

Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2018

Call to Order

Chair/Vice Chair

Roll Call

Clerk

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairman – Joe Giffune | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Membership – Alice Flyte | <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 – |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – Eric Bressler | <input type="checkbox"/> Dir of Resource Dev – | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – John Tassinari |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk – Chris Steger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Green | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large - Dan Call |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – Bob Pac | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Mike Young | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Cressotti |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – George Hart | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – Don Podolski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Cacolice |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Cacolice | <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Phelon |

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

Previous meeting minutes: Bob Pac moved to approve, seconded by John. Motion passed.

Chris to check meeting bylaws for the number of board members necessary for a quorum.

Reports of City Officers (Mark Cressotti via Carmel)

My apologies again. For update we have submitted 100% ROW plans and are expecting to submit 100% design plans by early January. Utility sight walk related to pole adjustments was conducted last week. Some DOT comments will require slight adjustment. Happy Holidays!!!

Chair (Joe Giffune)

Made a presentation to the Agawam Rotary about the economic impact of a rail trail.

Vice Chair (Carmel Steger)

No report. (refer to M. Cressotti report and 350th Report)

Treasurer's Report (Eric Bressler/Joe Giffune)

No report.

Director of Planning and Resources Report

No report

Director of Maintenance (Bob Pac/George Hart)

The crosswalk at Shaker Road still has not been painted. 4 of 5 fence repairs completed, one broken north of dry bridge. Wayland signs have been vandalized

with scratches making them hard to see. Email sent to Farmington Valley rail trail. Seems like all mile markers are in place. Traffix counter update, some inconsistencies in counter numbers vs. human count. John and Bob to continue refining counter. George: Hedges Ave. ramp has pot holes and some graffiti has appeared in underpass.

Director of Membership (Alice Flyte)

Alice provided a FOCGRT business membership update. The FOCGRT web page has the capability to add company logos and links. Facebook page has a posting on Memorial Bricks. So far, two bricks have been bought. Clerk Note: Thank you Alice for all your hard work as the Director of Membership. Your efforts are appreciated by the entire board.

Westfield 350 (George Hart)

The slow bike event has been dropped. Thanks to all who volunteered for First Night. 3 events: bike rodeo - situated at YMCA rear parking lot, yoga on the Esplanade, trail quest on 1 mile stretch of bike trail. Caroline will be connecting with Westfield Police Academy to coordinate the bike rodeo. We need liability insurance coverage for these events so that we are covered in the event of any participant injury. Allison Terkellson, who designed a number of the signs on the RT, has agreed to assist in our graphic arts needs for bandanas we will be offering at our 350th events. She helped design the 350th logo and worked with MJ Bull so is familiar with these happenings. Board members will need to help with one or more of the events and by march we will have a better idea of how many volunteers are needed.

Joe to contact his resource and Berkshire Insurance to address this.

Kate Phelon:

No report

Nominating Committee:

One person has volunteered to by Director of Membership (Thank you Donna Green). Draft ballot included with January meeting agenda.

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 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, January 15, 2019 at the YMCA.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by John, second by Bob, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.