



CENTERVILLE TRAILS COMMITTEE AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CENTERVILLE TRAILS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AT 8:00 PM ON AUGUST 19, 2021 AT CENTERVILLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 250 N. MAIN STREET. THE AGENDA IS SHOWN BELOW:

Meetings of the Trails Committee of Centerville City may be conducted via electronic means pursuant to Utah Code Ann. 52-4-207, as amended. In such circumstances, contact will be established and maintained via electronic means and the meeting will be conducted pursuant to the Electronic Meetings Policy established by the City Council for electronic meetings.

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The full packet of backups materials can be found at <http://centerville.novusagenda.com/agendapublic>.

A. ROLL CALL

B. BUSINESS

1. Service Projects/Maintenance
2. Review Trails Documents to Present to City Council
3. Minutes Review and Acceptance
July 15, 2021 Trails Committee Minutes

C. CLOSED SESSION (Closed Meeting, if necessary, for reasons allowed by State Law, including, but not limited to, the provisions of section 52-4-205 of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, and for the Attorney-Client matters that are privileged pursuant to Utah Code ann. 78B-1-137, as amended)

D. ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Hansen
Centerville City Recorder

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**Staff Backup Report
8/19/2021**

Item No. 1.

Short Title: Service Projects/Maintenance

Initiated By:

Staff Representative:

SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

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Staff Backup Report 8/19/2021

Item No. 2.

Short Title: Review Trails Documents to Present to City Council

Initiated By:

Staff Representative:

SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

▣ Centerville Trails Document

Centerville Trails Committee

Recommendation of future land development, land uses and trails in the Centerville Foothills. Centerville Foothills is defined as any land above or at the 4,600ft elevation contour.

We recommend that the Centerville Foothills remain as open land for the benefit of all citizens and conserved and/or preserved for the benefit of the peoples mental and physical health, stream health, water quality, hillside stability, and wildlife range land, fire mitigation and recognizing the inherent value of open spaces for public health and environmental integrity that is well published and studied. We also recommend continuing the current zoning for Agriculture use only.

We recommend that these recommendations are amended to the current City Master Plan.

We recommend The City of Centerville follow the examples of municipalities that have placed and emphasized recreational and wildlife management, as well as being a leader among Cities in Utah and the Nation of how to protect and expand public access to the diminishing resource that is Open Public Space in urban areas.

We recommend, as opportunity arises, to annually make offers to purchase land from private holders. That the City of Centerville should raise funds to purchase private lands and ask for recreational easements above the 4,600ft elevation contour with the goals of:

- Conversion of lands into public wilderness parks for the development of
 - picnic areas
 - bowery's
 - benches
 - Dog waste stations
 - Trash receptacles
 - Bike maintenance stations
 - Trail kiosks
 - multi-use trails
 - Single use trails
 - Restrooms
 - And the accommodation of all types of recreational use appropriate for the soils type and impact appropriate within recognized conservation practices.

We further recommend that if in the future some development on private lands currently zoned for agricultural use, above the 4,600 ft elevation contour, happen

- access is maintained at every Canyon with flowing water to allow access to National Forest Service lands both trailed and non-trailed.
 - Access defined as a trailhead with parking and a trail leading public land borders
- access will include parking stalls for at least 30 cars and 3 horse trailer stalls

- access will be no further than 100 feet away from National Forest lands borders
- all roads or byways currently used by motor vehicles will remain open to public travel.
- For every 90 acres of developed land there will be an 15 acre, undivided, park or continuous 15 acre undeveloped areas with ownership transferred to the City of Centerville or easements granted with no end
 - The 15 acre undeveloped area should contain no more than 25% landscaping leaving the remainder to be maintained as a wilderness park with multi use trails and wildlife habitat
 - 15 acre wilderness parks will adjoin National Forest Service lands
- That there should be no development above the 5,000ft elevation contour
 - Development is to include gazebos, patios, sheds, or out buildings of any in type to leave an open unobstructed hillside
- Whether by easement or other means land above the 5000ft elevation contour shall remain open to public access on currently used pathways, trails and/or social trails.
- That all pathways, trails, and social trails shall remain available for access to public
- That 15ft wide path ways between houses be established at the 4700ft contour and where possible.
 - Paths ways will be gravel, exroscaped and allow public walking and biking traffic

We recommend that the City of Centerville create a professional Trail Crew with a Crew Chief that are employed full time by the City and reports to the Parks and Rec Department.

To start, a part-time year round Trail Chief would be acceptable. Leading to creation of a full time Trail Crew being, at minimum, 3 full time employees with salaries of a competitive wage to encourage quality and skilled members, and a healthy annual budget separate to the Trail Crew for tools and supplies both for the members and volunteers. The Trail Crew and Chief would have the following, but not limited to, responsibilities:

- Grant writing to procure additional funds
- The pursuit of recreational easements on private lands
- Trail maintenance on current trails
- Development of new trails
- Organization of, at least monthly, volunteer projects
- Development of relationships with National Forest Service representatives and Private land owners
- Development of trails on National Forest Lands
- Maintaining National standards and skills for trail development and building
- Organizing and leading monthly community Trail Committee Meetings
- Routine patrolling of trails to ensure proper use and mitigation of campsites, trail spurs and cuts, erosion and fire rings.
- Placement and maintenance of trail signs, kiosks, dog waste stations, restrooms, benches, bridges
- The creation of group events for the City of Centerville and in conjunction with adjoining Cities like but not limited trail races, mountain bike events, orienteering races and paragliding events

We highly recommend that The City of Centerville actively pursue recreational easements from all land owners, on a yearly basis, to safe guard the Centerville Foothills above the 4,600ft elevation contour against any form of development other than publicly accessible trails.

