

**Friends of the Clinton River Trail
Steering Committee Meeting, March 5, 2009
Auburn Hills Community Center**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fred Phillips, Melinda Hill, Pat and Shirley Mullin, Claudia Filler, Dan Keifer, John Hensler, Mimi Zwolak, Judy Gordon

Reported by: Claudia Filler, March 24, 2009

Dan Keifer chaired the meeting.

Erb Family Foundation Grant

Dan and Mimi discussed the possibility of applying for an Erb Family Foundation grant for funding some of the CRT's unfinished sections, e.g., the Orchard Lake Road crossing, the trail through Pontiac, and the Telegraph Road bridge. The understanding is that an applicant must be a non-profit 501C3 organization and must have a fund balance of \$100,000 in the prior year. The possibility of partnering with the Rochester Community Foundation was discussed. Mimi will contact Nancy Krupiarcz; Dan will prepare a letter of inquiry to Erb.

Michigan Recreation & Parks Association Pre-conference

Fred Phillips reported that 50-75 people attended the Trails Forum sessions. Fred made a presentation on deviations from the master plan that were made in constructing and finalizing the design for the Clinton River Trail.

Other Business

- 2009 Fall Classic Ride
John Hensler prepared "Save the Date" cards for the Sept. 26, 2009 Fall Classic Ride. Claudia Filler will mail these to last year's sponsors. Melinda Hill reported that the Fall Classic is listed on the LMB Region 3 calendar on Google—LMB.org.
- The OPC is sponsoring a 5K Fun Run on the CRT on June 6, 2009.
- Dan Kiefer acknowledged a \$500 donation from the Clinton River Riders
- Dates for upcoming publicity were established: Newsletter, June 15; Donation letter, June 30

CRT "Look and Feel" Project

- Two local planners, Mark Russell and Peter Pollack, attended the meeting to provide advice on proceeding with the "Look and Feel" project. They provided information about a similar project in southeast Michigan, the Huron River Greenway Border to Border Trail in Washtenaw County. Some of their comments:
- DNR grant money is available for trail universal accessibility. The Kellogg Foundation supplemented DNR monies for the Border to Border Trail.

- Use the Master Plan to start the conversation with the communities. Ask each community about their design decisions to date.
- Develop a new mission statement about the “look and feel.” Connect to other trails and neighborhoods.
- Next step: Build on existing accomplishments. Create an addendum to the Master Plan.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 7 p.m., at the Auburn Hills Community Center