

**Friends of the Clinton River Trail
Steering Committee Meeting, September 29, 2009
Auburn Hills Community Center**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: John Hensler, Claudia Filler, Ron Vogt, Chuck Hatch, Fred Phillips, John Zalewski, Dan Keifer, Mimi Zwolak, Debbie Parker, Shirley Mullin, Melinda Hill, Gary Dolinshek, William Hite, Betty Delaney, Brian Heitman, Mark Pompetzki, Al Peters

Reported by: Claudia Filler

Dan Keifer chaired the meeting.

Fall Classic Ride

The first order of business involved a debriefing of the 2009 Fall Classic Ride.

- Attendance: 107 pre-registered; 68 registered day of; 11 sponsor participants
- Why did people come? Riders checked the web site; brochures on the map boxes got the word out.
- John Zalewski reported that 70 riders stopped at the Onyx rest stop.
- Kudos to Rochester Hills for assuring that the Hamilin Road crossing was in good shape.
- Chapman's Mill provided a water stop on the trail.
- Mimi Zwolak distributed a written report on the food process.
- Debbie Parker reported on sponsorship. Sponsor donations were \$4,400, down \$600 from 2008. Sponsorship expenses were: \$1,105 (t-shirts), \$55.03 (folders and envelopes), \$44.87 (postage).
- Debbie reported that Rochester Bike Shop wants to be more involved patrolling the trail next year. Genisys Credit Union wants to increase their involvement.
- Debbie and Claudia will write thank-you notes to sponsors and others who helped with the event.

Planning for next year:

- Tentative date: September 25 (4th Saturday); John Hensler will check to see that it doesn't conflict with the Tour Detroit.
- Melinda Hill and Mimi Zwolak will co-chair the event.
- Ron Vogt will handle promotion.
- John Hensler will handle pre-race publicity.
- Debbie Parker and Claudia Filler will handle sponsorship.
- Betty Delaney will handle registration on the event day.
- Committee chairs will meet at Chapman's Mill on October 5.

Trail Update

- Pontiac’s Phase II construction has started.
- The planned Phase IV walkthrough scheduled for Sept. 28 was cancelled due to bad weather. Leah Groya of Wade Trim will reschedule.

“Look and Feel” RFP

Fred Phillips announced that the RFP has been released and is also on the FCRT web site. Fred has emailed packages to a number of area landscape architectural firms and is starting to receive positive responses. Fred will do a second round to individuals at some of the firms that have not yet responded. A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for October 6 at the Auburn Hills Community Center.

Dan Keifer has sent out letters soliciting financial assistance for the “Look and Feel” project. Dan will also check with Larry Falardeau of Oakland County regarding other grant opportunities.

Treasurer’s Report

Mark Pompetzki reported:*

FCRT account:	\$17,695.18
Donation for Overlook Deck	<u>8,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$26,195.18

*10/13/09

The next regular FCRT meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at **Chapman’s Mill.**