



**Friends of the Clinton River Trail
Steering Committee Meeting, November 25, 2008
Auburn Hills Community Center**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lori Miller, Claudia Filler, Ron Vogt, Mimi Zwolak, John Tarantino, Dan Keifer, Chuck Hatch, John Zalewski, Fred Phillips, Judy Gordon, Dave Parker, Debbie Parker

Reported by: Mark Pompetzki, Dec 6/08

- FCRT Organizational Issues
 - ✚ Meeting with Mary Tischler; 11/22 meeting – attended by Fred Phillips, Judy Gordon, Mark Pompetzki, Dan Keifer – discussed governance, need for 501C3, current financial organization.
 - ✚ Recommendations:
 1. Keep FCRT's existing relationship with Greater Rochester Community Foundation (for 501c3 status)
 2. Keep FCRT's gross receipts below \$5,000 annually
 3. Dissolve FCRT as a membership-based organization; file new 'Articles of Incorporation' with State of Michigan as a director-based organization ("Friends of Clinton River Trail"; new/revised EIN, GRCF agreement & bank account)
 4. Create simplified set of by-laws for FCRT (winter project)
 5. Appoint 3 FCRT Directors – required to comply with changes from the State of Michigan
 6. Bottomline, no advantages at this point to establish FCRT's own 501c3 status
 - ✚ Governance: FCRT is currently organized on a membership basis. Discussed issues with a membership organization. Membership based vs directorship based – decision at next meeting.
 - ✚ Board of Directors: Vote taken – Result: President: Dan Keifer, Treasurer – Mark Pompetzki, Secretary – Claudia Filler

- Orchard Lake Road - road crossing
 - ✚ Sylvan Lake looking at using Tri-County funds to re-align the road to include a center safety island. Re-alignment consists of moving one curb. Expect a meeting in December. Mike Hartner has offered to bring drawings from R.H. to simplify the engineering effort.
 - ✚ Communications with Lee Liston, Road Commission OC

- Pontiac
 - ✚ Applied for DNR and MDOT grants for the Telegraph Bridge. Total \$1.3M

- Trail Design Project
 - ✚ Communications with Nancy Krupiarz, MTGA
 - ✚ Communications with Barbara Nelson-Jameson, National Park Service – gave us lots of names of potential designers.
 - ✚ Communications with Peter Pollack, Pollack Design - did the Pere-Marquette trail
 - ✚ Draft RFP, Fred Phillips – Excellent job.
 - ✓ Discussed the need to incorporate the Alliance/Communities
 - ✓ Goal is to put a Request for Proposal in front of the Alliance in February.
 - ✓ Funding – requires further discussion next meeting.



- CRT Donation
 - ✚ Judy Perkins (2007 memorial bench donation)
 - ✚ Donation toward river overlook, west of Livernois, Rochester Hills
 - ✚ To be constructed in conjunction with City's riverbank stabilization project
 - ✚ \$8,500 (2008); additional donation planned for 2009
 - ✚ Directed to/through FCRT (GRCF)

- Website
 - ✚ New website to be up in early December.

- 2009 Fall Classic Ride
 - ✚ Registration handled by Melinda Hill (LMB; Fitness magazine)
 - ✚ Lori Miller stated that the UPS website will feature the Fall Classic

- Financial Summary
 - ✚ Account balances
 - ✓ Charter One \$1,887.70
 - ✓ Community Foundation \$20,404.07 (includes \$8,500 from Judy Perkins)

- Other Issues
 - ✚ Holiday Party, Dec 9th – Contact Mimi Zwolack for details.
 - ✚ Discussed cleaning up the steering committee list. No decision.
 - ✚ The current email list is at: <http://www.clintonrivertrail.org/members.htm>

- Next Meeting: Jan 29/09