

**GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 12, 2019- Mucky Duck Restaurant- 6 pm**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called To Order** at 6:04 PM by Vice Chairman Dick Bratton
2. **Attending:** Dick Bratton, Rebecca Ochkie, Don Walker, Lisa Townsend and Claudia Eley
3. **Agenda Approval-** M/S Walker/Townsend. Passed 4:0.
4. **Approve Minutes** of July 11, 2019- M/S Walker/Townsend. Passed 4:0.
5. **Public Input-** none. Items not on Agenda- none
6. **Progress Reports-** since last meeting
  - **Work Day #3**, July 21st 2019: 16 volunteers finished maintenance on Crystal Trail, including blocking numerous points where hikers were cutting switchbacks; rebuilding 6 switchback corners and fortifying rock retaining walls; and lopping and pruning the entire upper section of dense locust tree overgrowth.
  - GMF Board of Trustees approved the Angel's Trail re-route onto the Scott Ave public right-of-way (ROW) between Iona and Hondo on July 16th. The Board also encouraged the TC to seek future approvals to develop social paths on Town rights-of-way and to include them in trails maps (see ToDo list first bullet).
  - Blasi received Town Marshall's go-ahead to include law enforcement contact info on future hiking signs and maps. Blasi has the approved wording for future use.
  - Ochkie, Walker, Brown, Blasi, Deutsch and Wines laid out the 415 LF Angel's Trail re-route in prep for work day #4
  - **Work Day #4**, August 17th 2019: 17 trails volunteers completed the Angel's Trail re-route, including brush clearing and removing low bush juniper prior to digging the 415 LF (linear feet) trail surface. Volunteers built several rock retaining walls to shore up the trail surface. A stone staircase descends off the Hondo Ave. embankment leading hikers onto the trail.
  - Thanks to Crew Leaders Wines, Townsend and Ochkie for leading the volunteer effort.
  - Brown, Wines, and Blasi inspected the Mt. Dewey Trail to prioritize work for work day #5 on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Eley reports that the top of Boulder leading to Thomas Trail was overgrown from spring rains making it difficult for hikers to find their way. She cleared the trail and put up a sign showing the way to Thomas Trail.
  - Jesse Stroope, Rocco Blasi, and Dick Bratton met at Green Box Office at 3 PM on Sep 5 to discuss the proposed Pittman Trail.
7. **TC Website and Maps-** Nothing new
8. **Education- Trails Watch Program -**Nothing new
9. **Training**
  - Crew Leader training next Spring- So far Walker and Ochkie express an interest.
10. **TO DO LIST:**
  - Discuss use of undeveloped Street ROW for trails -possible trail on undeveloped portion of Illinois Ave from current driven portion up to Mountain Ave. Land owner of 10680 Mountain Ave has asked the PC that the ROW be added to his lot to allow for a septic system. However, the ROW has been a social trail allowing public access from Illinois Ave to Thomas Trail. **Motion:** The TC recommends the Town Board retain the street ROW from Illinois Ave up to Mountain Ave to preserve future access to potential trails. This will follow precedent and grant a revocable easement for septic space. The TC

recommends splitting the easement equally with 30 feet for the trail and 30 feet for the septic. M/S Townsend/Eley 4:0.

- Bratton will bring in a town map for potential future development of town ROWs.
- Pittman Trail on Red Devil Mtn.
  1. TRAIL NAME - The new trail over Red Devil Mountain will be named the "Pittman Trail" to honor Andy Pittman
  2. TRAIL ROUTE- The trail will generally follow the route shown on the Map "Town Base Map" dated Aug 25. The route shown will be adjusted to incorporate field work by the GMF Trails Committee to lay out the best location marked with red center line flags. GMF TC plans to walk the site in October 2019.
  3. TRAIL USE- Trail use will be limited to hiking only. No motorized, No Mountain Biking, No "E" Bikes, No horses. No smoking, no fires, no fireworks, no camping.
  4. CONSTRUCTION- may involve the use of three Mile Hi Youth Corps (MHYC) teams. GMF Trails Committee crews will provide technical assistance to MHYC.
  5. SCHEDULE-

2019- GMF Trails Committee- field work, trail design, layout

2020- Trail Construction by MHYC/GMF TC:

July 13-17                      July 20-24.                      July 27-31

**Motion:** Approve the 2020 work day schedule subject to review and approval of the TC Chairman Rocco Blasi. M/S Eley/Townsend 4:0.

6. GREEN BOX TRAIL- A separate trail leading from High Street to a possible future art work may be needed in a couple of years. GMF TC will provide technical assistance with the design, layout and construction.

- Build & install trail signs at Bratton/Catamount int. and Mt. Dewey summit
- Design and install Catamount trailhead board
- Lead 2 hikes for Sallie Bush bingo winners - TBD
- Prep for Oct 5th work day #6, last of the year

#### 11. Other-

- Waldo Canyon: next Roundtable meeting will be November 13. Blasi will cover. Final public meeting pushed back to Jan 22, 2020 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Westside Community Center gym

12. NEXT MEETING- October 10, 2019 at the Mucky Duck

13. ADJOURNMENT at 7:17 pm. M/S Townsend/Eley 4:0

### ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

RICHARD V. BRATTON, Vice Chair  
for Chairman- Rocco Blasi

R. OCHKIE  
Recording Secretary- R. Ochkie