

Meeting Minutes May 23, 2023 – Friends of the Clinton River Trail, Auburn Hills Community Center.

Present: John Hensler (on phone), Kristen Wiltfang, Richard Harrison, Fred Phillips, Melinda Hill, Tom Barnes, John Zalewski, Debbie Parker

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Melinda.

Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2023 – accepted (Richard, John).

Visitor Comments - none

Treasurer's Report – John Z reported on the status of the financials and all is in good order. FCRT will retain a post office box at Rochester Post Office – it was the most affordable option. Report accepted.

## **Projects**

Pontiac Phase I – Fred reported that the project is near completion – the Board agreed to close the project as soon as possible. Kristen will work with contractors to get the final pay estimate and invoices and ensure that all parties agree that the punch-list items have been addressed satisfactorily.

National Trails Days - Table to Table Ride (Saturday June 3) – John H reported event planning is proceeding and includes an option to continue on the Clinton River Trail to Bagley (shows on map). FCRT will put up a tent / table from 11-2 on the CRT at Beaudette Park and supply water (Fred and Melinda will set-up at 10:30). It was agreed to put 2023 Trails Magazine at the Drafting Table for riders to pick-up at the end of the ride.

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Clinton River Trail – Melinda sent a letter to each city and got limited feedback. FCRT will send another letter to gauge interest and then decide what kind of event should or could be held.

Media Outreach –

- Website – no update
- Social Media – no update
- City Council presentations – no update
- E-newsletter content – Fred is looking for content (Pontiac wrap-up, HAWK, RRFB, re-surfacing of Auburn Hills, courteous behavior, MALT, Michigander, etc. ) – Board members should send input.

Other Business / Updates

- Mid-block Crossing at Adams / Letica Trailhead – no new information
- Sylvan Lake Improvements – no new information
- Galloway Lake Park – Kristen reported that a conceptual plan has been developed and the Pontiac City Council has agreed to pursue grant funding from the DNR Spark Program and further public input will be sought. The site plan includes a connection to the North Spur of the Clinton River Trail.
- Michigander – July 25 and 26 overnight at Stoney Creek
- Trail Beacons: HAWK and RRFB Information (brochure, video, social media posts, etc.) – no new information

- DIA Trail Art – FCRT will send information to each city to gauge their interest in pursuing having the temporary art exhibited along the trail in 2024
- FCRT Telegraph Bridge naming – Kristen, Fred, and Melinda noted that MDOT is the entity that has the jurisdiction to make any determinations and/or approvals related to this effort. FCRT does not have a role at this time.
- Document Retention – Fred led the discussion and noted that minutes, financial records, and project plans exist and the information is not centrally held at this time. At this time the Board is not aware of any requirements.

New Business:

- Richard reported that 2 of the 5 trees that were planted on the CRT in Pontiac last year are dead. Richard motioned, Tom seconded to replace the 2 dead trees not to exceed \$150 – passed. Richard will lead the project and let the board know next steps.
- John H noted the Southeast Greenways will have a Grand Opening on 5/24/23
- Richard noted that the Clinton River Trail in Pontiac is on the list of parks that could be “adopted” as part of a Pontiac maintenance program

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm (Tom, John H).

Submitted by Tom Barnes