

Lord Hill Status Update Meeting 3/31/22 Q&A Notes:

- Garry Pagon
 - o Like direction will be natural and slow speed, hiker access to all trails, using trail standards
 - o Support finding another mtb facility more suited
 - o Question
 - When will trail map be available?
 - June – but this summer
 - Trail total mileage?
 - Won't be perfectly balanced?
- Elizabeth Klein (e)
 - o Noticed a lot of erosion on trails
 - o Like that it is an environmentally sacred place
 - o Would like to see increased mileage for hikers and horses
 - o Would like to see a holistic wildlife plan
 - o When can we get involved in building trails? Environmental stewardship?
- Kristina (e)
 - o Like hiker priority
 - o Like safety plan in place
 - o Want equestrian access to fair milage
- Kirill Kotlyranko (b/h)
 - o Like the separation of trails when hiking or biking and can choose experience
 - o Is there any data that can be shared on safety in the park on incidents where there have been collisions? Information on vandalism in the parking lot?
 - J – we do have incidents that have happened, even recorded video of what has happened, can request copies
 - Evidence of many different encounters
 - County has crime tracking and can look at what's been recorded
- Matt Lang (neighbor, b/h)
 - o People can be multiple types of users
 - o Erosion comes from all users
 - o By removing downhill, takes away a huge part of mountain biking
 - o Adding a new space doesn't fix the fact that it's his closest park
 - o Why is downhill being taken away?
 - Downhill trails will be present, but updated to reflect trail guidelines
 - Wheels on the ground
 - Sharing the trail
- Peter Sherrill (president, EMBA)
 - o Disappointed in the direction, EMBA has provided specific comments
 - o Like flowing, would like a place with more descent, adds to the value of the experience
- Scott Lee (e)
 - o Pleased for park to go back to being safe, for people to come back
 - o Many people ready to volunteer in work parties
- Ron Schlupp (e)

- Support slow-speed
- Support re-establish volunteer program, some thoughts on emergency when trails are blocked
- Want equestrians to complete previously approved trails previously submitted
- Bikes and equestrians have a hard time when sharing narrow trails
- Concern about e-bikes
- Jeremy giving update on volunteer program
 - Launching May
 - Enterprise-wide in the county
 - For emergency response, handling with operations for the next month so call us
- Jordan LaCroix (mtb)
 - Feel this is an implicit ban on the park
 - Feel the county may have been swayed and has not been in the spirit of the larger community and may not be honest and credible
 - More than half the responses in the last survey didn't support new signage in the park, additional parking,
 - What has the county done to ensure that the last 800 community responses serve the process?
 - J – we don't want to increase parking as this is an environmental park and it increases impact
 - Planners went through line by line
 - Make sure sustainable for the future
 - Forrest Corbett (mtb)
 - Minimize conflict, important
 - Don't want to be surprised by bikers or to surprise users as a biker
 - Confused about latest plan how does shared trails improve safety?
 - J – about behavior across the board
 - Kalisa Jenne-Fraser (neighbor, hiker, some e)
 - Look at how to improve usability for children in the park, esp 4-H
 - How does the county plan to address the rogue trail building and the ad-hoc approach from many users?
 - A better presence – neutral parties inspecting the park for rogue trail building
 - A paramount concern for exec and county council for how the site has been managed over the years –
 - We have to be more active
 - John Dufay (runner, hiker, biker)
 - Majority of encounters good
 - Feel some things have been misrepresented such as using “speed” for
 - How would a day in LH look different w/proposed changes?
 - Trail experience would change with wheels on the ground features
 - What is the preferred method for users who come across trail uses/users that shouldn't be there?
 - Reach out to Rich Patton with concerns

- Work order system with Cartegraph – speak to Cabot or Lizzie and they can put in a work order for review
- Brad (biker, hiker)
 - Respectful dialogue isn't necessarily respectful – with all mountain bikers being lumped into the same box and they aren't all the same
 - Concerned about elimination of mountain-bike only trails from safety
 - b/c they are quicker mode of transportation they may be faster than a hiker
 - Mountain bikers don't cause more erosion than other users, more about trail volume and should be looked at
- Sandra Baird (coach, mtb team)
 - Need new signage
 - Cross country trails are typical single-track trails that may go downhill
 - How is removing down-hill directional designation going to be safer?
 - Will be changing
 - Creating a schedule for and communicating it out for when the teams will be out there and communication out for when users are out there
- Beau Merrifield (mtb)
 - Student cycling league
 - Berms out, wheels down, will lessen experience
 - Want to see other mtb facilities developed before these features are taken out
 - Only 6 trails that are one-way, and some are h/b, don't see why they have to be excluded
- Skip Lang (used to be a neighbor, hiker, runner, biker)
 - Many users are multiple types of users, in favor of mixed use
 - Seen Finn Hill make similar changes and mountain biking decline in the park
 - Feel that if we go this direction you're essentially excluding the mountain bikers

In line for Q&A when meeting ended due to time:

Mark Glyde

Elva Van Donge

Dianna Davis

Kristin Kelly

Ashley McDonald

Bjorn

Doug Lehning

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Julie McDonald

Chris & Jenny Buckley

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