

**Friends of the Clinton River Trail
Steering Committee Meeting, April 21, 2009
Auburn Hills Community Center**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fred Phillips, Shirley Mullin, Pat Mullin, Claudia Filler, Dan Keifer, John Hensler, Mimi Zwolak, Judy Gordon, Ron Vogt, John Tarantino, Chuck Hatch, William A. Hite, Sr.

Reported by: Claudia Filler, May 20, 2009

Dan Keifer chaired the meeting.

Dan reminded the group about the Detroit Trail Tour to be held on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. Todd Scott will lead the tour.

Trail Update:

Pontiac:

- The City of Pontiac has been awarded a \$2.1 million enhancement grant for the Telegraph Road pedestrian bridge.
- Road construction on South Boulevard will prevent access to the temporary route until June 30. Another temporary route through Pontiac: starting at Opdyke Road and Auburn, west to Woodward East, south to Judson St., west to Woodward West, north to Orchard Lake Road, west to Bagley St., south to the trail.

Sylvan Lake:

Dan reported that Hubbell Roth & Clark will meet with John Martin to discuss funding options for the Orchard Lake Road Crossing in Sylvan Lake.

Rochester Hills:

- The Judy Perkins donation: The City of Rochester Hills needs to meet with Mrs. Perkins to agree on a project.
- The Crooks Road overpass (over M-59) needs to be a two-way pathway. Mimi Zwolak will contact Paul Shimenko of Rochester Hills with the FCRT concerns.

CRT Alliance: There was no meeting in April. Trail maintenance is currently an issue. Mimi will bring up at the next meeting the need to budget for maintenance in the future.

Events & Activities

- A trail cleanup has been organized by Christie Neeley for May 2.
- National Trails Day: John Hensler reported that FRCT will have a table at the intersection of Paint Creek walkway and the CRT in Rochester on Saturday, June 6.
- Fall Classic: Judy Gordon will research available promotional items. We have a target date of June 5 for the Fall Classic donation requests. Claudia Filler reported that an early solicitation was sent to UPS due to their funding cycle.
- Membership letters will be sent out by June 30.
- Newsletter timetable:
 - Articles due by April 28
 - A mailing party will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, one hour prior to our scheduled meeting, to label and stamp the newsletters.

Trail Visioning: Gateway Signage

- Fred Phillips showed pictures of various locations and examples of signage on the Washtenaw County Border-to-Border trail.
- Ron Vogt reported on a visit to the Pinellas Trail in Florida, a 34-mile paved surface corridor of the former CXRR r.o.w. Ron indicated that this trail definitely has the "WOW!" factor that we want for the CRT.

Post Office Box: Mimi will arrange for a post office box at the Auburn Hill P.O. for FCRT correspondence.

FRCT Steering Committee Business Cards: It was agreed that the cards should be self-funded. Those who want the cards should e-mail John Hensler with your personal information.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m., Auburn Hills Community Center. Mailing party to label and stamp newsletters will be held at 6:00 p.m.