

# Mid Valley Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

September 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

7:30am -8:17am

1340 Main Street Carbondale, CO 81623 – RFTA Office

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## INVITED ATTENDEES

- George Trantow – MVTC Chair - **Attended**
- Phillip Ring – MVTC Treasurer- **Attended**
- Alan Luu - MVTC Member- **Attended**
- Perry Kleespies – MVTC Member - **Attended**
- Temple Glassier – MVTC Project Manger- **Attended**
- Rebecca Schild – Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers- **Attended**
- Mike Pritchard, Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association- **Attended**
- Karin Offield, Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council- **Attended**
- Michelle Thibeault, Town of Basalt Planning Director
- Chris Beiser, Town of Basalt Planning Department - **Attended**
- Angela Henderson, RFTA- **Attended**
- Brett Meredith, RFTA- **Attended**
- Jud Lang, RFTA
- Abbey Pascoe, RFTA
- Sarah Faichney, RFTA- **Attended**

## AGENDA

1. Review and approval of previous month's minutes. **Approved.**
2. Updates from MVTC Partnerships
  - Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (RFMBA) Update – Mike Pritchard
    - Updates on Upper and Middle section of the Crown Royale Trail. **The Upper section of the Crown Royale now has 2.3 miles open to the public. There is about 0.5 miles left that needs to be completed on the Upper section. Everything is on track for the construction of the Middle section of the Crown Royale. It should finish completion next Spring/Summer. George asked Mike if RFMBA will use all the allocated money this year. Mike said the RFMBA will use all of it. RFMBA will be hosting the Colorado Mountain Bike Collation on Friday 9/29. There will be group rides on Friday 9/29 and Saturday 9/30 if anyone wants to join.**
  - Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council (RFVHC) Update – Karin Offield
    - Language for approval consideration by the MVTC for the support of RFVHC and the Glassier Family Community Trail. See attachments (D1-D3) **Karin read the statement from RFVHC that she would like MVTC to approve to send to Pitkin County Open Space and Trail on attachment D1. George stated he talked to**

Gary at PCOST and George got the impression that this project is premature and PCOST is not planning on discussing this for another 2 years. George thinks we're approaching this project out of order. He thinks RFVHC should go to PCOST first, then PCOST would ask for input and then MVTC would get involved. George thinks MVTC should wait to get involved until PCOST is ready to plan the project. Karin said RFVHC likes to plan 5 years in advance and she is okay just having the idea for now.

- The funding for work on Mid Valley Trails for 2024, the RFVHC is asking for a place holder of \$5000.00. It will be used for Part Two of the Trails Safe Passing Plan sign installation for Basalt Mountain and Glassier Trail Heads and a tentative project with RFOV for the east side of work on the Light Hill Trail, which is under discussion. Anything on Glassier is typically funded by PC OST, so a partnership with RFOV is also a possibility and is being pursued. George said this is fine for now.
  - George asked if there was anything else. Karin stated she could not find the meeting minutes. Sarah said she sent them in the same email she sent out the agenda in. Sarah will start uploading the meeting minutes on the RFTA website with "DRAFT" next to them so people can review them but know they have not been approved by the committee members yet.
- Basalt Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST) Update – Chris Beiser
- POST 2024 Work Plan (See attachment E1-4) Chris Beiser is stepping in for Michelle today to go over Basalt POST 2024 Work Plan. Chris reviewed attachment E3, the green check marks are completed projects in 2023 and yellow checks marks are projects that are still on-going and will most likely go into their 2024 work plan. George asked about Lake Christine since there isn't a check mark on it. Chris said Basalt PCOST is holding off since it is under the Colorado Parks and Wildlife jurisdiction and they can't do anything without their support or initiative. It is a place holder in their 2024 budget until CPW wants to make improvements.
  - Opportunities for MVTC to participate. Chris said Basalt POST could use MVTC support in the Willits Lane Plan in 2024. Chris said ideally, they want this project to make Willits Lane more bike and pedestrian friendly. Basalt PCOST will be bringing in a consultant to help design and give direction for the next couple of years on this project. George would like MVTC to participate in the project and help with the planning aspect of it as well as funding. Chris said as part of this project they are going to include some wayfinding aspects such as signage, and benches to help make Willits Lane more pedestrian friendly. Chris thinks this would be good for the MVTC to be a part of.
  - George asked about possible access behind the Fairview Cemetery to get to the public lands. Chris said that is something to have a conversation with Michelle about and see if there is something Basalt PCOT could look further into.
- Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV) – Rebecca Schild
- Nancy's Path Update. RFOV, BLM and Pitkin OST had a call together to discuss Nancy's Path project and potentially some alternatives. Pitkin OST said that Nancy Path is an unsustainable trail but it is the only option at this point so we

should probably devote time into maintaining it until when or if there will ever been another option. The BLM has not been on that trail so they could not comment on it. Next Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>, RFOV, Pitkin OST, RFVHC and The BLM will be walking on Nancy's Path to look at its current condition and possibly look at some reroute options if necessary. RFOV is looking into selecting Nancy Paths as a community project again for next year. Rebecca said that Pitkin OST has \$15,000 budget for Nancy's Path in 2024. Some of it will go to equipment and consulting and some of it would potentially go to RFOV to organize volunteers to work on the trail.

- George asked if RFOV had their projects selected for next year, Rebecca stated RFOV won't have projects slated until December into late January.
- RFOV will start submitting invoices to MVTC at the end of the season. Rebecca asked if there would be a possibility to ask for additional funding for next year. The BLM has asked RFOV to work on Light Hill for a week. George asked if Rebecca could present a plan from the BLM on what scope of work they would like completed. Rebecca will follow with the BLM and present in the October meeting.
- RFOV is working with Independence Run and Hike to host a heavy half marathon on the Crown in May 2024 as a fundraiser for the RFOV.

### 3. New Business

#### ➤ Administration duties

- Abbey Pascoe will be taking over administration duties starting in the New Year for the MVTC.
- First meeting of the year will be scheduled in March. The committee will run from March-October each year. Committee members would like to keep the same schedule as the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30am at the RFTA Office.

#### ➤ Temple Glassier

- Recruitment. Alan stated Katy is back and Alan thinks Temple should reach out to her to see if she would like to join again. Temple will put up flyers in major areas to encourage people to join.
- Stage Trail Project. No update on the Fall HOA meeting. Angie suggested sending out a flyer like RFTA does with their Railroad Corridor brochures to let people know about the MVTC.
- El Jebel to Basalt Mountain Connection. Temple is meeting with Dale to discuss tax benefits to entice Ace.

### 4. Action Items

- Revisit MVTC Master Plan to possibly revise.
- 2024 Work Plan Discussion next Meeting