

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSTUDY NOTES**

August 27, 2009

Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

Mayor Botts called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Botts, Councilmembers Bowie, Boston, Olness and Mulvihill.

ABSENT: Councilmember Hanson (excused)

Staff present: Gwendolyn Voelpel, City Administrator; Aaron Nix, Natural Resources/Parks Director and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk.

Black Diamond Trail Plan

Natural Resources/Parks Director Nix briefed Council on the progress that has been made in regards to the Black Diamond Trail Plan. He explained the project is on schedule and within budget. He discussed the steps that have been taken so far – formation of citizens group, brainstorming workshop and open house. He highlighted major comments received and noted the biggest issue is how this trail plan will be funded. He reminded everyone the proposed trail plan is “big picture” and all trails on the maps are subject to change as the process moves forward.

Mr. Nix introduced Tom Beckwith of Beckwith Consulting, whom discussed with Council the process that was used for the brainstorming workstudy. He noted that one specific area at a time was addressed during the workstudy and in total 27 specific areas were reviewed. He also reviewed with Council the handouts showing the proposed trail systems, which included trail destinations, multi-purpose trails, off-road hiking trails, off-road single track mountain bike trails, horse trails, off-leash dog trails, off-road mountain bike (family) trails, on-road walking routes and sidewalks, on-road bicycle access and touring routes. In addition, he briefly reviewed prototype trail development costs and guidelines for motorized/non-motorized systems.

In closing, Mr. Beckwith reported the next step in the process will be the phone survey and lastly will be the goal section of the plan. Council asked to see a draft of the final survey at the next trail workstudy schedule for September 24, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

The workstudy ended at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Howard Botts, Mayor


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk