



Linn County Trails Association Board Meeting Monday May 8th, 2017



The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association’s Board of Directors was held on May 8th, 2017 at the Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

Attendance:

Board Member	√
Sarah Barber	X
Dean Barnum	x
John Ernst	x
Vicky Evans	X
Paul Fiegen (Past-President)	X
Leland Freie	x
John Hager	x
Diane Handler	
Steve Hershner	
Kevin Kirchner (Vice-President)	X
Kyle Lundberg	x
Ron McGraw	x
Dick Mundy	X
Brad Mullin (Secretary)	X
Gary Palmer	x
Phillip Platz	X
Tom Peffer (President)	x
Larry Scott	x
Kirschen Seah	x
Rich Smith	X
Keith Sutherland (Treasurer)	x
John Wauer	x
Dick Woodward	

Advisory Board Members	
Ron Griffith (CR Engineering Dept)	
Daniel Gibbins (CR Parks and Rec. Dept.)	
Dan Biechler (Linn County Conservation)	
Randy Burke (Linn County Conservation)	X
Dennis Goemaat (Linn County Conservation)	
Kesha Billings (City of Marion)	X
Brandon Whyte (Multimodal Transportation Planner, Corridor MPO Rep.)	X
Barry McQuiston (LAMBA Rep)	
Ken Barker (LAMBA)	X
Ed Holstrom (Trail Map Distribution)	

Guests: Dale Jackson, Mike Wilson, Geoff Eastburn

Call to Order:

President, Tom Peffer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the April board meeting were distributed electronically. There was one correction Larry Scott was in attendance. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously with the correction.

Treasurer’s Report:

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$86,114. The board thanked Diane Handler for her efforts in sending out letters encouraging past donors to donate again.

Committee Reports:

1. Trail Advocacy Committee:

A. City of Marion: Kesha reported that City of Marion has acquired all the easements for the Grant Wood Trail Extension from Highway 13 to 35th St. The Army Corps of Engineers has expressed an issue with the proposed wetland mitigation will delay the project until 2018 for completion. A September letting is scheduled. Trail construction between 35th St. and 31st St. may be a city project in 2018.

B. Linn County Conservation: Randy Burke gave the following report on trail related projects:

1. **West Blue Creek Bridge:**

Work is progressing well. With the deck completed, the next step is the construction of approaches to the bridge. A completion of the project may occur in June 2017

2. **Trail Paving, Cedar Valley Trail, Schultz Rd. to Ash Lane:**

The asphalt section of the trail was completed in late fall 2016. This section will require some additional grading and final seeding in the ditch line. The pavement is completed to Ash Lane. The trail is not open. Tiling and ditch work remain. The trail will need a gilsonite sealer binder (GSB) coating that will result in closure for a couple of days.

3. **Ely Trail:** IDOT has set the project to be let on May 16th for the 1 mile section of trail.

Construction is scheduled for the summer season, ideally Fall 2017 completion with seeding next year.

4. **East Blue Creek:**

The County has a project agreement with IDOT for the East Blue Creek, and design work has begun. The letting is scheduled for August 2017. Their goal would be to replace this winter.

5. **Grant Wood Trail:**

They have requested a design proposal to start the planning process for the trail extension from Hwy. 13 to Oxley Rd. The County has proposed a "soft-surfacing" project for the trail. The County has trails grant funding of \$220,000 to assist with this project. Soft-surfacing of the trail may occur in late 2017 into 2018. The surface will be similar to the CVNT before paving. The County is working with the city of Marion in constructing a parking lot at the new Waldo's Rock Park. The County also will build a new parking area east of Creekside Rd., just off of Secrist Rd. this year.

6. **Red Cedar Trail:**

The County hired a professional trail builder out of Austin, Texas. The construction of 2 to 2.5 mile of new singletrack mountain bike trail is scheduled for completion this summer.

C. Linn Area Mountain Bike Association:

1. **Wednesday May 10th:** The group is going to meet for a social and a ride at 5pm in the Meadowlark Shelter at Squaw Creek Park.

2. **Landfill Development:** The group is working with the Solid Waste Agency to develop mountain bike trails on the site of the closed landfill.

3. Beverly Fat Tire Frenzy: LAMBA will hold an IMBCS sanctioned race on Saturday, June 3rd at Beverly Park.
4. Birds of Feather: Nicole Roth discussed the creation of workshops for female riders at various bicycle retailers around the area. Their goal is to continually grow the community of women in the Cedar Rapids area who have a shared interest in cycling.

D. Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization:

- A. Brandon reported the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommended the following projects for funding:
1. Edgewood Rd Trail: O Ave NW to Ellis Blvd. NW: Phase II of the overall project includes 1.2 miles of trail pavement plus traffic signal modifications. This completes the trail as the grading work is already accomplished.
 2. Edgewood Rd. Trail: From Ellis Rd. NW to Glass Rd. NE: Construction of a new paved trail along Edgewood Road. This project is .7 miles long. The trail will be paved 10' wide adjacent to Edgewood Road. The trail will cross the Cedar River and the existing sidewalk on the bridge will be extended to 8' wide.
 3. CEMAR Trail: Additional Funding: Additional funding to correct a discrepancy from 2013.
 4. Hwy 100 Trail - Cedar River: Crossing Phase A: This trail will create a loop around the northwest quadrant of Cedar Rapids. There generally follows along Hwy 100. The trail will connect the Cherokee Trail, Morgan Creek Park, Cherry Hill Park, Downtown Cedar Rapids, and the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. This is Phase A (1.0 miles) from Xavier High School to the Rock Island Preserve.

B. Upcoming and Bike to Work Week Activities:

Brandon went over some of the events regarding upcoming Bike to Work week. Brandon Whyte asked the LCTA at least one volunteer for each of the Bike Pit Stops.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

United Way Day of Caring

LCTA will hold trail-clean ups of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail at 11:30, at the Sag Wagon, Cedar Lake and at J Ave. (11:45), from J Ave. to McLoud Place. Paul and Robert Becker have agreed to be leaders for the Cedar Lake project. Tom Peffer and other LAMBA people have agreed to be leaders of the CVNT project from J Ave.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization Bike Ride:

The 4th Annual Corridor MPO bike ride is a 26 mile ride with short informational stops at:

- The new Mount Mercy Athletic Complex to see the new portions of the CeMar Trail
- Hiawatha's new RRFB trail safety devices
- The new South Troy Park Trail in Robins
- Lunch at Lebowski's
- The future Highway 100 Trail in the Rock Island Preserve
- And finally the new Sinclair Levee Trail

The May 13th ride will start at 9:30 AM from NewBo City Market and finish roughly around 2:30 PM. Most of the ride will be on trails with small sections on road. The ride is suitable for all ages. Please RSVP: <http://mpobikeride2017.eventbrite.com>

MONDAY, MAY 15

Cedar Rapids: Mayor's Bike Ride and Proclamation

7:00 a.m.

Red's Public House

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Cedar Rapids: Bike Pit Stops - free goodies and material

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Locations: NewBo Market, 1st Avenue at the trail (across from the Double Tree), and Rockwell Collins (corner of F Ave and Collins Rd)

Marion: 7:30 a.m. - Bike to Work Week Kick-off Ride followed by a mayoral proclamation (Thomas Park to City Square Park)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Cedar Rapids: Bike to Lunch with the Mayor

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Meet at City Hall and bike to Sag Wagon

Marion: Bike to Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Day - some businesses will be open late
Ride of Silence

6:00 p.m.

Meet at Marion Square, 7th Avenue in Marion

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Cedar Rapids: Bike Pit Stops -- free goodies and material

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Locations: NewBo Market, 1st Avenue at the trail (across from the Double Tree), and Rockwell Collins (corner of F Ave and Collins Rd)

Cedar Rapids: Meet Me at the Market

6:00 p.m.

Bike ride to Ely

Meet at NewBo City Market

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Cedar Rapids: Handlebar Happy Hour/Wrap-up Party

6:00 p.m.

Marion: 7:30 a.m. - National Bike to Work Week Ride (Butterfield Park to City Square Park)

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Helmets & Hops After Party at Louie's Scoreboard with a prize drawing at

6:00 p.m. for those who participated in the week's rides.

E. Trails Operations and Safety Committee: Dick Mundy

1. The access to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail near A Street entrance to the Landfill was improved

2. Trail Maintenance Meeting: Dick will meet with the Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Department on June 21st. Dick would like any suggestions in regards to safety issues and needed improvements along Cedar Rapids trails.

2. Outreach and Public Awareness Committee: Paul Fiegen and Phillip Platz:

1. Publication of the newsletter and updates to the website will happen this month.

3. Trail Counters: Leland Freie agreed to maintain the counter located on the Sac and Fox Trail at East Post Rd.

New Business:

1. 2017 Metro Area Trails Guide: The goal is to have the new guide available in June.

2. June 8th Meet Me At The Market: Northtowne Cyclery and Fitness is sponsoring the event and has asked LCTA to have an informational booth from 5pm to 8pm. John Wauer agreed to follow up with Nikki Davidson in regards to the event.

3. Health Solutions 8K Race/ Fifth Seasons 5K Expo: The event will have an expo and packet pick-up on July 3rd at the DoubleTree Convention Complex. Corridor Running has invited the LCTA to have a table at the expo.

4. National Trails Day Proclamation: The board discussed having the mayor of Cedar Rapids declaring National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3rd.

5. Geoff Eastburn: Geoff publically thanked the Linn County Trails Association, and its partners, for their continued work on trail development in the metro area over the years.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm



Linn County Trails Association CALENDAR OF EVENTS



LCTA Board Meetings

LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, June 12th, 6:00pm

Location: Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building

1111 Shaver Rd. NE.