



**NOTICE OF AGENDA  
PUBLIC MEETING  
Canyon Springs Road Project  
Ad Hoc Committee  
Thursday, April 21, 2016 11:30AM  
City Council Chambers  
305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East Twin Falls, ID 83301**

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**Canyon Springs Road Project**

**Ad Hoc Committee Members:**

Katie Breckenridge   John Lezamiz   Tony Mannen   Dave McCullom   Rick Novacek   Jim Olson   Linda Roberts  
Todd Schwarz   Jaime Tigue

**Facilitator: Phil Kushlan**

Staff: Troy Vitek, Lori Williamson

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**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

1. Confirmation of quorum
2. Introduction of staff

**II.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Minutes from the following meeting(s): March 17, 2016

**III. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

Committee will meet at the Council Chambers at 11:30am

1. Brian with JUB will discuss Option A with the committee. 11:30-12:30
2. Adjourn at 12:30 to tour Katie Breckenridge's Property, along with the Canyon Rim and Canyon Springs Road. We can meet in the C3 parking lot.

**IV. PUBLIC INPUT AND/OR ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/THE PUBLIC/CITY STAFF**

**V. UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Next public meeting to be scheduled for Thursday May 19, 2016

**VI. ADJOURN MEETING:**

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MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Breckenridge, Lezamiz, Mannen, McCullum, Novacek, Virgin-Roberts, Schwarz

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Vitek, Williamson, Strickland,

Council Liaison: Barigar

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**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

1. Confirmation of quorum: Meeting Facilitator Kushlan called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. He then confirmed a quorum present
2. Williamson did a roll call and then Kushlan proceeded with the meeting.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Minutes from the following meeting(s): **February 18, 2016**
2. **Phil requested to make an amendment to the current items of discussion. Unanimously approved.**
3. **Katie ask for a modification to minutes, regarding her request to update alternative #1 in the binder provided at the previous meeting. Unanimously approved.**

**III. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. Update of Option one presented by Mike Woodworth with Strata.
2. Signage
3. Signal
4. Alternative locations

Mike from Strata, gave a brief update on reevaluating alternative one. Which included reconfiguring the Canyon face primarily through blasting and creating a catch ditch for rock fall through different options and different geometries and different ways to try to do that to try to minimize the amount of rock that would need to be removed through an economic stand point. They have gone through and created a base line for a preliminary design, but they are still going through and putting some cost estimates together and working on refinement to that design to make sure that #1 it looks good on paper and #2 if it were to ever come to this, it is something that somebody could actually go out and physically construct. Breckenridge let the committee know that after the last meeting Brian came out to the Breckenridge property and did walk the Canyon Rim Wall with Katie and Rob, and he did look at all the things that are going on out there, Breckenridge said she appreciated the fact that Mike has stepped up too, she can't encourage this committee enough to set up a time in the very near future for all of them to come out, so they can see what they are going to be talking about as far as rock fall and the stabilizing of the rim. Breckenridge did explain to the committee the areas that they walked and the things they looked at, she did explain also that from the position of standing on the top and looking down you do not see the road. Again Breckenridge did encourage the committee to come and take a look, after that she stated that she would not be at the June meeting and asked, that there not be a discussion of the stabilization of the rim wall at that meeting.

Kushlan mentioned a site visit at the April or May meeting. The committee thought the April meeting would be the best time to do that. Kushlan mentioned that the staff has been going through various options, and Vitek will talk to us about those. Kushlan also mentioned the

committee look at other kinds of out the box solutions that we could look at in addition to the alternative.

Vitek, mentioned there has been a lot of vocal concern about the rock fall, the pedestrians and access to the Canyon, we contracted with JUB and Strata. Then we had option 1 which had a rough estimate price tag of 6.5 million dollars, so we were concerned if that was our only option? Which then led to the formation of this council. Vitek wanted to share with the committee some of the options that staff looked at.

**Signage-Sign-** the walk way "no pedestrian traffic" it's difficult to enforce but it is enforceable. There is a cost with that \$15,000 plus or minus, he also said we can sign it "single file only" this would be a hard one to enforce because when you see people down there they are always 4 abreast, cars have to go around them and they don't seem to yield. We could possibly enforce that with barriers, but difficult to enforce.

**Signalization-** one at the top and one at the bottom, this issue with this would be timing on the lights. This could greatly affect some of the property owners. The cost for this is approximately \$400,000.00

**Alternative locations-** these options have been discussed amongst the council and in our group. This is not the only place you can walk and this still has a rock fall issue that we need to deal with.

**Perrine Bridge Area,** there is a goat trail up under the Perrine Bridge, extremely vertical, unfortunately this is all BLM land.

**Property over by the Sportsman's Warehouse area** at some point this property reversed to a private property owner instead of BLM.

**Settler's Ridge Portion,** there is a portion that has been downgraded from a road to a pathway, there is an easement in there the line is straight but the Canyon rim meanders, so you could have a trail on top and possibly below. This option would not be wide enough for a road way, but it could be wide enough for a trail with proper planning. Consequences is that people may want go on and access auger falls, so you really are not taking pedestrian traffic off of there without signage included. The other issue is the parking situation. The only area is up at the top, where a parking area could possibly be developed. Vitek asked for group input.

