

Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2019

Call to Order

Chair/Vice Chair

Roll Call

Clerk

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman – Joe Giffune | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Membership – Donna Green | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Bengt-Olaf Schneider |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair – Carmel Steger | <input type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Planning & Dev – | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – Open |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – Eric Bressler | <input type="checkbox"/> Dir of Resource Dev – | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – John Tassinari |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk – Chris Steger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Cressotti | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large - Dan Call |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – Bob Pac | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lt. Eric Hall | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Don Podolski |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – George Hart | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Phelon – Chamber of Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Mike Young |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reenie Hamel - Guest | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Hamel - Guest | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large - Open |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Cacolice |

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm at Westfield YMCA.

Previous meeting minutes: Dan Call moved to approve, seconded by Bengt. Motion passed.

Reports of City Officers (Mark Cressotti)

Central Section 100% design plan submitted to state, design plans are on the City's web site, right of way appraisals due in February, bid documents are coming due soon, state funding is over programmed and state is managing, trail lighting could be available next fiscal year, \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Act funds is needed, construction could begin spring 2019.

Kids are using the ladder on the trail bridge to get down to the river, options to stop access will be investigated.

Western Ave design is continuing,

Westfield River levee trail design work is continuing

Lt. Eric Hall

Traffic commission investigating installing pedestrian crossing lights.

Chair (Joe Giffune)

No report

Vice Chair (Carmel Steger)

Preliminary Board ballot circulated to entice new members, Board liability insurance needs to be updated, a lecture was attended on January 16, YMCA to have an honorary membership on the FOCGRT web site, a rail trail bridge opening ceremony needs to be scheduled for this spring, looking to fill empty Board positions for 2019.

Treasurer's Report (Eric Bressler/Joe Giffune)

No report.

Director of Planning and Resources Report

No report

Director of Maintenance (Bob Pac/George Hart)

Attending DPW representing the Board, graffiti was removed from the trail (Silver Street bridge), for reporting trail vandalism use the report an incident link on the City's home page, attended Park and Recreation meeting to present count data.

Director of Membership

No report

Westfield 350 (George Hart)

There will be a kids bike rodeo at the YMCA on May 18th, there is also a pancake breakfast that morning, yoga on the river esplanade is scheduled for same morning at 7 am, trail quest will also be held that morning, subcommittee continuing to plan the events.

Kate Phelon:

No report

Nominating Committee:

One person has volunteered to by Director of Membership (Thank you Donna Green). Draft ballot circulated to Board members.

At Large:

Dan reported status of TIP projects.

Crossing lights not being used at Shaker, suggestion was made to have trail user motion sensors installed.

Old Business:

1. Westfield River Bridge plaque replacement.
2. Security camera on bridge.
3. Joe to follow-up on liability insurance requirements for FOCGRT.
4. Stop and Shop proposal brain storm for involvement:
 - a. Install a bike rack
 - b. Add fence gate at parking lot
 - c. Add a bench by Main Street bridge
 - d. Mural on wall w logo's of businesses
 - e. Cleaning program for wall area
 - f. Provide prizes and food for 350th FOCGRT events
 - g. Business membership
 - h. Provide Stop and Shop employees interested in being board members
 - i. Trail focused food court (outdoors?)
5. Committee formed (Joe and Chris) to recommend ways to an \$800 grant.

New Business:

1. Proposal provided to Board by Bob and Dan for trail usage signs.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the YMCA.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Dan, second by Bengt, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.