

Linn County Trails Association

Board Meeting

Monday November 10, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Monday November 10, 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), Keith Sutherland (Treasurer) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Michelle Braker Dean Barnum Vicky Evans Leland Freie Kyle Lundberg Ron McGraw Dennis Goemaat Brandon Whyte

Guests:

Curtis Stoekel Emily Weber Kevin Kirchner

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$90,823.

Presentation: *Brandon Whyte, Multi-Modal Coordinator, Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization*

Brandon summarized the past year's events in respect to area trail development:

Ely

2014 Accomplishments:

*In 2014, Ely received a \$1,700 Linn County Public Health Grant for 18 more bike racks. The city of Ely now has 68 bike parking spaces.

2015 Goals:

*Hoover Trail construction through the city of Ely and extension from the city to the Linn/Johnson County line.

Community Needs:

- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- *Bicycle Friendly Community Status Application
- *On Street Bicycle Facilities on Dows St.
- *Winter Trail Accommodations
- *Complete Streets Policy

Robins:

2014 Accomplishments:

*South Troy Park Trail received funding connecting the park to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. Installation of sharrows on Main St. from South Troy Rd. to the city limits. In 2015, initial construction of the South Troy Park Trail.

Community Needs

- *Bicycle Route and Wayfinding Accommodations
- *Bicycle Friendly Community Status Application
- *Complete Streets Policy

City of Cedar Rapids

2014 Accomplishments:

- *Adoption of a Complete Streets Policy, implemented on every road project from 2015 onward
- *Linn County Public Health Grant: addition of 24 more bike parking spaces
- *Iowa's first green bike lane
- *Iowa's Second On-street bike corral

2015 Goals

- *Rockwell Collins Green Communities Grant (\$1,500) funding for bicycle racks
- *More bicycle parking in the NewBo and Downtown District
- *Sharrows on Bever Avenue
- *Re-application for League of America Bicyclists: Bicycle Friendly Community Status
- *CMPO funding for Edgewood Trail from Ellis Blvd to Glass Road.
- *CMPO funding for Cherokee Trail
- *Completion of the Edgewood Trail from Ellis Blvd to O Ave.
- *Completion of the Edgewood Rd. Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge of Highway 30.
- *Resurfacing of the Cedar Lake Loop Trail
- *Warranty replacement of the bike racks at the NewBo City Market

Needs

- *Bike Route and Wayfinding System
- *Installation of Boyson Rd. Bike Lanes
- *Bicycle facilities on 42nd St. NE
- *Development of the Lindale Trail Extension
- *Planning on the Seminole Valley Trail
- *Establishment of Bicycle Priority Lanes on 3rd St.
- *City Bicycle Ordinance Update
- *City Bicycle Plan Update
- *City Pedestrian Plan Update
- *Establishment of Iowa's first protected bicycle facility, where parked cars would cyclists from traffic. May occur on 3rd Ave. in 2015.

Marion:

2014 Accomplishments:

- *Updated Trails Master Plan
- *Designated an official bicycle and pedestrian coordinator
- *Applied for and awarded Bicycle Friendly Community Status (Bronze)
- *Received MPO funding of the development of the Indian Creek Trail
- *Completion of a city-wide bicycle parking inventory.

2015 Goals:

- *Creation of the area's first bicycle boulevard
- *Initial planning of a bicycle route and wayfinding system
- *Completion of the design for the Marion portion of the CEMAR trail
- *Construction of the Tower Terrace Rd. extension from 10th St. to Indian Creek Rd.
(8ft trail on both sides)
- *Addition of more bicycle parking in select Marion Parks
- *Development of a city specific bike map.

Needs:

- *A bicycle route and wayfinding system
- *More on-street bicycle facilities
- *More bicycle parking throughout the city.
- *An adoption of a Complete Streets Policy.

