

Linn County Trails Association

Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting

Tuesday September 9, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday September 9, 2008 at the People's Unitarian Church. A quorum was present which included the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Jon Bogert (President)	Geoff Eastburn (Vice President)	Brad Mullin (Secretary)		
Ed Holstrom (Treasurer)	Ron McGraw	Joe Clark	Randy Burke	Dean Barnum
Dennis Goemaat	Vicky Evans	Steve Hershner	Dan Biechler	Ben Dukes
Jim Healy	Tom Podzimek	Adam Lindelaub	Dick Chelikowsky	Tom Pepper
Pat Healy	Keith Sutherland	Mike Wilson		

Guests:

Steve Krug

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 approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed Holstrom reported assets of \$73,590.02.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. Trail Development:

a. River Corridor Redevelopment Plan

Open House 2:

Thursday, September 11 (Crowne Plaza Ballroom) : will provide further refinements and details for a plan based on public feedback to the options in July. It was agreed that the LCTA draft a formal response, in the form of a letter. The letter will express the support for trails in the redevelopment plan. Individual members were encouraged to attend the meetings and provide further support for trails.

Open House 3:

Tuesday, October 14 will provide a final draft plan for a framework and reinvestment and revitalization.

b. Linn County Conservation:

1. The Linn County Conservation Department prepared two grant applications for the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program .

1. A \$642,000 project for the reconstruction and paving of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. The portion of the trail from County Home Road to Lafayette would be paved.

2. The renovation of the old railroad depot and trail improvements in Center Point area are part of a \$192,000 project.

2. A grant from the Federal Recreational Trails Program (\$100,000) for the paving of the CVNT from County Home Road to Lafayette will also be submitted.

3.If the grants are awarded, they both require a 30% match. Normally, the Linn County Board of Supervisors would be able to finance the match portion of the grant. The June flood has put a financial strain of the Linn County budget, and other sources of funding may be needed. It was discussed that a showing of a commitment of possible private funding (from the LCTA) would strengthen the grant application.

4. It was discussed whether the paving the CVNT was a high priority of the LCTA in the scope of all the projects in the process. The discussion resulted in the agreement that the LCTA made need to reprioritize and reevaluate projects and goals in respect to the June flood. The Trails Planning and Development Committee will begin to reevaluating priorities and projects.

5. Steve Hershner motioned that the LCTA be supportive of the effort of the Linn County Conservation Department, in respect to the current three grant applications, and move forward to provide support however possible in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Government Support (John Helbling)

a. No Report

3. Public Awareness and Support

a. No Report

4. Trail Maintenance and Safety:

a. No Report

5. Support/ Volunteer Development (Keith Sutherland)

a. No Report

New Business:

A. Nominating Committee

A nominating committee was formed and Dean Barnum encouraged individuals to contact him with any additions or changes to the board member roster.

B. Waterloo Trail Projects: (insert text).

B. Mayor's Bike Ride:

Tom Podzimek advocated that the LCTA could possibly become the main organizing body for the Mayor's Bike ride.

B. LCTA WIKIPEDIA Site

A possible link between the LCTA Wikipedia site and Google Maps was presented by Joe Clark. Joe circulated a sign up sheet for one on one tutorials for use of the Wikipedia site.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Brad Mullin/Secretary



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CALENDAR EVENTS

September/October 2008



LCTA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, September 26 , 12:00pm
Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.
4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.

LCTA Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 7:00pm
People's Church
700 3rd. Ave. NE.

LCTA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, October 31 , 12:00pm
Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.
4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.