

Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Education – Don Podolski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Bob Hamel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – | <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"/> At Large – Reenie Hamel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large - Dan Call |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – Bob Pac | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – Mike Young | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Cressotti – City Engineer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – George Hart | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Carolyn Cacolice | <input type="checkbox"/> Lt. Eric Hall - WPD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Cacolice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Westemind | <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Phelon – Chamber of Commerce |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan McHatton |

Meeting called to order at Westfield City Hall at 6:40 pm.

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

Reports of City Officers (Mark Cressotti)

Central Section – review of 100% design plans, bid openings could happen in summer of 2019.

Western Ave – work to commence in 2019.

Westfield River Levee: 25% design submitted to state for review, construction is still several years out.

There was a newspaper article that the students at Papermill are doing a Native American project. Who has the FOCGRT Native American tablet? Someone needs to contact Joe Giffune to see what is in storage at his business.

Discussion about railing being cut at the Stop and Shop for pedestrian access.

Lt. Eric Hall

No report

Chair (Joe Giffune)

No report

Vice Chair (Carmel Steger)

350 events were a success, received very good feedback from public about trail, Board of Health trail use sign is being designed, the Westfield Woman’s Club is having High Tea fundraiser on June 26th, Carmel is planning on attending if anyone else is interested let her know, motion made to spend up to \$100 to pay board members fee to attend by Dan, seconded by Donna, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Joe Giffune)

No report.

Director of Planning and Resources Report

No report

Director of Maintenance (Bob Pac/George Hart)

Refer to submitted report, Traffix counter calibration is continuing, reviewed vandalism on trail and other use issues.

Director of Education

Inspected 30 bikes at 350th bike rodeo, an article on Valley Share in submitted report, using protected bike lanes is now a federal policy for street design.

Director of Membership

May is membership month, 18 new memberships in April, 26 t-shirts have been sold, planning to ask Chamber of Commerce members for support, Instagram continuing (@columbiagreenway).

At Large:

Very positive feedback for FOGRT members walking in 350th parade.

Kate Phelon (Chamber of Commerce):

No reports.

Old Business:

1. E-Bike regulations for bike trails discussed. Appears Mass. will be following CT lead for regulating the bikes by either Class 1 or 2. Co-sponsored by Don Humanson and John Velis.
2. Westfield River Bridge plaque replacement.

New Business:

None

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the Westfield YMCA.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Dan, second by John, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.