

LCTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 30, 2006
Anderson Bogert Office
MINUTES

Attendance: Dean Barnum, Jan Barnum, Jon Bogert, John Helbling, Ron McGraw, Keith Sutherland.

Minutes: Minutes for the June 2, 2006 meeting were approved.

LCTA Position on 42nd Street Intersection:

The committee discussed the safety issue of the intersection and whether LCTA should take a position on this issue. There have been a number of emails with different opinions. Ron McGraw spoke with city council member Brian Fagan and he has a plan that he will bring to the city council for approval. So far the city has not been making any progress on solving the problems with the intersection. Trails seem to get lost among different departments (parks, engineering, safety, etc.) with no coordination between the departments and no one knows what is going on. Some of these problems will hopefully be solved when the new city manager takes over. Keith Sutherland volunteered to work on drafting a proposal for LCTA's position.

Downtown Cedar Rapids Intersections:

The safety issue of the downtown intersections, especially First Avenue, was discussed. It is not clear whether bicycles are covered under the ordinance for the pedestrian crossing. Also, motorists do not always stop when walkers or bikers are in the crosswalk.

LCTA Web Site and Emails:

There has been a flood of emails recently regarding the new name of the trail from Cedar Rapids to Mt. Vernon and the 42nd Street intersection. Interest and discussion from trail supporters is good but the excessive number of emails has created a problem. Some supporters have dropped off the email list as a result. Several actually joined because of the discussions. Our policy has been that supporters would only receive emails occasionally for updates and notification of events. Keith Sutherland had some suggestions including using Yahoo. He volunteered to work on this issue before the next LCTA/*Fifteen in 5* Board meeting. Joel Barnum has been moderating the emails to control them. Joe Clark has implemented a discussion group on the LCTA web site. Ron McGraw suggested putting a small article in the upcoming newsletter explaining the problem.

Interaction with City of Cedar Rapids:

The committee discussed what city department should be in charge of the trail system. Trails can be used for recreation, transportation, or multi-use so the issue becomes complicated. The new city manager may be able to help solve

some of the problems involved. The Safety and Amenities Committee should talk to the Parks Department. LCTA may need to designate a person as a contact person.

Speaker for July 10 LCTA/*Fifteen in 5* Meeting:

There will be no speaker for this meeting.

Secretary Position:

It was discussed how to find a volunteer for the secretary position for the term starting in November, 2006. Contacting board members that are not presently on a committee is one idea or possibly contacting other supporters. Keith Sutherland will take the minutes for the July 10 meeting.

Trail Development: Ron McGraw

Ron has a few more trails to add to the master plan. Discussed what information should be in the plan and how to show whether trails are paved or gravel, what kind of traffic is allowed on a trail, how much of the trail is in the city and how much in the county. We will have a plan similar to the Marion plan for Linn County and Cedar Rapids. Keith Sutherland proposed that the Dry Creek Trail should be crushed limestone and Marion has indicated that their portion will be crushed limestone.

T Shirts: Dean Barnum

Dean asked whether anyone thought there would be interest in having long sleeved shirts. It was decided to wait until later.

Jan and Dean Barnum Co-Secretaries