

**Friends of the Clinton River Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting, June 28, 2011  
Auburn Hills Community Center**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: John Hensler, Debbie Parker, Claudia Filler, Ron Vogt, Fred Phillips, John Zalewski, Melinda Hill, Betty Delaney, Shirley Mullin, Pat Mullin, Dave Papp, Doug Gordon, Clint Spevak, Wesley Sova, Chuck Hatch

Reported by: Claudia Filler

Melinda Hill chaired the meeting.

**Donation Letters:** A group of Steering Committee members met at 6 p.m. to prepare the 800+ donation request letters for mailing.

**CRT Alliance:** John Zalewski and Ron Vogt reported on the June Alliance meeting. Only Mike Hartner of Rochester Hills was present representing the cities. HiTech Molding will install a vault toilet at the Leach Road trailhead prior to the Fall Classic. John Zalewski distributed the extra mile markers that Mimi had received. (Chuck Hatch reported that the mile marker #9 has reappeared but is not installed; Chuck will contact Brian Marzolf of Auburn Hills.)

**National Trails Day:** Fred Phillips reported that FCRT set up an information booth at the intersection of the Downtown Rochester River Walk and the Clinton River Trail on Saturday, June 4. Fred, Betty Delaney, Doug and Judy Gordon, and Claudia Filler staffed the booth. FCRT received \$30 in donations and sold t-shirts in the amount of \$50.

**FCRT Advocacy Presentations:**

Advocacy presentations were made at four City Council meetings (Pontiac, Rochester Hills, Rochester and Sylvan Lake) in late May and early June. Dan Keifer made the presentations; John Hensler prepared the presentation video. The presentation at the City of Auburn Hills will be made on Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

**Maps:** 10,000 trail maps have been printed and are available for placement in map boxes and other distribution points.

**Fall Classic:** Debbie Parker reported on sponsorship status. After much work on the part of Debbie and the Community Foundation, the paperwork was prepared to the satisfaction of UPS which has now committed to donate \$1,000. Melinda and John spoke about the change from prior years--registration guaranteeing a t-shirt closes September 1 (similar to other organizations' ride policies); late registrants will be able to purchase a generic t-shirt on the day of the ride depending on availability. There will be one price for the ride. It was determined that we need 750 Save The Date cards; Ron Vogt will prepare a

distribution list. A Fall Classic Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. at Chapman's Mill restaurant. All who are interested in helping with the Fall Classic are invited.

**Election of Officers:** Melinda Hill explained the need to elect new officers now that the presidency has become vacant. Melinda proposed the following slate of officers:

President: Mimi Zwolak

Vice President: Fred Phillips

Secretary: Claudia Filler

Treasurer: Mark Pompetzki

Board Members At Large: Judy Gordon, John Hensler, Melinda Hill

Melinda called for discussion and further nominations. None were made. The above slate of officers was elected unanimously.

**Telegraph Road Bridge:** Discussion was held regarding concerns raised by John Martin of Sylvan Lake via email regarding the conditions on the trail at the Pontiac Drive intersection. Sylvan Lake residents have reported that cyclists are coming off the bridge and not stopping at Pontiac Drive. Claudia Filler sent John Martin's email on to John Balint of Pontiac for consideration of signage and/or other solutions. Fred Phillips pointed out that the section leading from the bridge ramp to Pontiac Drive is in Bloomfield Township. Clint Spevak indicated that the Bloomfield Township Safety Path Plan shows a path connecting to the CRT in that location. Clint will contact the Bloomfield Twp. Public Works director about this matter. FCRT Steering Committee members concluded that at the least, the cities must 1) install a stop sign on the trail at Pontiac Drive; 2) install "caution" and "road crossing" signs at both ends of the bridge; and 3) stripe Pontiac Drive where the trail crosses. FCRT Steering Committee will attempt to bring the parties together to resolve this matter.

**Trail Surface:** Due to lack of time, the scheduled discussion on trail surface options was postponed until the July meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 26, 2011, 7 p.m., Auburn Hills Community Center