

**Recreational Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**

**Committee Members Present:** Karen Mulari (C), Steve Lindow, Larry Knutson, Lonnie Neuner, Katherine Warren, Hank Ludtke, Ben Grimsley, Del Bergseth

**Staff Present:** Martin Wiley, Guy Fischer

**Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda:** Matt Davis, Jeff Staley, Mark Fritz

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:
  - October Meeting Minutes approved (Neuner motion, Grimsley 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed)
2. Open Forum: No Speakers
3. North Country Trail – Matt Davis presenting. Close to wrapping up public lands portion of the NCT trail development in Becker County – moving to private lands. Looking to utilize an Optimum Location Review (OLR) process for determine best trail location. Interested in getting County to participate. Route issues in getting the trail developed to Frazee – currently utilizing Hwy 29 ROW which provides a road walk into Frazee, but after the best trail experience which is where the OLR process comes into play. Some discussion of landowners in area and easements. Might County be interested in participating, what of interest in helping with easements/acquisition issues related to trail development? Mulari – recommendation? Knutson – role would have to be defined. Grimsley – are their federal resources that could help? Davis – better handled locally, NCT not into land management. Bergseth –concurred with Knutson, support but its in the details. Mulari so support for County to be involved but that involvement remains to be determined. Could involve a commitment of staff. RAC Recommendation to Board to have someone from the County involved in planning (motion by Neuner, seconded by Lindow), motion passed.
4. Legacy Grant Application – Project Scope; Staley – Detroit Mountain, purpose built bike trails - various other trail elements. Detroit Mountain will initially develop 2. 5 miles of gravity downhill trails with various terrain elements incorporated and flow trails. Interest in seeing more trails and per constraints interested in the County building more mt. bike flow trails. Additionally discussion of connecting Detroit Mt. and Mt. View and connecting both to the Heartland Trail. Fritz – large impact to local economy; referenced Cayuna trails and the 30,000 visits that brings to that area. Ludtke – the trails are transforming Crosby Ironton downtown and housing. Mulari – recreation opportunity (healthy loves idea of biking and place for families to go. Fritz - because Detroit Mountain has only 200 acres Mt. View becomes important to expand mt. biking opportunities with more trail development; could turn a one day visit into a 3 day visit if we have more trails. Ludtke – amenities are important for attracting workers to our area. RAC Recommendation to Board to pursue Legacy Grant; (general consensus).
5. Dunton Locks projects: Wiley - TRAM requires a rebuild of Muskrat pulley; will be seeking board direction. Discussion about comments received from public as part of soliciting input on next steps. Various RAC members expressed concerns with the trams cost effectiveness, using public funds to keep tram running relative to the number of people that use it. RAC recommended to the Board not to use public funds to fix the tram (general consensus).
6. Discussion about holding the next RAC meeting in June.
7. Meeting Adjourned.