

**Farmington Trails Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21st, 2017, 7:00pm at the City Offices, 160 S Main St.**

We had a field meeting at 975 Compton Road, which we are calling the Bamberger Connector, to look at and discuss a trail connector.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Scott Ogilvie, Greg Tanner, Ron Robinson, Todd Argyle, Ryan Lauck  
Amy Shumway, Tracy McCoy.

**Excused Absences:** Jared Poulson, Scott Cornford

**Guests:** Denise Prince

**Reverence:** Tracy McCoy read a quote by Edward Evert Hale.: “I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.” Seen on a trail sign in Moab.

**Minutes Approval:** June and July 2017 minutes are approved provided that Dave Millheim’s name is spelled correctly. Note: the final minutes are to be sent to Ron Robinson and Holly Gad.

**Trails**

**Bamberger Connection** Prior to meeting at City Hall, we had a field meeting at 975 Compton Road, which we are calling the Bamberger Connector, to look at and discuss a trail connector. We, the Farmington Trails Committee, are working with Farmington City to identify what needs to be done to bring this section of trail into good usable condition. Some suggested improvements include, weed control i.e. eradicate the puncher vines, have clear signage and a pack with a short history of this trail. Denise Prince talked about using this trail to get to the bus when she went to high school. For her, this trail has nostalgia. She volunteered to help maintain this section of trail by controlling the puncher vines. The committee is in full agreement with this offer. Chuck Richards, the FTC volunteer coordinator, needs to get with her to arrange work projects to improve this section of trail. We need to eradicate the goat head on the East side. Hopefully by next spring, we can do some major construction on the trail.

**Haight Creek Scout projects** Ron stated that the Eagle scouts had worked on this trail. However, at the time that he inspected their work, they hadn't done a thorough enough job to earn his sign off. Since this time, the scouts have done more trimming. The section that needs the most work is from the dirt road to rails to trails; the middle section. Ron talked about reinforcing the trail with rocks. Railroad ties are frowned upon because of the creosote. This is particularly a concern in wet lands. The chemical leaches into the water. Signage for this section of trail is needed as well. Amy Shumway offered to work on this.

**Kiosk Maps** Tracy asked how many maps we need.

**Kiosk in new City Park** Ron mentioned that he would like to design and construct a modernized kiosk to be located in the new city park.

**Committee members to assess 5 Trail Goals** Ron asked for the committee members to come up with five goals or the five top projects for the trails particularly trails located on US Forest Service land. These priorities will be reviewed in a future meeting. As a committee, we will forward these five goals onto the city. These priorities will also be passed onto the US Forest Service so that they can schedule maintenance projects. Amy mentioned that she would like to have a safe trail from the Farmington Creek trail down to the water fall. Ron asked the US Forest Service what they would like to see in the mountain trails. They want trails to lead to a point of interest or to have a loop. Ron stated that we need a trail that will take us to Bountiful Peak.

**Nature Center Trail closed/Farmington Bay** Amy mentioned that she had gone out there recently and got yelled at. She saw a large snake as well. The trail is closed while the Nature Center is under construction.

### Public Relations

**Dennis and Scott Prince – Point of View Park Horse access** Ron has been discussing the issue of horse on the mountainside through the park with Scott Prince and Dave Millheim. Originally, there was equestrian access through this park. Ron talked to Colby about this access and was told no, due to water lines. Ron and the whole trails committee support Dennis request and will continue to work with the city to come up with a permanent way to allow equestrian access to the mountainside. Ron assured Dennis that we will not let her down. We will come up with a workable solution!

Natalie Larson has been complaining about horse droppings on the trails. Ron is looking into a solution.

**Amy – 15 mile young adult program** Amy handed out her “Get out and Explore Farmington Trails” pamphlets. They look very nice. Amy has had a particularly positive response from Cabala’s as a sponsor.

**Rueben Renstrom/Cent rylink and Farmington Hollow** The trail daylight.

**Jeremy Johnson and UDOT connected to Rail to Trails. 779S Country Ln.** Jeremy was working on the connector trail but was unable to complete it without a permit from UDOT. So far there is no more progress on completing this connector trail.

### Finances

**Rock bars – Ryan** Ryan said that he would donate the bars.

**Weed sprayer - \$80.11.** This sprayer is used to spray puncher vine.

**Trailer** Ron stated that he feels that a trailer would be better than a shed because of portability. We would be able to tow the trailer to the site of a project. There is, however, some concern about the security of a trailer. Tracy is offering his trailer for \$1200. Ron is going to propose to the city that we purchase Tracy’s trailer.

**Utah Outdoor Summit in Bryce Canyon** It costs \$160.28 for two people to attend. Scott Ogilvie has ordered two tickets to the Utah Outdoor Summit to be held in Bryce Canyon on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The offer to go is open to any of the committee members who would like to attend. At this time, only Scott and Ron are available to attend the summit.

### Legal

### Organizational Interfaces

**9/11 Memorial with the American Legion Post 27** Ron had this group do a 21 gun volley.

**Meeting with Mayor/City Manager – August 3<sup>rd</sup>** After talking with City Parks and Recreation, it became apparent that we need better communication with the city. This statement goes without saying. We discussed what we could do to improve our communication in general.

**Planning**

**Organized trail hike with community** Amy is working with Cam Quail who is interested in sponsoring a children’s hike, possibly up Hate creek.

**Snowshoe Hike** Todd Argyle would like to sponsor a snowshoe hike possibly in January.

**Next Meeting** **October 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**