The Boise City Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee (Committee) met Thursday, September 5, 2019 in the Boise Depot Meeting Station. Boise City Members Present: Doug Holloway and Sara Arkle; Rob Lockward, Boise City Legal; Chloe Sallabanks, Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Katy Jibben called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE:

A. Roll Call

Present: Peter Pengilly, Michelle Meyers, Stacey Donohue, Jeremy Maxand, Katy Jibben, Matt Cryer, and Kathryn Elliott

Absent: Brooke Green and Scott Raeber

III. IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Minutes – June 6, 2019

MOTION: Committee moved to recommend approval of the June 6, 2019 Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee Minutes to Boise City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: J. Maxand
SECOND: S. Donohue
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: B. Green and S. Raeber

Due to time constraints, the Department requested Agenda Item III. C. Ecological Assessment and Habitat Restoration Priorities be deferred to a later meeting.

MOTION: Committee moved to defer Agenda Item III. C. Ecological Assessment and Habitat Restoration Priorities to the October 3, 2019 regular monthly meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: J. Maxand
SECOND: P. Pengilly
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: B. Green and S. Raeber
B. **Summary of Proposed Bureau of Land Management/Ridge to Rivers Trails**

Summary: S. Arkle mentioned an *Idaho Statesman* article, published on July 18, 2019, that detailed five trails proposed for the Ridge to Rivers system on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property. The BLM is the city’s primary partner in the Ridge to Rivers partnership and is the largest land owner in the structure.

S. Arkle explained the five proposed trails.

1. *8th Street Purpose-Built Trail*: the approximately 1.7-mile trail from Corrals Trail to the 8th Street Connection would be utilized as a downhill ‘flow trail’ for mountain bikers. The trail would alleviate mountain bike usage in Lower Hulls Gulch, a popular pedestrian trailhead. There would be no change in trail user allowance; the purpose-built trail would offer additional opportunities.

2. *Curlew Connection Trail*: the approximately 1.8-mile trail from Watchman Trail along Curlew Gulch would offer a more pleasant ride for nonmotorized bikes. The gulch has important foothills vegetation and the connection trail would be a more sustainable option.

3. *Hawkins Loop Trail*: the approximately 5-mile loop would branch from Bogus Basin Rd and cross City of Boise and BLM property throughout the Hawkins Reserve. The loop would provide protection to natural habitat in the reserve. Winter closures would be implemented to protect wildlife habitat.

4. *Cartwright Trailhead Expansion*: Polecat Gulch Reserve is surrounded by BLM property. The current trailhead off Cartwright Rd can access 25 miles of additional trails on BLM land, and is a popular starting point for the foothills. Trailhead expansion is proposed.

5. *Fiddleneck Ridge Trail Junction*: Interest in connecting Landslide Loop to the Avimor Community had been expressed. The trail junction would extend Red Tail Trail and Landslide Loop across BLM and Dual Beneficiary land.

The BLM approved the proposed trails for construction, but local advocacy organizations appealed the approval. The appeal will be reviewed by the BLM and the city will continue to act as a supporting agency.

J. Maxand mentioned the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and discussed trail accessibility and environmental analyses.

No motion necessary as the item was informational.

C. **Committee Updates**

Summary: The Department informed the Committee that the Boise River Greenbelt 50th Anniversary Celebration was taking place Sept. 19-21. The Committee was invited to attend the kick-off event at the Egyptian Theatre on Sept. 19.
No motion necessary as the item was informational.

D. Executive Session

MOTION: Pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency, and Idaho Code §74-206(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

RESULT: ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOVER: J. Maxand
SECONDER: K. Elliott
ROLL CALL: Peter Pengilly, Michelle Meyers, Stacey Donohue, Jeremy Maxand, Katy Jibben, Matt Cryer and Kathryn Elliott
ABSENT: Brooke Green and Scott Raeber

RESULT: EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOVER: J. Maxand
SECONDER: M. Cryer
ROLL CALL: Peter Pengilly, Michelle Meyers, Stacey Donohue, Jeremy Maxand, Katy Jibben, Matt Cryer and Kathryn Elliott
ABSENT: Brooke Green and Scott Raeber

V. IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: J. Maxand
SECONDER: M. Meyers
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: B. Green and S. Raeber

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Katy Jibben, Chair