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**Staff Backup Report
8/19/2021**

Item No. 3.

Short Title: Minutes Review and Acceptance

Initiated By:

Staff Representative:

SUBJECT

July 15, 2021 Trails Committee Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

▣ 07-15-2021 Trails Minutes

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Minutes of the Centerville City Trails Committee meeting held Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at the Centerville City Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Johnson
Matt Johnson
Jamison Pexton
Sherrae Phelps
Mikael Remington, Chair
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STAFF PRESENT

Gina Hirst, City Council
George McEwan, City Council Liaison
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

VISITORS

Mitzi Gray
Bob Gray
Gina Hirst
Al Phelps

WELCOME

Chair Mikael Remington introduced Gina Hirst who is running for City Council. He also acknowledged Bob and Mitzi Gray for their efforts in helping with trail maintenance on the hillside trails.

TRAIL COMMITTEE MEMBER ROLES

Chair Mikael Remington explained over the years, there have been meetings to accomplish goals, but the Committee needs to make specific assignments for each member of the Trails Committee. The Committee discussed various action items that need to take place, and agreed on the following assignments:

- Bob Gary – Community Relations (Bob will write his own job description).
- Mikael Remington – Forest Service Coordinator
- Bob and Mitzi Gray – Trail Chiefs
- Al Phelps – Parrish Trail Coordinator
- Sherrae Phelps – Social Media Coordinator
- Eric Johnson – Volunteer Coordinator for Trail Maintenance
- Mitzi Gray – Liaison to the City Council – other Committee members will also coordinate giving reports on activities to the City Council.
- Jamison Pexton – Liaison for volunteers from local bike teams.

PLAN/GOALS FOR REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Sherrae Phelps reported she talked with the assistant manager of REI about obtaining donations for trail activities from REI. The assistant manager told her REI is willing to donate money, but they want to see a yearly plan of what the Committee wants to do with the money. The Committee discussed projects they could use money for, such as upgrading the Deuel Creek South Trail where there has been erosion. The parking area could be expanded at this trailhead also. Money could be used to hire a surveyor for the south side of Bernard Canyon to improve the trail at this location.

A message will be sent out on the Trails Committee Facebook page for citizens who would like to give their ideas on improvements that could be made. Committee members were asked to document what they would like to see happen on Forest Service property, and give their ideas to Sherrae Phelps.

Chair Remington said there are 22,000 registered high school mountain bike team members in the United States. This is a 40 percent increase over last year. Viewmont has a mountain bike team of 70 members. These young people need trails to ride their bikes, and the mountain trails need to be improved for them to be able to have a place to ride. Chair Remington asked Committee members to send him an email of goals they would like to see happen for the next five years before the next meeting on August 19th.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Sherrae Phelps reported trail maintenance to finish the Sunset Trail is scheduled for August 5th, at 7:30 p.m. Al Phelps suggested a small trailer be purchased for the Trails Committee that would store picks, shovels, fire extinguishers, etc., to be used for trail maintenance projects. The trailer could be stored next to the CERT trailer at City Hall. The trailer could be used by two or three Committee members when they have time to work on a trail project on short notice. Chair Remington explained the Community Foundation is operated by the City, and John Hollingshead is the Chair. He is responsible for fundraising activities, and Mayor Wilkinson is also on the Community Foundation. The Committee discussed the possibility of the Community Foundation raising funds for the Trails Committee to obtain a small trailer.

HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT

Al Phelps discussed a document he has created on the hillside development that he would like the Trails Committee to present to the City Council with their signatures. Chair Remington explained the Trails Committee is meant to be an advisory committee to the City Council on projects that can be done to enhance the hillside for the community. Mr. Phelps said his document recommends the Centerville foothills remain open for the citizens wellbeing, and for their physical health and environmental integrity.

1 He recommends the hillside remain in the Agricultural Zone, and the City Council should ask for
2 easements above 4,600 feet to remain open space. If in the future development should occur above
3 4,600 feet, access should remain at every canyon with flowing water, and parking for cars and
4 horse trailers. Public access roads to the mountains should not be allowed to become private roads
5 or be in gated communities. There should be no development allowed above 5,000 feet elevation.
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7 Mr. Phelps also recommends that Centerville City create a job that would employ trail
8 maintenance employees who would be given competitive wages. If a full-time employee cannot
9 be hired, then perhaps a part-time trail maintenance employee could be hired. This employee would
10 apply for grants, organize monthly projects for the trails, and patrol the trails for campsites which
11 are a fire hazard on the hillside. This employee could also organize 5k and 10k races and mountain
12 biking events. He would like to see the City Council pursue easements that will prohibit any
13 development above 5,000 feet. A presentation will be given to the City Council at their meeting in
14 August.
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16 Councilmember George McEwan explained the Ferguson Group in Washington, D.C. is
17 an advocacy organization that helps communities obtain federal grants for projects to enhance
18 communities, such as the water tank on the east side of Centerville. He told the Trails Committee
19 to make a packet for the City Council to review, and then Brant Hanson, City Manager, will pursue
20 grants with the Ferguson Group.
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22 **OPEN POSITION FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER**

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24 There is an open position on the Trails Committee, and Mitzi Gray volunteered to serve on
25 the Committee.
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27 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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29 Minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Chair Mikael Remington made a
30 **motion** to approve the minutes as amended. Matt Johnson seconded the motion, which was passed
31 by unanimous vote (6-0).
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33 **NEXT MEETING**

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35 The next Trails Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.
36 in the Conference Room at City Hall.
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38 **ADJOURN**

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40 At 9:05 p.m., Chair Mikael Remington made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Matt
41 Johnson seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

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Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder

Date Approved

Connie Larson, Recording Secretary