

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Trails Committee meeting held Thursday, November 16, 2023 at
2 8:00 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Brandon Frederico
6 Mitzi Gray
7 Sherrae Phelps
8 Mikael Remington, Chair
9 Del Ruesch

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11 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

12 Jamison Pexton
13 Jake Santini

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Spencer Summerhays, City Council Liaison
17 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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19 **VISITOR**

20 Clint Watson, Bountiful City Trails Committee

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22 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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24 Minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Chair Mikael Remington
25 made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Del Ruesch seconded the motion, which was
26 passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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28 **TRAILS BOND PROCESS FOR NEW TRAILS**

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30 Clint Watson, Bountiful City Trails Committee member, was introduced. Mr. Watson
31 explained how the Bountiful Trails Committee went through the process to expand the trail system
32 in Bountiful. In 2019, the Bountiful Trails Committee put together the Trails Master Plan. When
33 this was done, the bond was ready and pushed forward by the city manager and city council
34 members. The bond had to have a city council member as a sponsor to get it on the ballot. The
35 Bountiful Trails Committee got support from the community to help pass the bond. The bond that
36 went through Bountiful was for trail money, and to also purchase and renovate the property where
37 an elementary school once was for a new park. Mr. Watson said he feels that there are not a lot of
38 chances for bonds to pass, so if multiple priorities are listed on one bond, then it is usually easier
39 to get the bond passed. On the bond in Bountiful, \$2 million was earmarked for trails, and it passed
40 before any grants from the State were received. They did receive \$1.5 million from the State
41 Outdoor Recreation Grant, and the State recently gave Bountiful an additional \$750,000 for more
42 trails. It is harder to get federal money, and the reporting must be done each month on what
43 progress is happening, which is burdensome. Grants are available from the Forest Service, but
44 they require a long-term plan, and only one grant application can be applied for.

1 It takes 18 months to receive a grant from the Forest Service. Mr. Watson said Bountiful worked
2 with International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) to build their trails. They are the premier
3 trail building company in the country.
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5 The Centerville Trails Committee agreed they need to create a Trails Master Plan for
6 Centerville. Mike Smith, GIS, will be asked to help with this project. Spencer Summerhays, City
7 Council Liaison, will get a copy of the Bountiful Trails Master Plan to use as a model for
8 Centerville. Mr. Summerhays talked about having better trail interconnections with Bountiful. If
9 there are multiple municipalities that buy-in to the trails plan, it helps to get community approval.
10 Governor Spencer Cox has also talked about the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. There are not many
11 chances for a bond, and there must be support throughout the community. Spencer Summerhays
12 will be the City Council member who will sponsor the bond. Mikael Remington expressed concern
13 about the last experience the Trails Committee had seven years ago in trying to get trails in
14 Centerville, and the city council did not support the Committee.
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16 Clint Watson said once the Trails Master Plan is adopted by the city council, the bond
17 becomes 100 percent of the focus. The city will need to get coalitions, high school students, trail
18 runners, bikers, and anyone else who would be in favor of the trails to help get the bond passed.
19 Mr. Watson said it takes one year to get a grant after it is applied for. Kate Bradshaw is a city
20 council member in Bountiful and is a lobbyist for the State Legislature, and is on the Recreation
21 Center Board. She is very knowledgeable and helpful to work with on trails, and knows how much
22 money the State can give.
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24 **At 8:42 p.m., Clint Watson was excused from the meeting.**
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26 The Trails Committee discussed having a work session to begin the process of a Trails
27 Master Plan for Centerville. The Committee discussed community support for a multi-use trail
28 system for running, biking, and hiking, and a possible dog park. Perhaps new restrooms could be
29 installed at a trailhead, similar to what Kaysville did at their gun range. T
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31 **The work session will be held on Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.**
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33 **TRAIL MAINTENANCE OF PARRISH CREEK TRAIL**

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35 Sherrae Phelps discussed trail maintenance on the Parrish Creek Trail. Bruce Cox, Parks
36 and Recreation Director, is going to repair the Parrish Trail.
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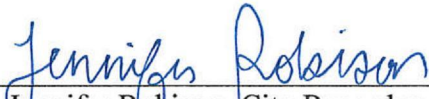
38 **NEXT MEETING**

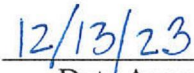
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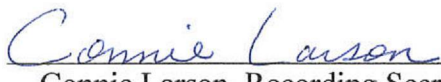
40 The next Trails Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 7:00
41 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 9:00 p.m., Sherrae Phelps made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Frederico seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder


Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

