, send them to Evan Smiley. Tyson will be back in Feb. For the responsible Rec Tail program, they are completing some videos and podcasts to educate and help with preventative injuries and education. They are working with Ellen to add some signs at the Corona Arch Trailhead. They have a Winter Project where they will be updating our outdoor signed maps (Sun faded). We have 2 programs: 1. Trail Crew 2. Trail Ambassadors. They have been working with the county to help with those funds. Their total budget is 4 Million but 2 million + is for the Spanish Valley bike path alone. If you have any budget questions, get with Maddie. Jacques chimed in and thanked GCATT for tightening their belts. No property tax goes to help GCATT. UDOT came out a week ago and met with their Active Transportation Team. They are wanting to build out more trails for active transportation. **County:** Jacques: Spanish Valley Pathway is in planning. They are working on easements so they could potentially start in 2025. Reach out to current & future commissioners to communicate your passion for trails and continuing funding them. E-Bike letter passed unanimously from them. Future Social Media.. Joy suggests getting this out there

City: None

Chair: MMBA, exciting things are happening. TM is missing the advocacy piece. He see's a lot of potential of creating a schedule of events (BBq's, Group Rides) Lots of opportunities with having their folks helping us

Vice Chair: Hearing from other non profits asking how we are successful. Keep your time with your passions. Thanks, everyone. Bring a friend.

Secretary: Not Present

Biking: David: Brands Trails are running great. Thank You.

Climbing: Not Present

Equestrian: Not Present

Hiking:Kia: None

Trail running: None

Skiing: (Brian) Last Storm we received 18" On the 15th they will start grooming

SAR: Mel: Day after Thanksgiving, 2 calls at the same time. Trainings up in the mountain will happen sometime in Jan. Suggestion (TM) Public Information Officer to get all the info out..

-At Large-

-Mark: Matt will come to be the running representative. Anon Bike Part is part of the Creek Stewardship Grant (Cleaning up the invasive species). Working on raising funds.

-Dave Wilson: Absent

-Samantha: Shuttles are done

-Tim: Nothing to report

Meeting Closed at: 1:02 pm