

Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
December 30, 2019

Call to Order

Acting Chair

Roll Call

Clerk

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acting Chairman - Carmel Steger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Membership – Donna Green | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – Bengt-Olaf Schneider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair – open | <input type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Education – Don Podolski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Bob Hamel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – Joe Giffune | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir of Resource Dev – Jonathan McHatton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – John Tassinari |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk – Chris Steger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Reenie Hamel | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large - Dan Call |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – Bob Pac | <input type="checkbox"/> At Large – | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Cressotti – City Engineer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dir. Of Maint – George Hart | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Large – Carolyn Cacolice | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Bard - WPD |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Cacolice | <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Phelon – Chamber of Commerce |

Meeting called to order via conference call (due to ice storm) 6:32 pm.

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

Reports of City Officers (Mark Cressotti)
Not present

Kevin Bard
Not present

Acting Chair (Carmel Steger)
Springfield Republican interviewed Carmel, targeted to be published in January 2020, discussion about FOCGRT 2020 events, all board members to forward to Carmel any scheduled events or ideas for events, need complete list by March 1, 2020, discussion about how to get more businesses to become paying members of FOCGRT

Vice Chair
Vacant position

Treasurer's Report (Carmel)
Carmel is meeting with Joe Giffune to get calendar year financial report for January meeting.

Director of Planning and Resources Report
Attended event at the basketball hall of fame for potential new board members.

Director of Maintenance (Bob Pac/George Hart)

Landscape bricks installed at Shaker Road bike trail, continue to identify trail bumps from roots for possible repair in the spring, trail use data updated through the end of November 2019.

Director of Education

Not present

Director of Membership

24 emails on FOCGRT newsletter distribution, newsletter will be published by end of December 2019, reach out for new board members.

Nominating Committee

Slate of board members presented for approval, motion to approve the board as presented by Bob, seconded by John T, discussion that Johnathan should be moved to Director of Resource Development, changed made, motion approved with change.

At Large:

No comments.

Old Business:

How should FOCGRT best utilize bike racks donated by Dan L., FOCGRT does not have a place to store racks (4 – 6 racks), discussion about how to get them out to the community, Carmel to meet with Kate to discuss approaching local businesses.

GRR fundraising opportunity – Paul, Bob, Reenie, Jonathan and Donna met with Don, further board discussion about FOCGRT joining with New Horizons to run 2020 Great River Ride, 8 – 10 board members (and maybe others) needed to run event, last year had 200 riders, collected about \$3000 plus sponsor donations, agreement that the FOCGRT would keep any corporate sponsor donations, motion by Donna to commit the FOCGRT to partner with New Horizons for the 2020 Great River Ride, seconded by Bob H., motion approved. Chris to communicate to Don P.

Northside route – Dan, John T, and Don met with Mark Peter about Westfield northern bike route, agreement that it was important to include access to Westfield HS, other options discussed, Dan agreed to communicate with Southampton Rail Trail group about potential route to meet up with CGRT.

New Business:

Accounting discussion, Quick Notes is installed on a FOCGRT computer which Joe G has as Treasurer, John T. to follow up for options on software and a computer to run it on.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Greater Westfield YMCA.

Motion to adjourn by Caroline C, seconded by Bob H.