McCullom asked Vitek to point out the Washington St overlook, because that could be a potential parking place also. Schwarz asked what the private ownership situation was between that parking lot and the gun club. Vitek said the gun club owns every on the north, the south is a private property owner, it is plan to develop some potential professional offices. The City would have to negotiate to buy some of that property if the need came up. Breckenridge was concerned about the gun club shooting towards that direction. Vitek said the gun club shoots NE and the trail would go off to the NW. There was some discussion on getting from the Parking on Wash to the gun club. Mannen asked if there was any sort of price for the above option yet. Vitek said no, there as only been discussion at this point. McCullom asked if there was a possible route that the City Water Line goes up the wall. Vitek tried to point out and explain the way the water is pumped up and the flow of the water line. It was a little hard to see on the map. Schwarz commented on the fact that trying to separate the pedestrian traffic from the vehicular traffic makes sense. Schwarz asked for the opinion of the rest of the group. Virgin-Roberts comment/question asked in the broad spectrum of things "why can't we have it all eventually in phases," she said that people are coming from all over the world to access our canyon and our bridge. Virgin-Roberts would like to see is all possibly in phases for the future of Twin Falls. Vitek said that the phases do make sense. They also discussed some of the property that was washed out during the big rain storm. Virgin-Roberts commented on a small vehicle being able to access down the Settlers Path if that was a future possibility? Vitek commented that the pathway would have to be 10ft in order to get a small vehicle in there. It would not be sufficient access for a fire truck, there would have to be an alternate route. Virgin-Roberts said that she has had several people reference a trail in Moab along the Colorado River that over extends the River. Novacek said he had the same comment from someone and he feels it is something that we should really take a look at. Major Barigar reiterated what Troy had said about

looking at the alternatives and possibly separating them. Mayor Barigar, mentioned that in looking at the alternatives it may be best to separate the two issues. 1) Is the pedestrian & fitness access, that doesn't mean not addressing the roadway and Canyon Wall issues separately? Mayor Barigar asked the committee if they felt that an alternative route would be used and would people change their behavior and move to the new location instead of using the other one? There is already another alternative that exists, but doesn't seem to be attracting those fitness users. Virgin-Roberts doesn't feel that you can keep people off of that trail that want to walk on that grade, is in the heart of the Canyon. It's just too convenient. Mannen said he would offer a differing opinion on that he thinks that if we have a safer option for the public and if we say you will be fined if you walk down this roadway. Just like you would be if you would be walking down Blue Lakes Blvd. Mannen suggest that we have some sort of public opinion survey. Breckenridge spoke again and explained some ideas on how the trail would or could be connected in front of her property. She is concerned of the extreme danger to the person putting the mesh down in order to catch rock fall to stabilize the wall. Breckenridge again is encourage the committee to come and look at the property. Virgin-Roberts asked Breckenridge a question on how this might work. Breckenridge explained again her idea of how it would work. Kushlan explained in looking at the wall you could see what Breckenridge was talking about for an alternative path. Breckenridge said that all of this land has been surveyed and they have been working with JUB and the City. McCullom asked if what Breckenridge was talking about was in any of the pictures in the back of the book. Breckenridge said the area of what she is talking about is in the back of the book, but the concept of what she is talking about is not. Breckenridge also mentioned that you also need to look at is how stable is the wall? McCullom asked if the issue of blasting would endanger not only the property owners but also would the sewer line be in danger. Kushlan said that any blasting regimen would have to consider what's out there and how is going to impact it. Mike spoke up and said that is one thing that they are looking at is the impact on those houses and the existing infrastructure, including the sewer line. Vitek also mentioned that they are also reviewing how do you maintain access down there while you do this work? If could take weeks, that is unacceptable for the Golf course business as well as the waste water treatment plant, and access to the Canyon. Lezamiz asked about funding issues and cost. Lezamiz was wanting some info on what the funding options are? Kushlan explain that they plan on bringing back at some future meeting basically a smorgasbord of all funding options that are available to Cities in Idaho. There are not a lot. But basically you do have the potential for a bond issue, with a 66 2/3 yes vote requirement. The city has had some success with passing bond issues, he also talked about a 2 year capital serial levy with a 50% plus 1 approval rate, but that is only a 2 year funding cycle, they have been trying to deal with the legislature to make that a 5 year funding cycle. The city could set aside money. There is potential for a local improvement district. Kushlan is not advocating any of these, but those are some of the options that exist in statue. Kushlans thought was to come back once we get our arms around the magnitude of this thing to bring to you what all of the funding options are, the good ones, the bad ones, the ugly ones and kind of compare that against the magnitude of the task that we are looking at. Hopefully as this group concludes their work they will be in a position to recommend one of the funding options. Novacek mentioned another option may be a recreational trails program grant. Novacek also inquired about parking at the top of the hill he does not see that being addressed. Kushlan explained that one of the charges of the committee was to look at the parking issues associated with it. Schwarz, inquired if there was a parks and recreation district currently out there? Mayor Barigar explained that parks and recreation districts are generally funded from the cities they are associated with. There is an option to create a recreation district, this takes an election. Mayor Barigar said there may be some restrictions on how much money could be used for that, but it is certainly an option. He also said that to add to Rick's comment that certainly grant funds could be a consideration, we have a grant writer on staff that could address that. Mayor Barigar said he would also throw out the option of potentially a private community based foundation. Often funds are based on private foundations that contribute funds to that, it's sort of a voluntary user fee so if you use the trails you are a part of that. After some more discussion from the committee members, Kushlan then asked if there was any more comment from the committee. Kushlan then discussed the alternates that were talked about during the meeting. Breckenridge gave us a history of the goat trail. Virgin-Roberts addressed another question to Mayor Barigar

about grant fund. Mayor Barigar gave some explanation of how we do look at all of those options and that the grant funds are very specific on what you can do.

Kushlan then addressed if there was public input. They then talked about doing a walk through on the properties, Schwarz and Mannen stated that neither one of them would make the April meeting, so if there was a possible alternative time to do this. Kushlan mentioned that we may be able to look at an alternate date. The goal is to get as many people out there at a time that we can to look at this.

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**VI. ADJOURN MEETING: 12:53PM**

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