

**Friends of the Clinton River Trail
Steering Committee Meeting, December 2, 2009
Auburn Hills Community Center**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: John Hensler, Claudia Filler, Ron Vogt, Donna Vogt, Judy Gordon, Doug Gordon, Chuck Hatch, Fred Phillips, John Zalewski, Mimi Zwolak, Debbie Parker, Dave Parker, Melinda Hill, Darrell Hancock

Reported by: Claudia Filler

Mimi Zwolak chaired the meeting.

Steering Committee Master List: Judy Gordon distributed copies of the updated FCRT Steering Committee and Municipal/Organization Directory. Members are asked to contact Judy with any changes.

“Look and Feel” RFP: Fred Phillips reported on the subcommittee meeting during which the nine proposals were reviewed and ranked by the members. The subcommittee narrowed the proposals to three. Dan Keifer has contacted the three firms to schedule interviews with the subcommittee on December 9. The three firms invited to interview are: McKenna Associates, Landscape Architects & Planners, and Russell/Pollack Design.

Trail Update

- Telegraph Road Pedestrian Bridge: Claudia Filler reported a new development affecting the finalization of the federal stimulus grant to Pontiac for construction of the pedestrian bridge over Telegraph Road. It turns out that the CRT alignment crosses a portion of Bloomfield Township at the west end of the bridge approach. Pontiac is having discussions with Bloomfield Township on dealing with the storm water drainage from the bridge project. Pontiac needs to have all of the approvals in place by December 30 in order to receive the stimulus money. FCRT will send a letter of support to Bloomfield Township.
- Pontiac Phase IV Walk-through: John Zalewski and Chuck Hatch reported on the rescheduled walkthrough of the potential Phase IV trail alignment from Woodward Avenue to Opdyke Road in Pontiac. Chuck had previously emailed a detailed report to the Steering Committee.
- Diversion St. Parking Lot: Doug Gordon reported that the new parking lot at Diversion St. in Rochester is completed with 45 spaces. Doug thinks this will make a nice trailhead.

ITC Line Clearing in Auburn Hills: Ron Vogt reported on his discussion with Don Green of the City of Auburn Hills regarding ITC’s vegetation removal plan along the CRT in that community. Don assured Ron that the only clear cutting will be done in the vicinity of Avondale High School at the

request of the school district. ITC will selectively trim in other areas along the trail.

Fall Classic Ride: The 2010 date has been established at September 18. The Fall Classic Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at Chapman's Mill at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. for dinner).

Maps: Fred Phillips discussed plans to reprint CRT maps. It was decided to delay revision of the maps until 2011 in order to include the Telegraph Road bridge. We will reprint enough to get through the 2010 season. Fred will attempt to obtain approval at the next Alliance meeting to print 12,000 maps. The assignments for distributing the maps at map boxes and bike shops will be made in February.

Trail Promotion:

- Ron and Donna Vogt, John Hensler and Debbie Parker staffed a table at REI on November 21, speaking with customers and handing out CRT promotional material. REI has invited FCRT to participate again on May 23.
- Mimi Zwloak spoke about the need to prepare a presentation for the City Councils. John Hensler has a video that could be used at the presentations and also run on each City's web site and cable t.v. A subcommittee will be established to develop this. Mimi will contact the volunteers about the place, date and time.

CRT Alliance Meeting

- Debbie Parker wants to speak at the next Alliance Meeting about the need for sponsors for the Fall Classic.
- Ron Vogt discussed an issue that should be addressed at the next Alliance Meeting—the awkward 90 degree turn from the CRT onto the River Walk in Rochester.

Donation Drive Report: Claudia Filler read an email from Mark Pompetzki reporting on revenue from the 2009 donation drive and comparing it to the 2008 drive.

- 2009: \$2495 from 67 donations
- 2008: \$2850 from 68 donations

Holiday Party: Mimi Zwolak will host a holiday party for FCRT Steering Committee members and their guests at her home on Wednesday, December 16. Mimi will send an email with the details.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Community Center