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**Agenda:**

1. Update for alternate site locations.
2. HTA update.
3. Committees

Update for alternate site locations:

Collin suggested a location by Ray’s Splash Planet (15 North Sycamore Street) – there seems to be available land nearby and a greenway. There does not seem to be any cover, however. No other locations were noted. Continued research will be done to find a few backup sites.

HTA Update:

Richard attended a HTA (Hospitality and Tourism Association) meeting and was able to meet with the president of the association, Mohammad Jenatian. Mohammad expressed interest in helping create an urban mountain bike park in Charlotte. Currently the HTA is helping get various other sport facilities built in Charlotte area, and the I-277 project seems to be something the HTA would support. Richard was able to get on the Agenda for the next HTA meeting and would like to present a Power Point slideshow to the group. The slideshow will include pictures from the Seattle I-5 project and the proposed site in Charlotte.

Committee

Edward discussed forming committees within the Trailblazers club that would specialize in certain things. For example, there would be a grants committee that would find and apply for grants. Another committee could focus on donations.

Additional discussion items:

Lowes or Home Depot could be approached about donating materials (used or new) for use in building the trail.

The I-5 colonnade had signs of homeless people living in the trails; this is something to keep in mind when building our trail. A partnership with the Crisis Ministry could be helpful with this issue.

Slowgoat suggested that we ask the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance President to record a short video explaining the positive impact the I-5 project has had for the Seattle community. This video could be included in the presentation to the HTA or other like groups.

Richard stressed the need to find a local celebrity to champion this project.

Next Steps:

1. Prepare a presentation for the HTA and other organizations.
2. Find out who owns the land under I-277.
3. Conference call with other clubs (EMBA, Ashville).
4. Find alternate backup sites.