

Linn County Trails Association

Board Meeting

Monday February 9, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Monday February 9, 2015 at the Shores Event Center. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Paul Fiegen (President), Tom Pepper (Vice President) Keith Sutherland (Treasurer) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Sarah Barber Dean Barnum Vicky Evans Leland Freie John Hager Steve Hershner, Kyle Lundberg Ron McGraw Dick Mundy Gary Palmer Eric Penne Larry Scott Kirschen Seah John Wauer Mike Wilson Dick Woodward Dennis Goemaat Kesha Billings Brandy Whyte

Guests:

Kevin Kirchner

Call to Order:

President, Paul Fiegen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$101,367. Keith reviewed the financial activity during Fiscal Year 2014. In addition, Keith discussed trends in individual contributions over the past ten years. The majority of annual individual contributions are around \$100. The number of contributions has declined over the past ten years.

Old Business:

A. Downtown Farmers Market.

Brad Mullin reported that the construction within Greene Square Park will result in the Bike Corral moving location. The new location has yet to be determined. Applications for a non-profit booth space are due on April 1st. Brad recommended reserving a space August 15th to promote the Mayors' Bike Ride. Plans have the LCTA help with bicycle parking at Marion Farmers' Market.

B. Ride Walk Play : Gary Palmer reported that the first meeting is Thursday, February 19th.

C. Logo Survey: Paul is working a survey regarding the new design of the LCTA logo.

Reports for Standing Committees:

A. Public Awareness and Support (Paul Fiegen)

1. LCTA Website Traffic: Paul discussed some of the Google Analytics in regards to the LCTA website.

B. Trail Development (Steve Hershner):

1. Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization :

Brandon Whyte reported on the CMPO's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee's recommended the trail projects eligible for FY19 funding. Projects for FY19 are under review are:

Cherokee Trail (All three phases)

Sac and Fox Trail Extension

Wickiup Hill Trail

CEMAR Bridge Development

Hoover Trail Extension

2.City of Cedar Rapids:

1. Lindale Trail Extension: Tom Pepper moved that the LCTA advocate the construction of a trail from C Ave and Council St. The motion passed unanimously. A committee of Mike Wilson, John Wauer and Tom Pepper will contact the various entities involved to facilitate construction of the trail.

2. City of Cedar Rapids, Infrastructure Committee Meeting, February 26th. Brandon reported that bike lanes on Boyson Rd. and 42nd will be under consideration. Brandon encouraged LCTA board members to contact their council representatives voicing support of the two projects.

3. Linn County Conservation:

1. Iowa Water and Land Legacy: Dennis Goemaat reported on a push in the Iowa Legislature to fund the Iowa Water and Land Legacy's Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. The Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, created by an overwhelming majority of Iowa voters in 2010, is a permanent and constitutionally protected funding source to ensure these natural spaces are preserved for generations to come. Funding for the Trust Fund is dependent on an increase in the Iowa sales tax. A coalition has formed and information is available at <http://iowaswaterandlandlegacy.org>. The coalition held a *WiLL Day at the Capitol* on Monday, Jan. 26, 1 p.m. at the Iowa Capitol Building, First Floor Rotunda.

2. Cedar Valley Nature Trail: The County submitted a Federal Recreational Trails Program application for the project. They did not receive funding for the paving project. The County has hired Anderson-Bogert for the design engineering to have the project shovel ready. The County plans to submit one more grant application for the project in 2015. Regardless of the outcome, the County is planning to go ahead with paving in 2016.

3.City of Marion:

1.Rockwell Green Communities Grant: The city of Marion plans to submit a Rockwell Green Communities Grant for bicycle racks for Marion parks.

2. Grant Wood Trail: A pre-construction meeting was held on the Grant Wood Trail Underpass. Construction may start in July and last 8 weeks. The construction of a trail from Highway 13 to 35th will now occur in 2016.

4. Linn Area Mountain Bike Association:

a. LAMBA Winter Gathering, Saturday March 7th, Red Cedar Lodge Squaw Creek Park. 1pm-10pm. Potluck supper is at 5pm.

b. Sac and Fox Gateway Trail: LAMBA is awaiting approval from the City of Cedar Rapids before mowing and preliminary work can start.

c. United Way Day Caring: LAMBA plans to pull Garlic Mustard at Beverly Park on the United Day of Caring on May

d. IMBCS Mountain Bike Race: LAMBA plans to hold a Mountain Bike Race “Fat Tire Frenzy” at Beverly Park on Sunday May 3rd, 2015.

5. Bike CR: The next BikeCR meeting is Wednesday, February 18th at 5:30pm until 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Training room located in the basement of Cedar Rapids City Hall at 101 First St SE.

New Business:

1. FY15 Budget: Keith Sutherland discussed the proposed budget for FY15. Steve Hershner moved for the adoption of the proposed budget with an amendment when the Cedar Valley Nature Trail Capital Campaign begins. The motion passed unanimously

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, March 9th, 7:00pm

Location: Shores Event Center
700 16th St NE L100

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Monday, April 13th, 7:00pm

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