

Linn County Trails Association

Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting

Tuesday October 14, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday October 14, 2008 at the People's Unitarian Church. A quorum was present which included the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Geoff Eastburn (Vice President) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Sandy Colton Phyllis Fleming
Ed Holstrom (Treasurer) Ron McGraw Joe Clark Dean Barnum Adam Lindelaub
Vicky Evans Steve Hershner Jon Wauer Tom Podzimek Keith Sutherland Roger Flint
John Helbling

Guests:

Brandon Anderson Jessica Anderson Dave Lortz Michelle Mais Roy Rhodes

Call to Order:

Geoff Eastburn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Ed Holstrom reported assets of \$73,442.82.

Old Business:

A. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee reported on the proposed slate for approval for November meeting. Judi Whetstine and Steve Krug would be added to the board. Roger Flint, Dave Wolf, Diane Handler, and Dave Maresh will no longer serve on the board.

B. Trail Connections Newsletter

Brad Mullin and Keith Sutherland volunteered to work on a newsletter promoting the fall fundraiser. There was a discussion about the content needed for the newsletter.

C. Mayor's Bike Ride 2009:

Tom Podzimek asked the LCTA to organize and conduct the Mayor's Bike Ride in 2009. John Helbling motioned that the LCTA accept the responsibility of holding the ride in 2009. The motion passed unanimously. Tom agreed to be a liaison for the first year of planning.

D. Johnson Property Request:

A property owner, whose property contains a railroad right-of-way to be used with the Hoover Nature Trail, requested that the LCTA maintain the section of land, allegedly, owned by the organization. Ron McGraw agreed to speak with the Johnson County secondary roads department about whether the deed for the property belongs to them or the LCTA.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. Trail Development: (Steve Hershner)

Steve summarized the following report from a September 17th trail priorities sub-committee:

Meeting Summary:

1. Reviewed past priority/strategic lists created by LCTA Trail Development Committee or LCTA members.
2. Reviewed lists and maps used by MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), groups present at the meeting (Linn Co. Conservation Board), and other sources.
3. Focused on list developed by Jon Bogert as the most comprehensive source for Trail Development information (summary of trail projects status by community; grant money – “Does it have \$?”; length; comments).
4. Considered possible guidelines for LCTA to use when considering funding requests that may be directly or indirectly related to Trail Development.

Action Items:

- A. Update Jon’s list to reflect additional information that group believed was necessary (done).
- B. Ask Adam Lindenlaub if MPO list “Priority Trails in the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area” is the true MPO priority list? I asked Adam this question and he mentioned there is another group/committee involved in this trail development process. He referred me to “Corridor MPO FY 09 - FY 12 Transportation Improvement Program Summary”. Under this Program there are several individual programs that provide Trail Development – the primary one is “Local Transportation Enhancements Program (TE)”. Copy of this document is attached (is similar in content and form to Jon’s list). Transportation Enhancement Committee members (Adam said there have been changes that are not listed on the website membership list):

Marion – Tome Treharne, Dave Fox

Cedar Rapids – Dave Elgin, Julie Sina, Steve Krug

Linn Co. – Dan Biechler, Randy Burke

Hiawatha – Dave VanDee

Ely – Dale Stanek

Robins – Darin Ligtenberg

Enhancement Committee priority list:

1. Ellis Rd Trail (Harbor to Edgewood)
2. Grant Wood Trail Hwy 13 Underpass
3. Marion trail connection to Hwy 13 underpass
4. Boyson Rd Trail (Miller Rd to Center Point Rd)

Under review:

5. ? Trail (Wright Bros Rd to Ely)
6. Cedar River Trail Completion
7. Lincoln Trail (East Post Rd to 34th St)

- C. Possible LCTA actions that may provide assistance to Trail funding/development opportunities that may be currently listed by MPO or LCTA Plans, under development, or may be proposed in the future (not ranked in order of priority):

- a. Property Acquisition
- b. Improved Trail Accessibility
- c. Improved Trail Connections
- d. Seed Money (\$) for additional trail development
- e. Grant Match Funding
- f. Trail Safety/Maintenance Funding
- g. Case-by-case evaluation of presented opportunities

- D. Based on this list of possible LCTA Trail Development actions, the Trail Priorities Sub-Committee proposes that the LCTA Board and membership consider support of the following projects:
- a. Hoover Trail (property acquisition for completion to Ely)
 - b. CVNT pave from Co. Home Rd to Lafayette (provide Local match w/LCCB grant request)
 - c. Grant Wood Trail (assist in acquisition of last 0.5 mile property in Linn County)

2. Government Support (John Helbling)

- a. John reported the city has begun to revisit the “who owns trails” initiative. A charter may be drafted as soon as February 2009.

3. Public Awareness and Support

- a. No Report

4. Trail Maintenance and Safety:

- a. No Report

5. Support/ Volunteer Development (Keith Sutherland)

- a. Keith reported about a half a dozen contributions in the past few months.

New Business:

A. Wide Sidewalks

Dean Barnum voiced the opinion that the LCTA assist the city in developing a policy about in regards to establishing six foot sidewalks along major arterials that are conducive for trail usage. Tom Podizmek recommended that the LCTA attend public meetings about street improvement projects to voice the need for a wide sidewalk.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Brad Mullin/Secretary



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October/November 2008



LCTA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, October 31 , 12:00pm

Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.

4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.

LCTA Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 7:00pm

People's Church

700 3rd. Ave. NE.

LCTA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, November 28 , 12:00pm

Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc.

4001 River Ridge Drive N.E.