

MINUTES

CLIENT : Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site (MA)
PROJECT : CRADLE OF HUMANKIND MTB TRAIL
PROJECT No : J31265
PURPOSE : Public Meeting – Mountain bikers
PLACE : Walter Sisulu Botanical Garden
DATE & TIME : 24 July 2012 18:00 – 20:00
MINUTE TAKER : Alecia Barnard

Attendees at the meeting are required to take their own notes and act on these rather than await the arrival of the minutes. The minutes serve as a record of discussions at the meeting.

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APOLOGIES

ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION

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1.	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	SP
2.	PRESENTATION - MBT'S	ALL
3.	OUTLINE OF PROGRAM	SP
4.	BACKGROUND	HP
5.	FEASIBILITY STUDY OBJECTIVES	HP
6.	STUDY METHODOLOGY	LdB

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7.	COHWHS CORE TRAIL PRINCIPLES	AM
8.	DESIGN PRINCIPLES	AM
8.	STATUS QUO	LdB
9.	GENERAL TRAIL FEATURES PREFERENCES	LdB
10.	TRAIL FEATURES RANKING	LdB
11.	ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW	SP
12.	PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND IDEAS	AM
13.	PROPOSED ROUTES – REQUEST INPUTS FROM THE COMMUNITY	LdB
14.	WAY FORWARD	LdB

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

WHO	INTEREST	QUESTION / COMMENT	FEEDBACK / RESPONSE
Trevor D'Oliveira	Property owner & Mountain bike enthusiast	The MTB survey process and feedback is not sufficient. Only 150 people responded	For the purposes of this study the survey reponse was used to inform the project team of MTB /cycling activity in the COH WHS – this is considered a snapshot of the activity. The project team has done the necessary engagements to try and understand issues better..
		How will pedestrians and Mountain bikes be managed on the proposed trails	HP - Hoping that design will help with pedestrian management. Need for ongoing involvement and information about cycle trails/lanes and their use is essential. The trails are for MBT use, not for pedestrian use. The trails will require ongoing management. The approach is to work together, then issue penalties if necessary
		Property owners put MBT races together. If there's a race planned for the day, how will locals that want to cycle on the proposed trails within the Cradle be managed	Organised - safety people etc. put measures in place to close the trails while there is a planned event in the COH WHS. Still need to look at best practise. Outside the heritage site, have no control. Private owners need to take that up with the property owners themselves
		To only cater for beginners, do not make it too simple because the average cyclists are advanced and will get bored	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough places in SA to get intermediate people out and cycle, safely. • Easier to make an easy trail more difficult than to make a difficult trail easier want to give them an opportunity and option to do a more difficult trail next to the easy trail. • Want to make trail systems

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			<p>available to everyone. Want to encourage cycling. Family time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got to work with what we've got. The terrain itself is not very challenging. • A lot of issues and bigger picture needs to be looked at – risk assessment issues etc.
		Muldersdrift is a hot spot for cyclers - need to try and reroute to this area. Easy access. there is a country breakfast place and reliable parking / safer	Noted
		Survey was not widely distributed.	HP - distributed survey emails to more than 900 people. Additional completed surveys will not necessarily provide more or additional information on the existing MTB activities in the study area.. Will never be possible to reach everyone.
Barry Mocke	Cycling community initiative	Want as many people possible to utilise the facility	Noted
		Phase 2 should become Phase 1. Distance is nice, and intermediate will be able to do it. Would rather ride a loop than going and coming back one way.	Noted
		<u>Land owner complaints.</u> "Will comment tomorrow night when all landowners are present." Concerns with safety for both cyclists and cars and pedestrians. Want some of the cyclists to come to the owners meeting tomorrow night, so that they can understand the issues from the owners' side. Get both	HP – there was a reason for having 2 different sessions of Public meetings. The reason was to prevent an active debate taking place between the stakeholders and cyclists. The current aim is only to do a feasibility study. Not sort out years of quarrelling between landowners and mountain bikers and cyclists.

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		sides of the story	
		The plans must include how to work and address issues at hand - MBT and Cyclist ride together. Want MTB by choice to be off of the road, and not interfere with the cyclists	Noted.

The meeting was conducted in a positive and orderly manner and the project team was thanked for engaging with stakeholders on this project,