

Linn County Trails Association

Board Meeting

Monday June 10, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Monday June 10, 2013 at the United Way of East Central Iowa. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Steve Hershner (President) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Sarah Barber Dean Barnum Dave Carpenter Vicky Evans Paul Fiegen Ron McGraw Dick Mundy Gary Palmer Tom Pepper Eric Penne Kirschen Seah Mindy Seiffert Mike Wilson Chad Zenisek Randy Burke Dennis Goemaat Kesha Billings

Guests:

Larry Scott John Ernst Kyle Lundberg Nikki Davison Richard Bradford

Call to Order:

President, Steve Hershner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the May board meeting were distributed electronically. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$96,155. Approval of the May Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.

Presentation: Rockwell Collins Bicycling Community: Nikki Davison and Richard Bradford

The Rockwell Collins Bicycling Community (RCBC) began in 2008. In 2009, the RCBC received a Rockwell Collins Green Communities Grant and support from several cycling advocates within the organization. The RCBC encourages Rockwell Collins employees to commute to work on bicycle. The RCBC has a membership of over 350 individuals all across the United States. In 2012, the Cedar Rapids division of Rockwell Collins received a Bicycle Friendly Business designation from the American League of Bicyclists. The RCBC organizes activities -- particularly informational sessions on commuting. The group also partners with other organizations and the city to provide information and encouragement for bike commuting. Rockwell Collins is participating in 2013 National Bike Challenge. More than 50,000 Americans will attempt to unite and ride more than 20 million miles in communities nationwide! The free, online program encourages biking for transportation, fitness and recreation. The RCBC is active in registering cyclists for National Bike to Work Week with 17 facilities participating in the 2013 event. The group provided t-shirts and give-a-ways to participants.

Reports for Standing Committees:

A. Public Awareness and Support (Paul Fiegen):

1. LCTA T-shirt redesign: It is recommended that the LCTA run out of current sizes, and release a new t-shirt design in 2014. Dean Barnum would like suggestions for new t-shirt logos and volunteers for a committee.
2. National Trails Day, June 1st, 2013: The American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® is the country's largest celebration of trails. The Linn County Trails Association provided free food and beverages to trail

enthusiasts at the Cedar Rapids Downtown Farmers' Market. Estimate between 100 and 150 people used the bike corral that day.

2013 NTD volunteers:

Vicky Evans
Leland Freie
Mike and Esther Wilson
Dean Barnum
Paul Fiegen
John Wauer
Larry Scott
Michelle and Ken Barker
Rob Johnson
Steve Hershner

2013 NTD Sponsors:

Target
Panera Bread
Blue Strawberry Coffee Company
Croissant Du Jour: French Patisserie and Café
Jules Bakery
Fareway
Quaker
Hy-Vee
Sykora Bakery
Wal-Mart
Linn Area Mountain Bike Association
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance
City of Cedar Rapids Bicycle Advisory Committee and Bicycle Ambassadors

B. Trail Development (Steve Hershner):

1. City of Cedar Rapids: Steve Hershner reported that plans for the Ellis Trail connection from the boat harbor to Edgewood and the Cedar River Trail underpass of the CRANDIC Railroad Bridge are moving forward.

2. Linn County Conservation Department:

A. Randy Burke reported on Linn County recent trail development:

1. Grant Wood Trail: Plans are moving forward for the Grant Wood Trail Underpass of Highway 13. A bid letting is scheduled for October 2013. Construction is scheduled for Spring/Summer 2014.

2. Hoover Nature Trail: On May 13th, The Ely City Council selected "Alternate 1" as the preferred route (in agreement with the County Conservation Board) for the trail extension. The route will run parallel to Ely Rd from Ely City Hall to the Linn/Johnson County Line. Landowners have raised concerns about drainage.

3. Cedar Valley Nature Trail: ITC completed pole installation and the trail is open from Robins Rd. to County Home Rd. ITC will repair some damages made to the section of trail during installation. Crews will apply a two inch overlay in August of this section. An application of GSB is scheduled for August for most of the trail.

C. Government Support:

1. Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO): No Report

D. Trail Operations and Safety (Jeff Keiser):

1. No Report

New Business:

1. Board resignation: Kari Lammer submitted her resignation from the LCTA Board
2. July Board Meeting Cancellation: Steve Hershner proposed postponing the July meeting. Brad Mullin, after consulting the by-laws, proposed that the July meeting not occur. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August/September 2013



LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, August 12, 7:00pm

Location: United Way of East Central Iowa

317 7th Avenue SE

LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, September 9, 7:00pm

Location: United Way of East Central Iowa

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