

Linn County Trails Association

Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting

Tuesday April 8, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday April 8, 2008 at the People's Unitarian Church. A quorum was present which included the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Jon Bogert (President) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Amy Reasner(V. President) Ed Holstrom (Treasurer)

Joe Clark Jim Healy Pat Healy Randy Burke Sandy Colton
Tom Podzimek Jon Wauer Vicky Evans Roger Flint Ron McGraw
Ben Dukes Phyllis Fleming Brian Fagan

Guests:

Barb Flint Nadine Kirk Stacie Johnson

Call to Order:

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

Tom Podzimek: City of Cedar Rapids Vision

The Vision of the City of Cedar Rapids is as follows:

“Cedar Rapids is a vibrant urban hometown-a beacon for people and businesses invested in building a greater community of the next generation.”

Tom discussed how the trail system, and the LCTA, fits into the Vision and aiding the Cedar Rapids in becoming a “quality of life community.” He encouraged everyone to look over the hand out provided, and talk to other people about the City's Vision.

Stacie Johnson: Solid Waste Agency

Keep Linn County Beautiful Great American Clean-up: Saturday, April 26, 2007

ON-LINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE Wednesday, April 23, 2008

<http://www.keeplinncountybeautiful.org/getinvolved.asp>

Stacie Johnson, education coordinator for the Cedar Rapids/Linn County Area **Solid Waste Agency**,

asked for LCTA's assistance in respect to the Great American Clean-up

1. Two-five volunteers are needed to identify areas along the trail that are most littered, so that volunteers can be prioritized.
2. On the day of the event, April 26, two to five volunteers will be needed to form a supply chain. These volunteers will distribute extra garbage bags, water, have a first aid kit and a cell phone in case of emergency.
3. Stacy that members of LCTA be emailed about the event and how to register.

If you have any questions please call Stacie Johnson at 377-5290 Ext. 108

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Ed reported assets of 73,025.03.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. Trail Development:

a. Randy Burke reported that the federal authorization for the construction of the Hoover Nature Trail should occur within 30 days of the meeting. Currently, there is \$713,000 available for the project.

b. The city of Marion and the local members of the Iowa Department of Transportation will meet about the underpasses under Highway 13 and Highway 100 connecting the Grant Wood Trail, Squaw Creek Park, and the city of Marion. The city of Marion has plans to apply for a REAP grant, due August 15, to fund the projects.

c. Tom Peffer has agreed to serve on the CEMAR Design Advisory Committee for Phase I of the trail.

2. Government Support (John Helbling)

a. No Report

3. Public Awareness and Support (Amy Reasner):

a. National Trails Day Celebration, June 7, 2008:

1. Linn County Conservation will hold a "Bird Hike" and "Bike Hike" beginning at the parking lot for the Cedar Valley Nature Trail at County Home Road. LCTA will have a booth with refreshments, maps, and t-shirts available.

2. In conjunction with Mercy Hospital's Steps to Health, a program will be held at Greene Square Park. LCTA will be able to distribute materials at a Mercy Hospital Booth located at the Downtown Farmer's Market held that day.

3. LCTA will have stations at Sokol Park and Mcloud Park as well.

4. A total of 10-12 volunteers are needed to staff these locations, as well as distribute flyers before the event.

4. Trail Maintenance and Safety:

a. No Report.

5. Support/ Volunteer Development (Keith Sutherland)

a. No Report

New Business:

Joe Clark Linn County Trails Wiki

LCTA member, Joe Clark circulated a list of proposed topics to be posted on the LCTA Wiki site (<http://wiki.linncountytrails.org>)

Pat Healy: New Bohemia Bike Racks

Forty seven artists have responded to the call for designs for the bike racks in the New Bohemia district. The Visions Arts Council has joined the project, and 6 design winners will be announced in May.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Brad Mullin/Secretary

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CALENDAR EVENTS
April/May 2008

LCTA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, April 25 , 12:00pm
Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.
4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.

Linn County Conservation: Hike-A-Trail 2008

Wickiup Hill- Timberdoodle Ramble
7:00-8:30 p.m.

What sound's like a nighthawk, looks like a snipe, has a long bill, short legs, sings and dances for his girlfriends? The male timberdoodle or woodcock is the answer of course. We will hike to an area where we can sit in the grass and hope to see and hear the antics of the woodcock as he performs his courtship ritual. No charge for this program.

LCTA Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 7:00pm
People's Church
700 3rd. Ave. NE.

Linn County Conservation: Hike-A-Trail 2008

Morgan Creek Park: Arboretum Trail
10:00am

LCTA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, May 30 , 12:00pm
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