

Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chris Steger at 6:34 pm.

Present: Bob Pac, George Hart, Joe Camerilli, Alice Flyte, MJ Bull, Sandy Sorel, Dan Call, Don Pololski, Chris Steger, John Tassinari, Bob Burch

Guest: Mark Cressotti (City Engineer)

Consent Agenda pull items: None

Motion to approve meeting minutes from February 2017, with correction (Dan Call motion to approve, MJ Bull seconded). Motion passed.

City Engineering Report:

- Continuing toward final design of central section; will hold public input meetings regarding access points to give abutters a chance to discuss. Needs to secure funds for design work.

Public Participation: None

Chair's Report: None

Vice Chair's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Director of Planning & Development: **Native American sign** is in progress. *Archeology Bulletin* gave permission to use illustrations of pottery for the Native American sign. John Tassinari suggested a sign of history of the Tin Bridge.

Director of Maintenance: Written report submitted. Attended meetings, "helped" remove fallen tree on trail, reported broken fence. Discussion of ownership of dog waste station - lid damaged due to wind - need more substantial design? Repair or replace?

Director of Education & Research: Looking for a research intern to do survey in Fall 2017 regarding attitudes and awareness of trail. This will be used to compare to similar survey done 4-5 years ago.

Director of Membership: Written report submitted. Continuing to delete members of old group Facebook. Continuing with Bike Week planning.

Director of Resource Development: Sandy Sorel is starting to plan the **Golf Tournament** Friday, June 23. Securing sponsors, prizes, volunteers. This is our major fundraiser. Please contact Sandy if you will be playing or can volunteer. As soon as details become available, Bob Burch will create the registration form for our website. Board members asked Bob to let us know if it takes more time to become billable work, and he can submit an invoice for payment.

Reports of Committees: None

Old Business:

Black Squirrel bike racks for downtown: Don Podolski reported that we missed the January deadline for grant application and will submit for July.

Trail counters: John Tassinari questioned if the trail counters were ordered. The last mention in minutes, Joe Giffune was to contact PVPC to order.

New Business:

Don Podolski gave a presentation to the Traffic Commission regarding Franklin St. bike lanes. Police Chief seemed receptive.

Don Podolski also requested members to contact Senator Don Humason to encourage him to co-sponsor MA House Bill 1545????? _____description???

Treasurer Denise Begley submitted her resignation. Sandy Sorel will check if she can stay an additional month in order to keep payables up to date.

Dan Call distributed a brochure for Mass Moves on March 28. He also brought a copy of the TIP March 2017 report that shows funding status is better than previously listed.

MJ Bull brought to our attention that nominations should have been done in Fall. She will take the assignment to make nominations for open positions along with help from Bob Pac and George Hart. First task is determining current Board members terms end date. Then to recruit people to fill vacant positions.

Alice Flyte requested that the Clerk send meeting notices out one week before meeting date, then an agenda with attached reports, minutes of previous meeting, a few days before hand to give Board members a chance to review them before the meeting.

Alice Flyte also noted that we need to send meeting notices to the extended mailing list which includes the Ex-Officio members. Chris Steger will try to obtain that mailing list from Joe Giffune.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting April 18, 2017. Location TBD