

Meeting Minutes March 28, 2023 – Friends of the Clinton River Trail, Auburn Hills Community Center.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Melinda.

Attendees: Stan Torres, John Zalewski, Tom Yazbek, Melinda Hill, Richard Harrison, Josh Eichenhorn, Tom Barnes, Fred Phillips, Kristen Wiltfang, Corey Rowe (via phone)

February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes – minutes accepted (Josh, Tom B).

Visitor Comments - none

Treasurer's Report – John Z reported on the status of the financials and all is in good order. John will bring in the cost of having a PO Box for discussion next meeting.

Pontiac Phase I – Kristen reported the project is nearing completion – some restoration work at the intersections remains and the installation of the Clinton River Trail sign on the mast arm over Orchard Lake Road still needs to be completed.

Media Outreach – Josh is working on moving the website to a new domain (Squarespace) and updating the content. He is making good progress and he plans on giving an overview of his proposal in May to the Board. Social media support is occurring. Melinda noted that she reviewed the content on each city's website related to the Clinton River Trail and how trail was referenced. Additional discussions and coordination with City representatives may need to occur in the future.

Strategic Planning – updates

- Develop and deliver a FCRT advocacy presentation to each city (Josh/Melinda) – Josh is targeting a draft in May and then meetings will be scheduled
- Spring Trail Cleanup – Kristen reported that Pontiac would appreciate support on Friday, April 21 (10 am – 3 pm) – Old Telegraph to Bagley or any portion of the North Spur. Kristen indicated she will let them know FCRT will support Old Telegraph to Bagley from 10-12 on Friday.
- Support/participate in the MI Air Line Trail's Table to Table Bike Ride for National Trails Day on June 3 (John H) – still being planned
- Clinton River Trail features/amenity description – Kristen put this together for Pontiac's Park and Recreation Master Plan and the Board believes it might be a good idea to develop for other cities. Stan indicated that Auburn Hills has a good description of its trail features.
- CRT Alliance meeting – April 13 at 2:00 pm at Auburn Hills. Kristen has prepared an agenda and includes communicating about HAWK and RRFB awareness/education.

Other Business:

- Mid-block crossings on Hamlin and Adams – Tom Y indicated that he is supporting overhead street lighting. The FCRT Board noted that a good next step would be talking to Rochester Hills City Council and Kristen will check to see if there are any guidelines/best practices/legal requirements / engineering standards for these crossings.
- Orchard Lake Improvements – OLRC #4 (Sylvan Lake) – Josh went to an open-house held by the Road Commission for Oakland County and they indicated that the HAWK beacon will remain in place
- Galloway Lake Park – Kristen indicated the site plan is being put together (the park is adjacent to the North Spur Trail)

- Michigander July 22-28 (Stoney Creek Metropark 7/26) – no update
- DIA Trail Art – Richard met a DIA representative – Kristen will talk with the cities at the Alliance Meeting to gauge support and Richard will look for information to help support the discussion
- HAWK / RRFB – Kristen will be hosting a meeting of several agencies (SEMCOG, MDOT, Road Commission for Oakland County, League of Michigan Bicyclists, etc.) to make sure there is a good and consistent communication on consistent installations and also how HAWK / RRFB work from a trail user and driver perspective. It is probable that there will be multiple forms of communication (brochure, video, social media, etc.) and there will be a generic document created.

New Business:

- Richard thought putting on mile markers in Pontiac along Opdyke, South Blvd, and Bagley would be a good idea – Kristen and Fred indicated that they had been painted on the sidewalk and mile marker posts were not installed. It will be checked and pursued if signage is not visible
- John Z – Clinton River Trail walks that are upcoming include OPC Walk on June 3 and Leader Dog of the Blind on June 10

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Submitted by Tom Barnes