

Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting

Tuesday September 11, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday September 11, 2007 at the People's Unitarian Church. A quorum was present which included the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Jon Bogert (President)	Amy Reasner (VP)	Brad Mullin (Secretary)	Ed Holstrom (Treasurer)
Dean Barnum	Jan Barnum	Joe Clark	Ron McGraw
Dick Chelikowsky	Roger Flint	Jim Healy	Mike Wilson
Vicky Evans	Tom Pepper	Geoff Eastburn	Keith Sutherland
Adam Lindenlaub			

Trail Supporters/Guests:

Randy Burke Monica Vernon Pat Healy Phyllis Fleming John Hackbarth

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the August meeting were circulated electronically. The minutes were changed in respect to the Federal Recreational Trails Program funds request by Johnson County were to be used for a trail between North Liberty and Iowa City, and not for the Hoover Nature Trail as reported. The minutes were amended and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed reported assets of \$88,611.66 and liabilities of \$35,000.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. Trail Development:

a. Randy Burke, of Linn County Conservation, reported the following county events:

1. Hoover Nature Trail

a. The land appraisals for section between Wright Brothers Blvd. and Ely have been completed. However, one of the pieces was sold for more than the initial appraised value. A preliminary plat meeting on a piece of property between the city limits and Ely Park will occur in 3 weeks. The developer will allow a permanent easement on the west edge of the property for the trail. In four months, the Iowa Department of Transportation should approve the concept statement for the trail. The project will then be bid through the IDOT. Currently, construction of the Hoover Nature Trail could begin in the fall of 2008.

b. Adam Lindenlaub reported the following city happenings:

1. The city Robins has planned to construct a portion of the Robins Trail from the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and Mentzer Rd. this year

2. Government Support (John Helbling)

a. Jon Bogert reported that there would be two work sessions for state legislators. One for the Republicans, and one for the Democrats.

3. Public Awareness and Support (Amy Reasner):

a. The second annual Mayor's Bike Ride was September 3rd. The event was a success with over 500 people participating. LCTA members handed out granola bars, trail maps, and water.

b. There was a discussion of organizing a Haunted Trail next month.

4. Trail Maintenance and Safety (Dave Wolf):

- a. Dave reported a safety issue on the Cedar River Trail at the entrance of the Cedar Lake Loop near Quaker Oats. Recent rainfall has exposed tree roots and deposited gravel on the trail.
- b. Amy recommended that the Gazette be contacted about publishing an article educating people of safety and etiquette of the trails.

5. Support/ Volunteer Development (Keith Sutherland)

New Business:

1. Trail Priorities: For the legislative works sessions, Jon Bogert compared the priority trails of the Linn County Trail Association and the Regional Planning Commission. Jon found six trails that overlapped:

- a. CEMAR Trail
- b. Dry Creek Trail
- c. Lincoln Trail
- d. S.W. Crosstown/Prairie Creek
- e. Edgewood Rd. Trail
- f. Squaw Creek Trail

These trails will be the main focus of the legislative presentations.

2. Board Meeting Location: The People's Unitarian Church is increasing the rental fee for the meeting room or fifteen dollars a month to fifty dollars. There was discussion about finding an alternate location for the board meeting. Amy Reasner and Tom Peffer agreed to confer to investigate other possible locations.
3. REAP Assembly: The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will have a regional assembly of the Resource Enhancement and Protection program at the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 18. The assembly provides a forum for people to provide input on projects of regional importance. Amy Reasner agreed to attend on behalf of the LCTA.
4. Monica Vernon: Monica Vernon is running for a city council seat in District 2. Monica emphasized that the council needs a "strategic direction." She emphasized the importance of trails in the area and the need for the city to be friendlier to bicyclists and pedestrians.
5. 15 in 5: Mike Wilson commented that the Cedar Rapids Gazette run a feature on the progress of the 15 in 5 committees in November. It was agreed that trail counts and an emphasis on the "groundwork being laid" should be key components for LCTA's portion.
6. Downtown Transportation Taskforce: Geoff Eastburn is a member of the taskforce. He providing insight about how the downtown area can be friendlier towards pedestrians and bicyclists. Geoff would like to convey LCTA's positions and goals to other members of the taskforce.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Brad Mullin/Secretary



Linn County Trails Association

CALENDAR EVENTS

October 2007



LCTA Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 7:00pm
People's Church
700 3rd. Ave. NE.

LCTA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, November 2, 12:00pm

Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.
4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.