

Linn County Trails Association

Board Meeting

Monday October 12, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Monday October 12, 2015 at the Shores Event Center. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Paul Feigen (President) Tom Peffer (Vice President) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Sarah Barber Dean Barnum Vicky Evans Leland Freie John Hager Steve Hershner Kyle Lundberg Ron McGraw Dick Mundy Gary Palmer Larry Scott Kirschen Seah Mindy Seiffert John Wauer Dennis Goemaat Brandon Whyte

Guests:

Diane Handler Robert Becker Derek Stepanek Jacob Hughes Michelle LeClaire

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the September board meeting were distributed electronically. There was one correction; Vicky Evans was not in attendance at the meeting. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

In Keith's absence, Paul reported current assets of \$159,208

Old Business:

A. Capital Campaign Report:

1. John Wauer reported on the success of the capital campaign for paving the Cedar Valley Nature Trail through Center Point. The Hawkeye Bicycle Association will match donations from its members and a portion of the donations will be used to install memorial benches. A private donor has agreed to fund the creation and installation of a plaque listing the donors of the current capital campaign. Northtowne Fitness and Cyclery is fundraising by selling *I Paved the Trail 2015* water bottles available at their store to raise funds. With almost \$100,000 raised, Tom Peffer moved not to apply for the Linn County Fund Grant. The motion passed unanimously.

John expressed the need for volunteers to remove Pave the Trail signs along the trail and for the creation of a media release about the end of the capital campaign. Dennis Goemaat reported that the Iowa Department of Transportation has awarded a \$600,000 grant for the paving project. Dennis expressed the county's gratitude to the LCTA for its capital campaign which helped secure the grant. The board discussed the application for a Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Linn County Fund Grant. Construction may be complete by Fall 2016.

Reports for Standing Committees:

A. Public Awareness and Support (Paul Fiegen)

1. Friends of Cedar Lake Public Input Session, Thursday, November 12th, Water Administration Building, 1111 Shaver Rd. NE

2. Downtown and Marion Farmer's Markets: Brad Mullin reported on the bike corral usage for the 2015 Markets.

Metro Economic Alliance Downtown Farmers Market:

June 6 th	17
June 20 th	7
July 4 th	44
July 18 th	15
August 1 st	22
August 15 th	20
September 5 th	14
September 18 th	13

Corral usage was down due to a change of location of corral because of Greene Square Park construction

Marion Uptown Farmer's Market:

June 13 th	7
f July 11 th	0
August 18 th	5
September 20 th	14

Bike corral users were able to sign-up for a drawing for "Uptown Bucks" for local businesses. Donations of \$363.36 were collected from both markets during the 2015 season.

3. **New Area Trail Guide Development Committee:** The committee of Dean Barnum, Mindy Seiffert, Ron McGraw, John Wauer and Mike Wilson discussed some initial ideas. The board conversed about a partnership with the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization and Bike CR to create of one unified map.

4. **New LCTA T-Shirts:** The board discussed the creation of a new t-shirt design and the formation of a committee. Tom Peffer reported that the new design will be dependant on the cover of the new map.

B. Trail Development (Steve Hershner):

1. **Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO):** Brandon reported that the CMPO has requested projects for 2020 funding. This is the last year of the 80/20 funding arrangement with 4.2 million dollars available.

2.City of Cedar Rapids:

a.Lindale Trail Extension: No new updates. Discussion with Rockwell Collins, property owners and the City of Cedar Rapids continue.

3. Linn County Conservation:

a. Cedar Valley Nature Trail :

1. Phase 4: Paving Project

Design engineering is nearly complete. The County is planning to go ahead with paving in 2016. The City of Center Point has agreed to contribute \$25,000 to the paving project.

2. Wolf Creek Bridge (Black Hawk County): Engineers determined that the bridge was unsafe for pedestrian traffic and the bridge is closed with no detour around. An estimated \$2.5 million is necessary for the reconstruction of the bridge. A public meeting about the bridge is Wednesday, October 28th at the LaPorte City Community Center at 6pm.

3. West Blue Creek Bridge: Design for a new bridge is in progress. The County is discussing funding sources for construction of the bridge.

4. ITC Work: ITC will continue infrastructure work along the trail north of Center Point through the winter. The work will result in temporary trail closures.

b. Grant Wood Trail: Construction of the trailhead/parking at 62nd St has commenced. The culvert for the underpass is in. Paving of the trail, from Highway13 to the east, will take place when Marion paves the trail to the west of Highway 13. The county has preliminary plans to upgrade the trail going east.

c. Hoover Nature Trail: The City of Ely has completed trail construction through the city. Preliminary grading will occur in conjunction with a road project on Ely Rd. The road project has began yet. Construction of the trail will occur in 2016

4. Marion:

a.Wellmark Grant: The City of Marion is trying to obtain a Wellmark Foundation Community Kickstarter Grant for bicycle rack throughout city parks. Awards are determined by online voting. Voting for the project is at www.VoteforMarion.com.

C. Trail Operations and Safety :

a. Paul Fiegen drafted a letter of support for increasing funding within the Parks and Recreation's Budget for trail maintenance projects. Several board members met with the Cedar Rapids Parks Department to exchange ideas and areas of concern.

b. Cedar River Trail: 42nd Street Crossing: Dick Mundy reported completion of the project.

New Business:

1.Rx4Fitness: Diane Handler explained the history and goals of the Rx4Fitness program. The program sold pedometer kits to promote an active lifestyle. Diane discussed how changes in technology will determine the future of the project. She has talked to the Blue Zones organization in continuing the program. The program will donate \$3,000 to the trail development fund and keep \$800 to begin a new program. John Wauer moved for the election of Diane the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

2. LCTA Board Nominating Committee: Leland Freie agreed to contact board members about their willingness to remain on the board.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, November 9th , 7:00pm

Location: Shores Event Center

700 16th St NE L100

LCTA Supporter Appreciation Event

Monday, December 14th, TBD

Location: Shores Event Center

700 16th St NE L100