

# **Linn County Trails Association**

## **Board Meeting**

### **Monday September 8, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Monday September 8, 2014 at the Shores Event Center. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

#### **LCTA Board Members:**

Steve Hershner (President), Paul Fiegen (Vice President), Brad Mullin (Secretary) Sarah Barber Michelle Braker Dean Barnum Vicky Evans John Hager Kyle Lundberg Ron McGraw Dick Mundy Gary Palmer Larry Scott Kirschen Seah Mindy Sieffert John Wauer Mike Wilson Dick Woodward Dan Biechler Ron Griffith Ed Holstrom

#### **Guests**

Kevin Kirchner Dave Schult

#### **Call to Order:**

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

#### **Approval of the Minutes:**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

In Keith's absence, Steve Hershner distributed the August treasurer's report, Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$87,538.

#### **Presentation: Ron Griffith: Bike Symbol Painting Project:**

The City of Cedar Rapids has a volunteer opportunity in regards to painting bicycle symbols on bike amenities throughout the city. Volunteers would, with the help of city employees, paint symbols within bike lanes. Initially, the project would focus on H Ave NE and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE. In addition, the city received a Linn County Public Health Grant for painting green bikes lanes on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE. It is a \$10,000 project.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

**1. Downtown Farmer's Market:** There is only one market remaining: September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Meet Me At the Market:** Meet Me at the Market is held every Thursday at the NewBo City Market. LCTA is a co-sponsor of the event. There is a need for more volunteers for the event. Please contact John Wauer if you interest in volunteering. NewBo City Market's Meet Me at the Market program will host a special event walk/bike ride to the top of Mount Trashmore on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business**

### **A.2014 Mayors' Bike Ride :**

On Monday morning, 359 registered riders enjoyed an 8.5 mile ride through Cedar Rapids using streets and trails. Pre-ride refreshments and informational displays were provided for everyone by this year's sponsors. This year's ride was sponsored by the Linn County Trails Association, Bike CR, and Scheldrup Blades Law Practice of Cedar Rapids. Scheldrup Blades contributed \$500 to the ride. As with every year, several local elected officials participated in this year's event. They included:

Cedar Rapids, Mayor: Ron J. Corbett

Springville, Mayor: Roger A. Shebetka

Fairfax, Mayor: Jason M. Rabe

Iowa Senate: District 33, Senator, Robert Hogg

Iowa House: District 66, Representative, Art Staed

Iowa House: District 68, Representative, Daniel Lundby

Iowa House: District 69, Representative, Kirsten Running-Marquardt

Cedar Rapids: Council Member: At Large, Susie Weinacht

Cedar Rapids: Council Member: District 4, Scott E. Olson

Robins: Council Member, Donald B. Norton II

**B. Cedar Valley Nature Trail Capital Campaign:** The committee has met several times. The committee has an updated brochure and donor letter. Any ideas in regards to possible business partners are encouraged. If you would like help with the capital campaign, contact Paul Fiegen.

**C.Five Seasons Citizenship Award:** The Board presented a signed thank you letter to John Wauer for his donation of \$1,000 to the LCTA. He received the funds from his Five Seasons Citizenship Award.

### **Reports for Standing Committees:**

#### **A. Public Awareness and Support (Paul Fiegen)**

1. **AmazonSmile Program:** The Linn County Trails Association is officially registered as part of the AmazonSmile Program. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop at smile.amazon.com. You can use the same account on *Amazon.com* and *AmazonSmile*. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select the Linn County Trails Association to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

2. **Cedar Rapids Community School Health and Wellness Fair:** The fair is Friday, October 10, Educational Leadership Building. One volunteer may be needed.

#### **B. Trail Development (Steve Hershner):**

##### **1.City of Cedar Rapids:**

**a. Hoover Trail Park:** A contract was awarded for building a new pavilion at the Hoover Trail Park along the Cedar River Trail.

**b. Prairie Creek Trail:** As a result of new sewer construction, the city plans to construct a trail from Tait Cummins Park to 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW. The alignment of the trail will follow the sewer construction.

##### **2.Linn County Conservation:**

**a. Cedar Valley Nature Trail closure:** Linn County reported that repairs to the Apple Creek Bridge are complete.

**b. Grant Wood Trail:** The Iowa Department of Transportation has relocated control of the project to the local office. The bid letting was rescheduled for October. Preliminary construction will occur in spring 2015. Creation of a new parking at 62<sup>nd</sup> Street will begin in the summer of 2014. The trail will closed during construction.

**c. Hoover Trail:** The Ely City Council has agreed to the alignment parallel to Ely Road on the east side. Preliminary work, rough grading and drainage culverts, could occur this fall. The construction of the trail will occur after funding is secured. The County is negotiating the acquisition of three permanent easements on private property for the trail. In July, the County will submit a State Recreational Trails Program grant for the construction of the trail.

**d. State Recreation Trail Program Grant Applications:**

Linn County Conservation submitted three grants for consideration in July. The projects were:

1. Hoover Trail Extension (Ely to the Linn County Line)
2. Phase IV Paving of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail: Schultz Road to Center Point
3. Squaw Creek Singletrack Mountain Trails.

In July, 56 applications were submitted (totaling \$20 million) for \$5 million in available funds.

**3. Linn Area Mountain Bike Association:**

- a. Squaw Creek Single Track Trails: LAMBA received a \$9,500 Marion Hotel Motel Tax Grant for the project. In partnership with Northtowne Cycling and Fitness and Specialized, the LAMBA is selling water bottles to raise funds of area mountain bike development. Each bottle costs \$5.
- b. Sac and Fox Trail: Plans are moving forward on the development of singletrack trails along the Sac and Fox Trails.
- c. Michelle Barker was appointed to the Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Commission.

**B. Trail Operations and Safety (Jeff Keiser):**

- 1 No Report

**New Business:**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**LCTA Board Meeting**

Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm  
Location: Shores Event Center  
700 16th St NE L100

**LCTA Board Meeting**

Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm  
Location: Shores Event Center  
700 16th St NE L100

**LCTA Supporter Appreciation Event**

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, TBD  
Location: Shores Event Center  
700 16th St NE L100