



Linn County Trails Association Board Meeting Monday July 10th, 2017



The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association’s Board of Directors was held on July 10th, 2017 at the Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

Attendance:

Board Member	√
Sarah Barber	X
Dean Barnum	
John Ernst	
Vicky Evans	X
Paul Fiegen (Past-President)	X
Leland Freie	
John Hager	x
Diane Handler	
<u>Steve Hershner</u>	x
Kevin Kirchner (Vice-President)	
Kyle Lundberg	
Ron McGraw	
Dick Mundy	x
Brad Mullin (Secretary)	X
Gary Palmer	x
Phillip Platz	x
Tom Peffer (President)	x
Larry Scott	x
Kirschen Seah	x
Rich Smith	X
Keith Sutherland (Treasurer)	
John Wauer	
Dick Woodward	x

<u>Advisory Board Members</u>	
Ron Griffith (CR Engineering Dept)	
Daniel Gibbins (CR Parks and Rec. Dept.)	
Dan Biechler (Linn County Conservation)	
Randy Burke (Linn County Conservation)	x
Dennis Goemaat (Linn County Conservation)	
Kesha Billings (City of Marion)	
Brandon Whyte (Multimodal Transportation Planner, Corridor MPO Rep.)	
Barry McQuiston (LAMBA Rep)	
Ken Barker (LAMBA)	
Ed Holstrom (Trail Map Distribution)	

Guests: Dale Jackson, Nicole Roth

Call to Order:

President, Tom Peffer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the June board meeting were distributed electronically. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

In Keith Sutherland absence, Tom Peffer reported current assets of \$78,97. The report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

1. Trail Advocacy Committee:

A. Linn County Conservation: Randy Burke gave the following report on trail-related projects:

1. West Blue Creek Bridge:

Work is progressing well. With the deck completed, the next step is the construction of approaches to the bridge. A completion of the project will occur in the next couple of weeks. The bridge should be opened by August 12th.

2. Trail Paving, Cedar Valley Trail, Schultz Rd. to Ash Lane:

The asphalt section of the trail was completed in late fall 2016. A kiosk is planned for construction at the Center Point Depot along with the installation of bike racks and a Fix-It station. Phillip Platz agreed to contact the County about establishing a date for a ribbon cutting ceremony and/or activities. The board discussed possible dates in August with Saturday August 12th as a tentative date.

3. Ely Trail: The project was awarded to a contractor. Construction is scheduled to begin August 1 and take 75 working days to complete. Seeding would occur next year.

4. East Blue Creek:

The County has a project agreement with IDOT for the East Blue Creek, and design work has begun. The letting is scheduled for August 2017. Their goal would be to replace this winter.

5. Red Cedar Trail:

The County hired a professional trail builder out of Austin, Texas. The construction of 2 to 2.5 mile of new singletrack mountain bike trail is complete.

C. Linn Area Mountain Bike Association (Nicole Roth):

1. Landfill Development: The group is working with the Solid Waste Agency to develop mountain bike trails on the site of the closed landfill.

2. Anglers Eyelet Loop: LAMBA has completed a short loop off the current singletrack along the Sac and Fox Trail. The new loop is referred as Anglers Eyelet Loop.

2. Trails Operations and Safety Committee: Dick Mundy

1. Trail Maintenance Meeting: Dick met with Daniel Gibbons and several members the Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Department on June 21st. Dick would like any suggestions in regards to safety issues and needed improvements along Cedar Rapids trails for future meetings.

3. Outreach and Public Awareness Committee (Phillip Platz and Paul Fiegen):

1. Phillip Platz: LCTA Fall Capital Campaign: a committee still needs to meet to discuss ideas for the campaign.

2. Cedar Rapids Public Library Presentation: On June 15th, Paul Feigen gave a powerpoint presentation to several attendees.

3.. Health Solutions 8K Race/ Fifth Seasons 5K Expo:. Paul Fiegen and Brad Mullin attended the event and handed out trail maps and answered trail questions.

4. Cedar Rapids Downtown Farmers' Market: Brad Mullin reported parking 107 bikes at the June 17th market and 138 bikes at the July 1st market. Brad expressed gratitude to Dean Barnum, Paul Fiegen, Kevin Kirchner, Tom Pepper, Leland Freie, Dick Woodward and John Wauer for their assistance. Sign-up sheets for the July 15th and August 5th markets were circulated.

5. Marion Uptown Market: On July 8th, Brad Mullin and Vicky Evans staffed an informational booth and parked 3 bicycles. The next Uptown Market is August 12th.

6. Imagine Moundview Event: The Moundview neighborhood association and area businesses will hold an event on Saturday September 9th on area streets. The organizers expressed an interest in having the LCTA park bicycles and hand out information. Brad Mullin agreed to attend the event.

New Business:

1. "Northtowne Gives" Promotion: Northtowne Fitness and Cyclery will donate a small portion of any purchase back to the LCTA if a customer uses the password "LCTA2017" at the register.

2. Keith Fletcher: The board recognized the passing of LCTA board member and volunteer Keith Fletcher. Keith was instrumental in the creation of the Grant Wood Trail in the earlier years of the organization.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm



Linn County Trails Association CALENDAR OF EVENTS



LCTA Board Meetings

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Monday, August 14th, 6:00pm

Location: Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building

1111 Shaver Rd. NE.