

Meeting Minutes August 29, 2023 – Friends of the Clinton River Trail, Auburn Hills Community Center.

Present: Richard Harrison, Fred Phillips, Tom Barnes, John Zalewski, Josh Eichenhorn, Corey Rowe, Melinda Hill

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Melinda.

Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2023 – accepted (Josh, John Z).

Visitor Comments – none

Treasurer's Report – John Z reported the status of the financials and all is in good order. Discussion occurred on a variety of topics including donations, disbursements, and balances. Report accepted.

Projects / Initiatives

Document Retention – Josh reported that many documents are on the Google Drive including financial reports, state filing documents, organizational documents, and meeting minutes. Thanks to Mark P for keeping good financial records for many years. The board will selectively add important graphics/media to the drive. The FCRT Website will show the past 6 months of meeting minutes and past 2 years of newsletters or key communications.

20th Anniversary Celebration of the Clinton River Trail – Josh reported that a sub-committee (Josh, Richard, John H, Fred) has been formed. The plan is to celebrate the CRT's anniversary on May 21, 2024 (Tuesday) at Goldner-Walsh Nursery with a theme of "25 years looking back & forward". Many ideas have been created on how the event will be run, what budget is necessary (\$1000 approved), and how to promote the event. Richard and John H will continue to work on details.

Rochester Parks and Rec Master Plan comment opportunity – Fred made the FCRT Board aware that Rochester is seeking feedback by the end of September. The FCRT Board will try to help promote public input by sharing public discussion links.

Pontiac Projects of Interest – Richard led the discussion

- Bagley / Golf Drive Reconstruction – plan for implementation is fall of 2024 (may impact current FCRT trail)
- South Boulevard/Woodward Crossing – complete except lights (Josh will post on social media when this is complete and the FCRT Board would like to see signage/sidewalk markers for the CRT put in at the intersection – Fred will determine if signage is available, Richard will determine if Pontiac will support this)
- Meadow Drive/CRT Extension – some members of the FCRT Board will have a discussion with Pontiac City Reps to find the status of the project
- Pike Street Corridor – planning is beginning with aim for implementation in 2025
- Woodward Loop Re-construction – planning is beginning
- Phoenix Center Project – planning is beginning, could move quickly
- Franklin Road Repaving – planned for September - November, 2023
- Air Pump Installation @ Library and near Beaudette Park – will be installed as soon as possible

DIA Trail Art – Fred reported 4 of 5 cities applied (Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, Rochester)

Mid-block Crossing at Adams Road – no new information

Sylvan Lake Improvements / OLRC #4 – a new HAWK signal sign has been added over the road above the current temporary lane – likely to be moved when road construction is complete

Other Project Updates – Fred indicated that in Pontiac on Auburn Road 3 RRFBs and 1 HAWK light have been added

Media Outreach

- City Council presentations – Josh has ideas and is aiming for something before the May 2024 to ensure the 20th anniversary is part of the presentation
- Social Media – Josh is monitoring and updating

Other Business / Updates

- none

New Business:

- none

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 (Josh, Richard).

Next Meeting – Tuesday September 26, 2023

Submitted by Tom Barnes