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Council Meeting Staff Report

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Presenters: Stephanie Nakhleh
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Open Space Advisory Subcommittee Report

Body

Open Space Minutes: August 31, 17

In attendance: Eric Peterson, Liz Aicher, Jonathan Creel, Stephanie Nakhleh, Chris Wilson

1. Trail brochures: Eric is finalizing the brochures and trying to make them more tourist-friendly. Need to work with the Forest Service to ensure we can talk about the trails that go through those areas.
2. Trail signage and kiosks are the next big priorities. By end of August they'll be ordered, and installed by September.
3. Invites went out for the meeting about the trails around North Mesa stables which was held August 16th from 5:30-7. This was planned as a free-flowing meeting to get concerns from various user groups out on the table.
4. IMBA is 75% complete. The mountain bike community really helped out. Eric says Los Alamos is right on cusp of getting the bronze level, which is much more optimistic than he felt when he started the process. The IMBA folks will come out in October for a month and evaluate entire trail system.
5. Camp May is 75% complete as well. The county installed two little bridges over the swell; it looks a lot nicer and the old toilets were torn down. Upgraded picnic tables. Fire rings in appropriate places.
6. Volunteer-volunteer coordinator? Eric: Jonathan is helping nudge that forward, though he himself is not that coordinator. Lots of work needed: trash out of WR canyon, old fencing torn down in LA.
7. Canyon Restoration: Brian Brogan wants to look at way to approach this. Working on team-coordinated effort to work through park maintenance parts of budget approved by council. Looking for subject matter expert in this group. This now needs to move through legal and Julie Habiger. Eric will invite PRB and OSSC to walk-throughs, but advisory boards obviously don't do operational side and decisions.
8. Flow trail: County is just waiting to get proposals back, they are due Aug 11, which will determine what steps County takes next. Chris: some citizens are concerned this is done deal, because the RFP is out. RFP is just information gathering, it's not a done deal.
9. To think about: subcommittees get reevaluated on annual basis. This group should think about where we want to go, and maybe set up work session with Parks and Rec Board and other subcommittees and talk through whether there's a need to keep them and what their goals are. Parks and Rec Dept would set that up. We need input from subcommittee members, not just liaisons on board, hence the need for a separate meeting.