



# Linn County Trails Association

## Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting

Tuesday June 12, 2007



The regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday June, 12, 2007 at the People's Unitarian Church. A quorum was present which included the following:

### LCTA Board Members:

Jon Bogert (President)	Brad Mullin (Secretary)	Ed Holstrom (Treasurer)	Keith Sutherland
Dean Barnum	Jan Barnum	Jim Healy	Joe Clark
Ron McGraw	John Wauer	John Helbling	Mike Wilson
Dave Wolf	Vicky Evans	Keith Fletcher	Sandy Colton
Ben Dukes	Roger Flint	Diane Handler	Jim Wing

### Trail Supporters/Guests:

Steve Hershner    Dan Biechler    Phyllis Fleming    Pat Healy    Barb Flint  
Nadine Kirk

### Call to Order:

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

### Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the May meeting were circulated electronically and approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Ed reported assets of \$88,449.60 and liabilities of \$35,000.

### Reports of Standing Committees:

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

- a. Steve Hershner reported that the city is preparing grant applications for the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline of the State Recreational Trails Program. The Cemar Trail, Dry Creek, and another unknown trail are the priorities on the city agenda for funding.
- b. JLG Architects of Minneapolis released its first draft of the *Vision Cedar Rapids* report about how to restore health to the downtown area. The report included the following trail-related recommendations:
  1. Create a continuous loop for bicycles and pedestrians on both sides of the river with a possible crossing at the 5-in-1 Dam north and the railroad bridge at the Sinclair meatpacking site to the south.
  2. Create a riverfront park with a pedestrian walkway that would link both sides of the Cedar River and touch the tip of May's Island.
  3. Remove the overhead utilities to get rid of poles seen throughout the area.

#### 4. Government Support (John Helbling)

- a. John reported that Rob Hogg met with several LCTA members at the Fifteen in 5 Community Open House on May 23. Rob suggested that the LCTA put together a presentation on the

strategic plan's trail development plan and the funding needs. The presentation would be given to local Iowa State legislators sometime before the commencement of the September session.

- b. There was discussion about which trails would be a priorities for the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline of the Federal Recreational Trails Program. With the Lincoln Trail no longer a priority, it was agreed that the Marion portion of the Cemar Trail would be a good option.
- c. Joann Kirk, of the Fairfax Parks Board, mentioned that the residents of Fairfax are excited about the development of trails in their area. There is plan for the city to construct trails beginning in 2008.

### **3. Public Awareness and Support (Amy Reasner)**

- a. There will be a Cargill Health and Wellness fair on June 15 and 16. It was agreed that someone would provide them with Metro Area Trail Maps for distribution.

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

- a. Keith reported a total of 179 contributions in the previous three months.
- b. Keith recommended the need for a concrete fund raising plan due to the decrease in contributions.
- c. LCTA has its own non-profit stamp.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Corrective Quit Claim Deed:**

In response to a letter from the county assessor, it became apparent that one of deeds associated with the Grant Wood Trail contained an incorrect legal description. Bill Prowell, of Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C, drafted a Corrective Quit Claim Deed for the approval of the LCTA board of directors. Keith Sutherland motioned for the transfer of the deed to Linn County. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **2. Linn County Tax Sale**

- a. On June 18, the annual tax sale will be held at Squaw Creek Park. There are 1500 parcels available. There was discussion about how the LCTA could better use the website to identify parcels that fit into area trail plans before they go to sale.

#### **3. Indian Creek Nature Center:**

- a. The Indian Creek Nature center has received a \$100,000 grant from Cargill for the construction of a trail from the Nature Center to an adjacent wetland. LCTA has agreed to aid in assisting in the planning and development of the trail.

#### **4. Creative Bicycle Racks:**

- a. Pat Healy and Vicky Evans proposed the creation of a new plan for more bicycle racks on the trail system. A creative bicycle rack contest could be held in September in conjunction with the Mayor's annual bike ride. The contest entries would conform to all city standards and be proposed the form of a concept drawing or three-dimensional model. There have been similar events in Central City, IA, Des Moines, IA, and Minnesota. Mike Wilson motioned that the LCTA support the idea of a contest. The motion passed.

#### **5. July Meeting Speaker:**

- a. Michael Lansing, of Shive-Hattery INC, will speak at the July board meeting about the planning and construction of trails in Des Moines and Minneapolis.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Brad Mullin/Secretary



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## CALENDAR EVENTS

June/July/August 2007



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

Friday, June 29, 12:00pm  
Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.  
4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.

### **Coe College Political Science Club Presentation**

Saturday June 30, 4:00pm  
Amy Reasner  
Brewed Awakenings  
1271 1 Av. SE

### **LCTA/Hawkeye Bicycle Association Family Fun Ride**

Saturday, July 7, 10:00am  
Boyson Trail: Hanna Park  
Bring the whole family and ride from the trailhead at Hanna Park to Boyson Park and back. The distance is approximately 6 miles. Helmets are required. LCTA will have drinks, snacks, trail maps, and t-shirts for sale.

### **LCTA Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 10, 7:00pm  
People's Church  
700 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ave. NE.

### **LCTA Executive Board Meeting**

Friday, August 3, 12:00pm  
Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.  
4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.

### **LCTA/Hawkeye Bicycle Association Family Fun Ride "Loop til you droop."**

Saturday, August 4, 10:00am  
Cedar River Trail: Mcloud Place trailhead .  
Bring the whole family and ride from the trailhead at Mcloud Place around the loop of Cedar Lake, then back. The distance is approximately 5 miles, plus 2 miles for each additional loop.. Helmets are required. LCTA will have drinks, snacks, trail maps, and t-shirts for sale.

### **LCTA Board Meeting**

Tuesday, August 14, 7:00pm  
People's Church  
700 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ave. NE.