

Meeting Minutes – Annual Meeting January 23, 2024 – Friends of the Clinton River Trail, Auburn Hills Community Center.

Present: Debbie Parker, Tom Barnes, John Zalewski, Melinda Hill, John Hensler, Fred Phillips, Corey Rowe (by phone)

2024 Annual Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Melinda.

Meeting Minutes from last Annual Meeting January 31, 2023 – accepted (John H, John Z).

Treasurer's Report – accepted.

Election of Board of Directors – John H, John Z, Josh E, Tom B proposed slate – unanimously accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 (Melinda, John Z)

Meeting Minutes – Regular Board Meeting January 23, 2024 – Friends of the Clinton River Trail, Auburn Hills Community Center.

Present: Debbie Parker, Tom Barnes, John Zalewski, Melinda Hill, John Hensler, Fred Phillips, Corey Rowe (by phone)

Meeting called to order at 7:09 by Melinda.

Minutes of November 28, 2023 – accepted (Fred, John H).

Visitor Comments – none

Treasurer's Report – John Z reported the status of the financials and recent disbursements. Some discussion on project costs, end of year bank account status, and FCRT donations occurred. Report accepted.

Projects / Initiatives

20th Anniversary Celebration of the Clinton River Trail – event will be at Goldner-Walsh on May 22.

City Council Presentations - FCRT / City discussions - confirmed for Monday February 12 at 7 pm at City of Rochester; potentially for Feb 19 at 7 pm for Auburn Hills, March 4 at 7 pm for City of Rochester Hills, March 12 at 6 pm for Pontiac, and March 13 at 7:30 pm at Sylvan Lake.

Banner discussion – idea is to give each city a stand-up banner prior to the 20th anniversary celebration – board agreed to do this and John H will coordinate (banners and stands from Vista Print).

FCRT 2024 Information Sheet / Schedule – also planned to support the City Council meetings. It was agreed to make about 500 thick-stock fliers (100 for each city) and locally print it – John H will coordinate. FCRT will also publish a 2-page summary to each city with latest accomplishments, photographs, and 2024 meetings (12 sheets for each city for council members, city manager, etc.) – Fred to coordinate.

Alliance Meeting recap – All cities (except Sylvan Lake) were present as were FCRT leadership (Melinda, Fred, John Z, Kristen, and Josh) were in attendance. Linda summarized attendees – good meeting. Some highlights: Rochester Hills has been counting users of the CRT (approximately 78,000 in summer,

20,000 in winter); Rochester has plans for bridge inspections, resurfacing, and intersection work at Paint Creek and Bloomer Park, and investigating drying up the wetness on the trail west of Dequindre; all cities approved the Michigan Trails Magazine advertisement; all cities are supporting the DIA art along the trail.

CRT Projects & Initiatives to Monitor -

Meetings schedule - some discussion occurred about board meeting locations in the future – at this time, the board will pursue keeping the meetings at Auburn Hills and Melinda will create a calendar for 2024. The Annual and next regular meeting will be January 23, 2024.

Community Presentations – Josh reported that progress is being made and he has gotten good feedback from several key stakeholders. Josh highlighted the major points of the presentation and the board gave feedback.

New/Updated Projects of Interest impacting the CRT – Fred indicated no updates to the projects.

Media Outreach

- Website and social media – new Website is up and running and has some bugs that are being worked out – thanks to Josh for getting this going.

New / Old Business

- Debbie brought up the locker and storage – she is getting billed. It appears that the locker will cost about \$350 for 2024 and key/ownership will be transferred to Fred and John Z. The board agreed to maintain the locker (Tom, John H).
- Corey indicated that 1/30/24 is a “State of Transit” meeting – all our invited.
- Document retention – Fred led the discussion and indicated that he was trying to create a document retention guideline including board responsibilities for each type of document (e.g. financials, look and feel, meeting minutes). Further discussion with intent to decide will occur at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm (Tom, John H).

Next Meeting – Tuesday February 27, 2024

Submitted by Tom Barnes