

BOISE CITY RIDGE TO RIVERS FY22 THIRD QUARTER PARTNERSHIP MEETING
BOISE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022
8:30 A.M.

Partners Present: Lisa Duplessie and Doug Holloway (Boise Parks and Recreation); Brent Ralston (Bureau of Land Management); Scott Koberg (Ada County Parks and Waterways); Ann Moser (Idaho Fish & Game); Brad Lowe (Idaho Fish & Game); David Gordon (Ridge to Rivers).

Others Present: None

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:

A. FY 2022 3rd Quarter Budget and Work Plan Review

There were no questions or comments on the budget or work plan.

B. Personnel Changes in the Ridge to Rivers Partnership

Mike Brady was acting as the Mountain Home District Ranger.

Lisa Duplessie was the new Foothills and Open Space Superintendent. The former superintendent, Sara Arkle, had transitioned to Parks Superintendent of the Boise Parks and Recreation Department. Lisa had been in the Foothills and Open Space Division for five years as the Education Program Manager.

Scott Eisele was hired for the part-time Ridge to Rivers Lead Trail Ranger position. Scott worked to patrol the Boise Foothills and provide educational information related to trail etiquette and trail-related management. Scott had previously been a seasonal trail crew member.

C. Spring Trail System Update

Due to wet weather conditions, the trail system was especially muddy. Ridge to Rivers staff posted daily trail condition reports and regularly encouraged folks to stay off muddy trails. Crews were working on repairs as quickly as possible.

There had been 11 volunteer projects so far this spring, with more than 15 scheduled through May.

The adopted special trail management strategies in Lower Halls Gulch and Polecat Loop trails continued to experience a degree of noncompliance. This tends to be more related to foot traffic than bicyclists, which is similar to what other locations with similar strategies sees. Additional signage had been installed and general messaging about the trail management strategy was ongoing.

D. Hawkins Loop Trail Update

As mentioned at the January partnership meeting, construction on the 5.7-mile trail had been paused due to contractor issues and increased construction costs. Contracts were now pending for construction of both the trail and trailhead. The Ridge to Rivers trail crew would later install a nested trail, providing a shorter loop option for users.

E. Summer Trail Projects

Trail projects were underway throughout the trail system. A puncheon bridge replacement is planned in Lower Halls Gulch; the Cartwright Ridge trail will have additional reroutes later this year; crews would construct Harrow Trail (the nested connection on Hawkins Trail Loop); and general crib wall and infill projects would continue.

F. Memorial Wall Update

The city was moving forward with design of a memorial wall, where folks could purchase a plaque in memory of a loved one. The plaque revenue would go to the Ridge to Rivers Heritage Trust Fund. Site engineering in Lower Halls Gulch Reserve had been completed; construction was anticipated to be \$35,000, however increasing construction costs could affect the final cost. Plaques could cost up to \$3,000 and would have a 20-year lifespan.

G. Ridge to Rivers Maps

The new Ridge to Rivers Maps had been printed and delivered. They were available for purchase at various locations in the Treasure Valley for \$10.

H. Ridge to Rivers Partnership Update

Ada County

The Program and Education Specialist was assisting in trail etiquette education and daily trail reports. The headquarters office was preparing for spring and summer seasons.

Boise City

The city had submitted an improvement project application to the Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee for levy funds to be awarded to the construction of Hawkins Loop Trail and Trailhead. City Council approved the funding in the amount of \$820,000.

V. IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Partnership, the meeting adjourned.