

COMOTA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2025					
Location: 1901 Vandiver					
Attendance:					
⊠ Mark Alvarez	□Sam Botts	⊠Yvonne Buchheit	⊠Andrea Earlywine		
□Anita Ellis	□Josh Johnson	⊠Anatolie Juncu	⊠Beth Kelly		
⊠Brian Kukla	☐Lelande Rehard	⊠Andy Schuette	⊠Nate Smith		
□Philip Stambaugh	⊠Josh Stockwell	☐ Michelle Teti	□Elliot Usher		
I. Call to Order 8:0	00 pm				
II. Approval of Agenda: Approved					
III Approval of Minutes: Approved					

IV. Kay-Linn Discussion:

- **a.** Board Commitments and Pledge (clickable link)
- **b.** Review proposed committee obligations for where you would like to serve

V. Treasurer's Report

Current Total	
September Expenditures	
Other Comments	

VI. Committee/Event Quick Reports

- a. Rutherford Bridge- Mark- still working on due diligence for the bridge
- b. Wednesday Night Honeysuckle Removal- Andy- wrapped up for the season due to lack of daylight. It was a successful project with lots of new and returning volunteers.
- c. October 30th Tree Planting- Nate: This was a successful event that hopefully can pave the way for more collaborations with student groups in the future.
- d. Apparel Nate: We are waiting on proofs for winter hats/headbands.
- e. All Members Meeting Social Committee: ~21 people there throughout the evening. Activity attendance was well-balanced with 6 people on hike/ trail work and 9 on the bike ride. The committee recommends bringing the volunteer appreciation party closer to town next year and maintaining the campout as a social/work event.

VII. Ongoing Business



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- a. Volunteer Hours Report
 - i. continue to log our hours: https://comotrails.org/log-your-volunteer-hours/
 - ii. 62 different work events this year! And we'll have over 2,000 hours annually.
- b. MTNF- Nate & Andy: Boydsville TH is now closed to the public. COMOTA is looking continue work after hunting season ends (12/6). Groups can meet at County Rd 354 or Paris Chapel.
- c. Rock Bridge Springbrook Trail Reroute- Nate: waiting on cultural clearance approval,
- d. Rhett's Trail Masterplan- Andy, Sam, and Nate: Working on a formal presentation to City Parks & Rec.
- e. Branded and promotional materials: signs, business cards, pop-up tent, etc. Andy has finalized these items and we should have them soon.

VIII. New Business

- a. Upcoming Elections at the December Board Meeting
 - i. Terms expiring with option to re-elect: Josh Stockwell, Andrea Earlywine, Sam Botts, Elliot Usher. Sam and Brian notified the board that they will not seek re-election.
 - ii. Keeping Board at 16
- b. ComoGives- Yvonne & Andrea: postcards for previous donors are ready to order. The fundraising period is 12/1- 12/31.
- c. Proposed purchase of CanyCom Walk-behind rubber track carrier:
 <u>https://canycomsales.com/products</u>. COMOTA has already fundraised for this item. Motion to spend \$7000 on it passed.
- d. There is a proposal for a partnership with City Parks & Recreation on an equipment storage facility. More details will come as they are available.
- e. Upcoming community events
 - i. Columbia Parks & Rec invasive mitigation class
 - 1. Free and required to get certified to apply herbicide in City parks
 - 2. 12/9 6-7:30 pm @ Parks Management Center 1507 Business Loop 70 W
 - 3. Email Kylie kylie.platt@como.gov to sign up
 - ii. ForColumbia Event Saturday, April 25th, 2026- Gans Creek Rec Area collaborating with Parks and Rec

IX. Adjournment 9:05 pm

Action/Event	Owner	Due Date
See your email from Kay-Linn for where to give feedback.	All Board	
	Members	
Trail Film Fest	Andrea	Spring 2026
	Earlywine	



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ForColumbia w/ City Parks & Rec @ Gans Creek Rec Area	April 25th, 2026