

Meeting Minutes October 24, 2023 – Friends of the Clinton River Trail, Auburn Hills Community Center.

Present: Richard Harrison, Tom Barnes, John Zalewski, Melinda Hill, John Hensler, Josh Eichenhorn

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Melinda.

Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2023 – accepted (John H, Josh).

Visitor Comments – none

Treasurer's Report – John Z reported the status of the financials. Report accepted.

### **Projects / Initiatives**

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Clinton River Trail – Event will be at Goldner-Walsh on May 22. Discussion occurred on time of event, general flow of the evening, documents/multi-media to be used, and what are key messages. Josh has interviewed several key people in the creation of the CRT and John H has video and pictures of many events in the history of the trail. FCRT will plan to meet with each member city in January-March to give an update on the trail and share plans for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Rochester Parks and Rec Master Plan comment opportunity – Melinda reported the plan is developing and input was provided by FCRT members.

Alliance Meeting – next meeting is not schedule, but FCRT would like to schedule one in January. Plan is to communicate with Park leads from each city to get this planned.

New/Updated Projects of Interest impacting the CRT – Fred has created a document highlighting status of the projects that impact the Trail (great work Fred).

DIA Inside / Out Trail Art – Melinda reported the DIA has indicated that all 5 cities on the CRT will get to participate (2 pieces of art per city). Melinda, Fred, and the DIA's coordinator (Emily Weiss) have established possible sites of where the art will reside on the CRT. Next steps will be the DIA finalizing where and how all pieces of art will be shown – installation in early-Spring through Fall. Rochester, Auburn Hills, and Pontiac will also get additional art from the DIA in other locations.

### Media Outreach

- Website and social media – Josh indicated that he is supporting Instagram, X, and Facebook and that updating the Website is proceeding.

### Other Business / Updates

- Fred (via email) reported that he had asked for a plan from Pontiac regarding the trail plans just west of Opdyke and an inquiry has been made with ITC about the North Spur.
- John Z raised the need and value of updating the Directory listing (Melinda to contact Judy Gordon).
- Richard indicated that Pontiac has a new planning person who is reviewing all zoning for the Pontiac parks – FCRT wants to make sure the CRT is zoned correctly for parks and is protected for future use and enjoyment of trail users.

- Josh raised the idea of putting up signage on the CRT that communicates with trail users – perhaps speed limits and other key rules or etiquette on the trail. The FCRT is going to think about this idea for Spring to educate and communicate with trail users.
- There was discussion about how the trail will change in the future and how the FCRT can stay involved to make sure the Clinton River Trail maintains a same look and feel on all portions of the trail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm (Josh, Richard).

Next Meeting – Tuesday November 28, 2023

Submitted by Tom Barnes