

Linn County Trails Association

Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting

Tuesday November 11, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday November 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)
Dave Wolf	Geoff Eastburn	John Wauer	Mike Wilson
John Helbling	Jim Wing	Kieth Sutherland	Jan Barnum
Dean Barnum	Joe Clark	Ron McGraw	Ben Dukes
Dick Chelikowsy	Roger Flint	Jim Healy	Kieth Fletcher
Vicky Evans	Keith Sutherland		

Trail Supporters/Guests:

Randy Burke Steve Hershner Pat Healy Derek Stepanek Amy Barnum Joel Barnum

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the meeting were circulated electronically. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed reported assets of \$91,026.62 and liabilities of \$35,000.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. Trail Development:

a. Adam Lindelaub

1. State Recreation Trails Program: Adam reported that applications for the Cedar Rapids and Marion applications for the State Recreational Trail Grant programs were not successful. The application for the CEMAR Trail was ranked 13th and the Dry Creek place 22nd, the top eight received funding.

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

1. Hoover Nature Trail

- a. The Hoover Nature has been cleared from 76th Ave. to Wright Brothers Blvd.
- b. Plats for other properties along the trail have done and recorded.
- c. Linn County Conservation is ready for the transfer of properties from the LCTA to Linn County Conservation by the end of the year.
- d. Ely Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing properties within the city limits of Ely before the city council. The landowner has dedicated a twenty five foot right-a way on the smaller of the two properties. On the larger of the two properties, the alignment and negotiations have not been done.

2. A concept statement for a trail connection Pinicon Ridge Park to Central City was turned into the Iowa Department of Transportation.
3. Steve Hershner reported that there will be a Downtown Open House on Thursday, November 15 from 5-7pm at the African-America Museum. Trail supporters are encouraged to attend and give support to trails.
4. Jim Healy reported on the Twin Pines Taskforce. Jim has expressed the need for a possible trail hub on the property regardless of the action the city takes.
5. Cedar Valley Urban Fishery -The City of Cedar Rapids has awarded the contract for the construction of the 1.8-mile trail around the southern sandpit. The schedule completion date is August of 2008.
6. Highway 100- There will be an informational meeting about the Highway 100 expansion on November 27. The meeting will take place at Xavier High School from 5-7pm. Currently, there are no plans for trail construction with the development of the highway. Trail supporters are encouraged to attend and voice the need for such planning

2. Government Support (John Helbling)

- a. The idea of a Vision Iowa Grant proposed by the Cedar Rapids still lacks cohesiveness.
- b. The president will likely veto thirty five thousand dollars earmarked for the CEMAR in the current THUD bill.

3. Public Awareness and Support (Amy Reasner):

- a. Amy Reasner encouraged any ideas, and suggestions of groups, for media promotion be sent to her or the board.

4. Trail Maintenance and Safety:

- a. The City of Cedar Rapids is developing solutions for reoccurring problems with tree roots. Jon expressed the need for the city to notify the LCTA about how much it will cost, and if the LCTA can be of any assistance.

Support/ Volunteer Development (Keith Sutherland)

- a. Keith reported contributions of one hundred and twenty dollars in past month
- b. The fall fund-raiser letters and envelopes have been printed. Keith recruited volunteers to fold letters, place them in envelopes, and mail them. There was discussion on development of a new letterhead and other means of printing letters for the fund-raiser.

Rx4 Fitness:

The Rx4Fitness is writing grants for the Cedar Rapids Foundation. They are developing projects with the Cedar Rapids school system and a winter walking program.

New Business:

1. Election of Board Members: Dean Barnum motioned that the by-laws be suspended so that a nominating committee could be formed for the removal and election of members for the December meeting. The nominating committee will consist of Jon Bogert, Amy Reasner, Dean Barnum, and Brad Mullin.
2. Board Meeting Location: The meeting location will be decided at the December meeting. The People's Unitarian and St. Paul's Lutheran Church are possible locations.
3. Share the Road License Plate: Jon made available some application forms for the proposed share the road license plate. There is mandatory need for five hundred pre-sold plates before it will be issued.

4. New Bohemia Open House

Pat Healy reported that there will be an informational meeting about the development of the New Bohemia district. The meeting will be at the CSPA Hall on November 29th. The group is interested in installing bike racks in the area.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Brad Mullin/Secretary

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CALENDAR EVENTS

December 2007

LCTA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, November 30, 12:00pm
Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.
4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.

LCTA Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00pm
People's Church
700 3rd. Ave. NE.