

**Friends of the Clinton River Trail
Steering Committee Meeting, March 31, 2009
Auburn Hills Community Center**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fred Phillips, Melinda Hill, Shirley Mullin, Claudia Filler, Dan Keifer, John Hensler, Mimi Zwolak, Judy Gordon, Steve Caldwell, John Tarantino, Chuck Hatch, William A. Hite, Sr.

Reported by: Claudia Filler, April 8, 2009

Dan Keifer chaired the meeting.

Mimi Zwolak reported that the Erb Foundation is not interested in supporting greenways at the current time.

Dan Keifer congratulated John Hensler on the revised website.

Dan also indicated that Todd Scott, a leading trail & cycling advocate, has offered to lead a bicycle tour on new trails in the City of Detroit. May 16 and June 6 were discussed as possibilities. Dan will contact Todd about his available dates.

Mimi Zwolak reported on her recent conversation with John Balint of the City of Pontiac. John indicated the following:

- Phase II construction will start in July.
- Phase III: Oakland County is preparing parcel numbers and checking ownership for the Phase III trail construction along the Clinton River east from Woodward Avenue.
- Pontiac intends to apply for an MDNR Trust Fund grant to acquire the north spur of the abandoned railway.

Dan Keifer is preparing foundation requests to assist with Sylvan Lake's funding of the Orchard Lake Road crossing.

Perkins contribution: Possible uses include 1) improving trail access to Rochester Hills' recent purchase of a 23 acre site adjacent to the trail near Harding Road, and 2) signage to indicate path to Bloomer Park.

Stephanie Marshbank is the new Oakland County staffer for the Oakland Trails Advisory Council (OTAC). Dan will talk to Stephanie about her involvement with the Dequindre Road crossing and to encourage early involvement with the Road Commission's planning for expanded Tienken Road capacity near Dequindre.

Fred and Mimi attended the Clinton River Trail Alliance meeting. Fred reported that the Alliance members were impressed by the examples of trail signage from the Central Ohio Greenway group. Mimi will attend the next

OTAC meeting to advocate for adoption of consistent signage standards and a “look” for Oakland County’s trails.

Mimi sent “thank you’s” to the two landscape architects who attended our March 5 meeting. She gave them each a 2008 Fall Classic Ride t-shirt.

Fall Classic Ride: Melinda Hill asked for an update on several tasks.

- John Hensler will prepare and post trail signs one month ahead advertising the Fall Classic. John will also prepare the signage for the event.
- Mimi will contact Onyx about the use of their restrooms.
- Melinda will contact Mark Pompetzski about arranging insurance for the event.
- John and Fred will work on route lengths.

Newsletter:

Newsletter Article Deadline: April meeting

Mimi solicited ideas for the newsletter. Members should let her know what they are willing to write.

Next meeting: April 21, 2009