



# Linn County Trails Association

## Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting

Tuesday February 13, 2007



The regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday February, 13, 2007 at the People's Unitarian Church. Present included the following:

### LCTA Board Members:

Jon Bogert (President)	Joe Clark	Keith Fletcher
Brad Mullin (Secretary)	John Helbling	Jim Healy
Keith Sutherland	Ron McGraw	Adam Lindenlaub
Mike Wilson	Jim Wing	

### Trail Supporters/Guests:

Dan Biechler	Randy Burke	Dennis Goemaat
Phyllis Fleming	Steve Hershner	Ed Hayek

### Call to Order:

Jon Bogert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes were circulated electronically and approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Jon Bogert distributed the treasurer's report. Ed reported assets of \$89,460.70 and liabilities of \$35,000. The report was approved.

### Ed Hayek (Paired Iowans Going Somewhere/ Trees Forever):

1. Ed Hayek , speaking on the behalf of the Paired Iowans Going Somewhere (The Iowa Tandem Bicycle Club), offered the LCTA a \$3500 donation . The 2006 Midwest Tandem Bicycle Rally was in held in Cedar Rapids. More than 400 couples used the Cedar River Trail as part of their route down to Solon. The group would like to see the donated money restricted to usage for the development of amenities on new trails from Cedar Rapids southward to Solon. Ron McGraw motioned that the LCTA accept the offer in principle. The motion was approved unanimously. A letter, detailing the restrictions on usage of the funds, was recommended to accompany the \$3500 check.
2. Ed also mentioned that opportunity for the LCTA to use the donation from the PIGS as partial funding for a project through the *Trees Forever Iowa's Living Roadways* program (<http://treesforever.org/content.asp?ID=2130>) . The program provides a potential opportunity for the LCTA to work with a community in establish amenities along trails.

### LCTA Wayfinding Plan (Joe Clark)

1. The Trail Maintenance and Safety committee is in the process in developing a comprehensive signage/wayfinding plan for the LCTA.

2. Its mission statement is “to establish unique, memorable, and safe experience for all trail users that instills confidence and provides opportunity to learn, discover, and enjoy.”
3. Joe detailed the various components of a wayfinding plan, the types of signage, and issues involved constructing a wayfinding plan.
4. Volunteer assistance is needed in several areas:
  - a. Researching and establishing a protocol for mileage and mile markers.
  - b. Identifying ideas for signs needed along trails.
  - c. Content development and sign text for potential interpretative signs.
  - d. Researching ownership, and maintenance, of existing and potential signs.
  - e. Grant writing and grant finding for wayfinding projects.
  - f. Research in current regulations on signage at the state, county, and municipal level . Adam Lindelaub volunteered to be a liaison in respect to current city regulations for the LCTA.
5. There are numerous means for board members and trail supporters to input their ideas and opinions on the forementioned areas:
  - a. The LCTA’s website blog: <http://linncountytrails.blogspot.com>
6. It was discussed that LCTA should research what other 15-5 committees have developed in respect to signage and wayfinding plans.

### **Grant Opportunites:**

1. Alliant Energy’s 2007 *We Dig Your District* program is looking of potential sites along trails to plant donated trees. Any ideas for sites were encouraged from the board and trail supporters. The deadline for application is mid-March.
2. The Rockwell Collins Green Communities Grant has application deadline March 9. Ideas for projects were discussed but further input of ideas is needed.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

#### **1. Trail Development (Ron McGraw):**

- a. Ron circulated a list of goals and projects of the Trail Development and Planning Committee for 2007. It will be voted on for approval during the March 13 meeting, along with the other committees, and included in the final draft of the strategic plan.
- b. Ron has been appointed to the Johnson County Trails Advisory Committee for 2007.
- c. The Linn County Regional Planning Commission made available a map of metro and countywide trails in Linn County during the citywide open houses earlier this month. Ron has some copies of the maps. A map is available online at <http://cedar-rapids.org/rpc>

## **2. Government Support (John Helbling)**

### a. Corridor Federal Issues Trip

1. Corridor Federal Issues Trip was in process at the time of the meeting.

### b. State Funding Opportunities

1. John urged the finalization of the strategic plan so that it can be presented Iowa State Senator Rob Hogg and Iowa State House Representative Swati Dandekar to gain their assistance in moving the plan forward. **3. Public Awareness and Support (Amy Reasner):**

- a. Jon mentioned that the LCTA has several speaking engagements during the month of March. A calendar of events was distributed and is also included at the end of the minutes.

## **4. Trail Maintenance and Safety**

- a. Jon reported that Dave Wolf has tentatively agreed to be a co-chairperson of the committee.

## **5. Volunteer/Supporter Development ( Keith Sutherland)**

- a. Keith reported thirty contributions of \$2670 at the tail end of the fall fundraiser.
- b. He expressed the need of a budget in order to address priority concerns on a unified basis.

## **New Business:**

- a. Jim Wing reported, on behalf of Diane Handler, on the upcoming activities of the Rx4Fitness program. Diane requested funding for 125 more pedometers. Jon Bogert motioned that amount of \$1077.38 be allocated. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Brad Mullin  
Secretary



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## CALENDAR EVENTS

MARCH 2007



### ***Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center***

Almost Full Moon Hike

Thursday, March 1, 7:00pm

Learn what does bump in the night as we go into the woods for an almost full moon hike. Listen for owl calls and watch for other night creatures. Dress for the weather. Finish with hot chocolate. Program cost is \$2.50/adult, \$1/ child 16 under, or \$5.00/ family

### ***LCTA Executive Board Meeting***

Friday, March 2, 12:00pm

Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.

4001 River Ridge Drive NE

### ***Cedar Rapids Municipal Budget Hearing***

Wednesday, March 7

### ***LCTA Sunrise Rotary Presentation***

Thursday, March 8, 7 a.m.

Elmcrest Country Club

1000 36 St. NE

### ***Rockwell Green Community Grant***

Friday, March 9

Application deadline

### ***LTCA Trails Planning Committee Meeting***

Tuesday, March 13, 6 PM

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

600 3 Av. SE

### ***LTCA Board Meeting***

Tuesday, March 13, 7 PM

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

600 3 Av. SE

### ***LCTA SE Education Group Presentation***

Amy Reasner

Sunday, March 18, 10 AM

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

600 3 Av. SE

### ***LCTA Downtown Rotary***

Monday, March 26

### ***LCTA Executive Board Meeting***

Friday, March 30, 12:00pm

Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.

4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.

### ***Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center***

Naturalist-guided Dog Hike

Saturday, March 31. 10:00 am- noon