

TRAILS COMMITTEE

2005 Annual Report

Committee Members:

Carolyn Minson - Chairperson, January - April
Jim Gifford - Chairperson, May - December
Don Van Stone - Vice Chairperson, January - April
Russ Nooyen - Vice Chairperson, May - December
Claire MacNeill - Secretary, January - December
Carl Skoglund - January - December
Harry Thomas - January - December
John Tidquist - May - December

POA Board Liason:

Larry Ebner - January - April
Ginna Watson - May - December

Public Works Staff Representatives:

David Whitlow
Randy Noles

Motions Made and Passed:

January	Jim Gifford made a motion to establish Trails Day as a yearly event to be held on the 2nd Saturday in November each year. Motion passed unanimously.
March	Jim Gifford made a motion that the committee suggests all future trail benches be made of "Trex-like" material. Motion passed unanimously. Jim Gifford made a motion to support the agreement between the POA and the Veterans Memorial Foundation regarding the re-routing of the trail at the Woodlands. Motion passed 3-2.
April	Don Van Stone moved to turn the Coronado Trail over to the Recreation Department and no longer designate it as a walking trail. Motion passed unanimously.
May	Russ Nooyen made a motion to study the feasibility of replacing the boulders that are currently used to restrict vehicle access to the trails with locked gates to facilitate workmen access and safety and still retard access by private vehicles. The gates have to provide easy access by walkers and have a limited effect on the trails budget. Motion passed unanimously. John Tidquist made a motion to replace the wording "Trail Survey" with "Trail Information" on all trail boxes. Motion passed unanimously.
June	Carolyn Minson made a motion to recommend to Public Works that

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benches be constructed of “Evergrain” because of the ease of maintenance and the durability factor. To accommodate the increase in cost, it was recommended that the charge for memorial benches be raised to absorb this increase.

Motion passed unanimously.

Russ Nooyen made a motion to compliment Carl Gaston and his crew for the superb work that they do to build and maintain our network of trails in the Village.

Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Skoglund presented a motion that the committee approves the expansion of the Balboa Spillway Trail by taking advantage of pipeline work already underway. This expansion is estimated at approximately 1/2 mile, from the current trail to a point near Ponce de Leon Drive and returning to the existing trail via the service road. The work will be performed at the completion of the pipeline project.

Motion voted on by email and phone and passed 5 votes for and 1 member not voting.

July

Russ Nooyen moved that the boulders be replaced on the new section of DeSoto Multipurpose Trail at the Calella and Barcelona entrances. Motion passed unanimously.

John Tidquist moved that we dispense with the August meeting of the Trails Committee since several members of the committee will be away. Motion passed unanimously.

John Tidquist moved that we take down the trail signs, remove the benches and discontinue use of the Gerona Trail.

Motion approved 5 to 1.

September

Russ Nooyen made a motion that this committee wishes to inform the POA Board and the General Manager of the existing problem on the Village trails with animal control, and recommends that the existing POA policy on animal control be rigidly enforced. Motion approved unanimously.

October

Carolyn Minson made a motion to request that Public Works staff pursue making signs that clearly state the POA Board policy on control of pets, and that these signs be placed at major trailheads.

Motion passed unanimously.

November

Carolyn Minson made a motion to propose that the letter (of Appreciation written by Jim Gifford to Randy Noles and Carl Gaston for the work done to add a new loop to the Balboa Spillway Trail) be read at the POA Board meeting on November 16th to show the committee’s appreciation and to recognize the excellent work done by these POA employees.

Motion passed unanimously.

December

Carolyn Minson made a motion to thank the Public Works employees for the work done on the pump station at the Magellan Beaver Dam Trail and their attention to preserving the esthetic quality of the trail.

Motion passed unanimously.

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John Tidquist made a motion to accept the final draft of the Five Year Plan with the correction of two typographical errors:

Page 4 Objectives #3 - "major trails to form"

Page 5 Action Plan Estimated Cost Total - "\$108,671".

Motion passed unanimously.

Carolyn Minson moved that we accept the corrected copy of the text for the Trails brochure.

Motion passed unanimously.

Other Items:

January Official Trail Committee shirts were distributed to committee members.

April Spring Trail Walks were held on all of the longer trails on Tuesday and Fridays during April.

The 2nd Annual Walk for Non-Walkers was held on April 12 on Cedar Creek Trail with participation by handicapped students from Jessieville School.

Election of Trail Committee officers was held. Jim Gifford was elected Committee Chairperson, Russ Nooyen was elected Vice Chairperson, and Claire MacNeill was elected Secretary.

May Ginna Watson returned as our POA Board liaison , replacing Larry Ebner.

New committee member John Tidquist replaced Don Van Stone whose term ended in April.

Trail assignments were realigned by Chairperson Jim Gifford.

September The Village Walk for Cancer Research was held on several of the Village trails this year on September 10. The Arkansas Center for Cancer Research at UAMS is the beneficiary of proceeds from this walk.

October The Trails Committee participated in the Village Health Fair on October 12. John Tidquist and Carl Skoglund manned our booth at the Coronado Center.

November Village Trails Day was held on November 12. Early morning participation was better than walks held later in the day.

Accomplishments

The first phase of the Hernando Trail extension from Good Sam to Minorca Road was completed and officially opened on April 22.

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The re-routing of the Hernando Trail at the POA building was completed in April to shorten the path through the parking lot for safety reasons.

The second phase of the Hernando Trail extension from Minorca Road to Viajero Road was completed and officially opened in October.

The 1/2 mile extension of the Balboa Spillway Trail was completed and officially opened in October.

The Five Year Plan 2006 - 2010 was completed and accepted by the Trails Committee in December.

Three new Memorial benches were placed on trails this year, two on Cedar Creek Trail and one on the DeSoto Spillway Trail.

Sub-committees:

Five Year Plan: Carolyn Minson, Chairperson; Carl Skoglund, Claire MacNeill, Russ Nooyen, and John Tidquist

Long Range Planning: Don Van Stone, Jim Gifford, Russ Nooyen