Linn County:

2014 Accomplishments:

- *Design of the Grant Wood Trail Underpass.
- *Cedar Valley Nature Trail Improvements
- *State Recreational Trails grant of the Red Cedar Trail.

2015 Goals

- *Construction of the Grant Wood Trail Underpass.
- *Acquire funding for the Hoover Trail Extension from the City of Ely to the Linn/Johnson County line.
- *Receive funding for the Wickiup Hill Connector Trail
- *Construction of the Red Cedar Trail within Squaw Creek Park.

Fairfax

2014 Accomplishments:

- *Construction of the Prairie Creek Trail bridge.

Needs:

- *Bicycle Rack Inventory
- *Further construction of the Prairie Creek Trail.

Nominating Committee/ Board and Officer Elections:

The Nominating Committee proposed the following list of officers for election:

President: Paul Fiegen

Vice President: Tom Pepper

Treasurer: Keith Sutherland

Secretary: Brad Mullin

The following list of individuals were proposed for election to the LCTA board:

Sarah Barber (Trail Counters)

Michelle Barker (LAMBA Representative)

Dean Barnum

Craig Elliot

John Ernst

Vicky Evans

Leland Freie

John Hager

Steve Hershner

Jeff Keiser

Kyle Lundberg

Rex McCright

Ron McGraw (Government Support)

Dick Mundy

Gary Palmer

Tom Pepper

Eric Penne (LAMBA Representative)

Larry Scott

Kirschen Seah (Trail Counters)

Mindy Seiffert

John Wauer

Mike Wilson

Dick Woodward

John Wauer moved that the proposed list of officers and board candidates be elected. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A. 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. A State Recreational Trails Program application was not funded. The County submitted a Federal Recreational Trails Program application for the project. They will know December 9th, if they receive funding for the paving project. The County has hired Anderson-Bogert for the design engineering to have the project shovel ready.

Reports for Standing Committees:

A. Public Awareness and Support (Paul Fiegen)

1. **Annual Supporter Appreciation Event:** The Annual Supporter Appreciation Event is Monday, December 8th at the Shores Event Center.

2. **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Celebration of Community Event:**

The event is hosted by the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, on Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 4 – 6 p.m. at Veterans Memorial to celebrate and recognize the work of nonprofits and the impact of grant making in our community.

3. **New Pioneer Co-op:**

The New Pioneer Co-op is interested in working with the Linn County Trails Association in regards to sponsorship opportunities and activities.

B. Trail Development (Steve Hershner):

1. **Cedar Rapids Infrastructure Meeting: Boyson Rd. Bike Lane:**

At recent City Infrastructure Committee meetings, there were discussions of a bicycle lane being included on Boyson Road NE. This is an opportunity to install bike lanes that would connect to Marion's Boyson Trail to the east and to the existing wide shoulder on Boyson, west of C Ave. This bike lane would extend from Cedar Rapids City Limits to at least C Ave. In order for this bike lane to be installed parking on this street would need to be removed. A mid-summer parking analysis was conducted that showed only one car using this parking area out of 66 residences. Some residents have spoken out against the elimination of parking on the street. Discussion of the proposed parking prohibition is scheduled for the November 12th Infrastructure Committee Meeting at 10am. The meeting the location is at the City Services Center.

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

a. **Beverly Park Trail Run: Sunday, November 16th.** LAMBA will feature a 4 mile off road trail run at Beverly Park in Cedar Rapids. The course will preview the best of the singletrack trails and there will be SWAG prizes for men's, women's and youth boy and girl first place finishers. The first 100 adult participants to register receive a Specialized water bottle! The event is from noon to 3pm. All proceeds will be returned to Linn Area Mountain Bike Association and used to support local singletrack opportunities in Linn County.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



LCTA Supporter Appreciation Event

Monday, December 8th, TBD

Location: Shores Event Center

700 16th St NE L100

LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, January 12th, 7:00pm

Location: Shores Event Center

700 16th St NE L100