

RIM TRAIL PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The Page Rim Trail is an important and valuable recreational resource for the community of Page. The City has nearly completed the Rim Trail Project, that involved the creation of a trail map, marketing materials and the design, fabrication and installation of trailhead, on-trail, and street crossing signs throughout the Rim Trail.

BACKGROUND

The project began in 2014, when the Tourism Board commissioned an assessment of the Rim Trail, seeking recommended improvements and an evaluation of the trails potential to draw tourists. The assessment concluded that "...there was potential to create an extra half-day of activity for tourists and for fatbike touring." The report identified road crossings as a barrier for use, as well as the lack of a map and accurate way-marking signs.

RIM TRAIL TASK FORCE

Shortly after the assessment was completed, a task force made up primarily of Tourism and Park and Recreation Advisory Board Members was established to make recommendations for Rim Trail improvements. Over the next eighteen months, the task force established a plan for the trail, which included:

- Creating a Rim Trail map;
- Establishing and formalizing primary trailheads;
- Designing, fabricating and installing trailhead, on-trail signage and street crossing signs; and
- Creating a marketing campaign for the Rim Trail.

TRAIL MAP & DESIGNATION OF TRAILHEADS

The task force and City staff, with the support of the City Council, implemented the Rim Trail plan. The first step was the creation of a trail map and the designation of four primary trailheads:

- North Lake Powell Boulevard trailhead;
- Lake View trailhead;
- Airport trailhead; and
- Library trailhead.



SIGNAGE

The second step was the design of the trailhead, on-trail and street crossing signs. Each trailhead sign includes: a trail map with trailhead and access points, points of interest, safety information, and photos of the views from each trail segment. A special thank you to National Park Service staff who designed the signs and fabricated the on-trail signs and to Photographer Gary Ladd, who provided the beautiful photographs.

MARKETING

The third step was a marketing campaign for the trail, which included marketing ads created specifically to generate interest in the Rim Trail, and a brochure (printed in three languages) that includes a map and photo tips.

PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

City staff has cleaned up the trailheads, placed trash receptacles and pet waste stations and has installed all the trailhead signs. Staff is now working with community volunteers, including the Boy Scouts, on installation of the other signage.

The City is proud of the partnerships that have been formed and the work that has been completed to enhance our wonderful Rim Trail. ♦

Page Balloon Regatta

The annual Page-Lake Powell Balloon Regatta is scheduled for November 2-5, 2017.

PAGE-LAKE POWELL BALLOON REGATTA SCHEDULE:

EDUCATION DAY

Thursday, Nov. 2 is Education Day at Page Public Schools.

BALLOON LAUNCH

Hot Air Balloons will launch from the Lake Powell National Golf Course Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 a.m. (Please note, all flights are weather permitting.)

BALLOON GLOW

The tradition that lights the darkened skies with glowing grounded balloons will be held on Lake Powell Blvd/Elm St. is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

STREET FAIR

A Street Fair (Beer Garden, Music, Games, Rides and Food) will be held at the Elm Street Mall - Lake Powell Boulevard and Elm Street. The street fair will be open Friday, Nov. 3 from 3-10 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SHUTTLE

For your convenience and to ease parking congestion on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Colorado River Discovery is sponsoring a bus shuttle, running from the Sports Complex to the Street Fair (6th Street - side closest to Safeway). The shuttle will pick up at the Sports Complex on the hour and pick up at 6th Street on the half hour.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on the Balloon Regatta or Balloon Glow please contact the Balloon Regatta Committee, at (928) 691-0899. For information on the Street Fair or shuttle, please contact the Page Lake Powell Chamber of Commerce, at (928) 645-2741. ♦

HORSESHOE BEND GROUNDBREAKING



The City of Page and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area held a ground breaking ceremony for an accessible trail to Horseshoe Bend Overlook on September 7, 2017. Working collaboratively, the National Park Service and the City were able to fast-track planning, public scoping, and design work to achieve groundbreaking in close to one year.

The trail is the first step in a master plan to create a world-class visitor experience at Horseshoe Bend, which has emerged as an international tourism destination. ♦

ZONING CODE UPDATE

The City of Page Zoning Code Task Force is pleased to present the draft Page Zoning Ordinance. This working draft document is the result of eighteen months of work by the Zoning Code Task Force, with assistance from Community Development staff and the City's zoning consultant, Michael Baker International, under the guidance of City of Page residents.

This document is a “working draft that is under review by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) and the City Council. This review is a public process, and your input is desired. “It is important to understand that this working draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance for the community, and that during this review process, the document will be revised,” said Community Development Director, Kim Johnson.

The code update began in 2015, with a City Council Strategic Priority to “review and update City Code”. During the summer and fall of 2015, City Staff reviewed the Zoning Code and provided recommendations to the P&Z regarding key issues that needed to be addressed. In February 2016, the City Council authorized a professional services agreement with Michael Baker, International to provide expert zoning consultation.

In March 2016, the Council appointed a Zoning Code Task Force comprised of seven members of the public, representing the viewpoint of various elements of the community to work with Staff and the consultant to draft new zoning codes for the community. Prior to the first work session of the Zoning Code Task Force there was a community input process.

The project was formally kicked off in May 2016 with an intense two-day community emersion process. The first step

in this process was a zoning consultant meeting with key staff to identify code issues in need of specific attention, and to gather other general input about the project and process. Next were stakeholder meetings with key members of the community including developers and builders, representatives of the business community, board and commission and Councilmembers, and other interested parties. An interactive joint work session of the City Council, P&Z and Zoning Code Task Force, to introduce the project, discuss process, gather input from members, and identify issues followed. Finally, an interactive community workshop was held.

The Taskforce had several work sessions of extended duration between August 2016 and June 2017, the result of which is the working draft of the City of Page Zoning Ordinance.

The City Council and P&Z had a joint work session in June to begin discussing the draft document. Currently the Council is reviewing the draft document to identify topics of particular interest for further review with the Zoning Consultant. Once this list of topics is complete, the Council and P&Z will meet in joint sessions with the City's expert zoning consultant to discuss the topics and any recommended revisions related thereto.

Once the City Council and P&Z have made their revisions, there will be another community meeting to present the draft document and solicit community input. Upon finalizing the document for adoption, there will be a public hearing after which the City Council will consider adoption of the Ordinance.

The City of Page Official Zoning Map will be digitized and adopted in conjunction with this process. It should be noted that no properties are being rezoned.

It is anticipated the process moving forward will take three to six months. A copy of the draft Zoning Ordinance is available, at www.cityofpage.org. For more information, please contact Community Development Director, Kim Johnson, at 928-645-4261. ♦

POLICE VEHICLES RECEIVE TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

The Page Police Department has received an upgrade to their patrol units. The mobile data consoles help enhance Officer safety, and job efficiencies while on duty. The in-car unit allows Officers to quickly access information on vehicles and suspects without having to contact dispatch. With the GPS tracking, dispatch and other officers can quickly locate an Officer or even help direct an Officer to a location. Officers can complete their reports in the units, which will allow them more spend more time in the community. ♦



CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS DARBY MCNUTT

On September 13, Darby McNutt was appointed to serve on the Page City Council. McNutt will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Scott Sadler. His appointment will run through the next election in November 2018. Prior to his appointment, McNutt served on the City's Community Development Advisory Board. ♦



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