

ELK RIDGE
PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Elk Ridge Planning Commission was held on Thursday September 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 80 E. Park Dr. Elk Ridge Utah.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Maureen Bushman, Greg Shelton, Lisa Graham Ron Gailey

Others: Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*, Laura Oliver, *Deputy Recorder*

Public: Larry Lee, Karl Shuler, KC Bush, Rusty and Linda Rogers, Charles Wixom, Will McCameron

WORKSESSION with the Parks and Trails Committee

Maureen Bushman stated the Master Plan is a direct response to the General Plan. The General Plan is the vision for the city which calls for a Master Plan to be created. This meeting is to get input from the Parks and Trails Committee. This is not a public hearing, but we might have questions and answers. This will also be discussed in the regular meeting at 7:00 pm. Lisa Graham stated she thought that there was a 2-minute period in which anyone could make a statement, she was incorrect and apologized to the public present who thought they would get to speak and asked if the public would be able to ask questions. Maureen Bushman stated maybe tonight is to inform. There will be a public hearing when the public can comment. Maureen Bushman went through the table of contents and the purpose of the Master Plan. The city surveys were created by Ron Gailey, whose progression is making surveys for cities throughout the country. There was a question on the surveys needing more information such as what the cost of parks and trails would be. Maureen Bushman stated the reason costs weren't included was because they did not know what the costs were or what direction they were going. If any changes or deviations are made on the Master Plan would have to go through an amendment to the General Plan. The Master Plan is based on what is already in place. Melanie Paxton stated she corrected 1 error on the trails map with the city engineer on Salem Hills Drive which had the trail on the wrong side of the street. Lisa Graham had a question about the survey that creating new trails wasn't on the survey, which will be brought up in the regular meeting. Maureen Bushman answered a question regarding easements; the trails system uses the term easement. High Sierra and Salem Hills are unique roads, and they may have a different solution and are not considered priority roads. This trails map is not new and was developed in 2008, and has been adopted again in 2010, through 2024. High Sierra is the only street that connects with the south end of the city. Maureen Bushman answered a question regarding property in front of residents' homes and who would fix the driveways, landscaping etc.: funds would be written in the grant for those costs. The city owns the right of way where the trails would go, not on personal property. Residents can look up the right of ways. Maureen Bushman stated the city would put in a trail on Loafer Canyon after the federal pipeline work is completed. The trail on High Sierra would possibly need to be looked at again depending on easement. The difference between a trail and a sidewalk are, sidewalks take up more space and are more cement and more expensive. Trails are asphalt which is preferred for bikers/runners, less expensive and has better connectivity to communities that have the same standard. Dani Schultz would prefer ethically, a concrete sidewalk instead of an asphalt strip in front of her home. The differences in the kinds of trails, esthetics, home values, need to be remembered when discussing the types of trails. Maureen Bushman went through the priorities and goals stated on the plan. Many comments were made during the meeting by unknown members of the audience concerning their landscaping and their land being taken for a trail.

7:00 pm OPENING ITEMS

Opening Dani Schultz

Pledge of Allegiance led by Naureen Bushman

GREG SHELTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA LISA GRAHAM SECONDED

