

Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail
Minutes of the Meeting on April 16, 2013

Roll call: Co-Clerk, George Hart - members present – Joe Camilleri, Katie Curley, Al Guagliardo, Joe Giffune, Eric Hall, George Hart, Bob Pac, Don Podolski, Chris Stegr, Mark Cressotti's assistant (Heather)

Motion to accept the minutes of 3-28-13 meeting was made: vote passed

Old Business

- Don P presented on Bikeability; he requested we approve \$500
- Budget for Bikeability: Joe G suggested that we help move it forward by increasing to \$1000; Joe C said it would be in our best interest to expand; assessment forms by mid-summer; motion make to accept/designate \$1000, vote taken and it passed.
- Data Collection: still need volunteers; get info on MPO website; conduct the week of 5/6-5/12; Joe G recommended that we buy counters.
- Public participation on count: A. do we count people in one direction only or both ways? Yes, both directions, B. do we count all uses or separate of each use? Yes, each use separately.

New Business:

- MOU between FOCG and city: MJ working on this, so tabled in her absence.
- Park & Rec and DPW meetings were not attended because both meetings were postponed; check on city website for rescheduling and it is important that someone from FOCG attends
- Trail clean up day was discussed

Reports:

Vice Chair, Joe Giffune

- The mural project grant was extended and got seed planning for having cultural council's support.
- Suggested that we have a table at Run Westfield event.

Treasurer, (Mike F. absent)

- No report

Director of Advancement, Al Guagliardo

- Gave a written report and will bring info on hole in one decision for prizes; delaying mailing until 5/1 due to travel.

Director of Programs and Events, (Nancy K. absent)

- No report

Director of Education and Research Don Podolski

- Announced various events for National Bike Week

Director of Planning, Maintenance and Development, (MJ Bull absent)

- No report

Reports of Committees

- Finance: no report
- Joe will post on website
- Next meeting of Trail Mixer event on 4/30; newspaper ads soon; HS jazz band performance

City Engineer, Mark Cressotti absent – his assistant Heather reported

- Bid opening date is 4/22 (this was new date)
- Money was extended until the end of fiscal year – 6/14
- Chris S asked: A. What is the council voting on? Heather answered: possibility of accepting grand funds. B. should we expect work being started this year? Heather answered: yes, but bridges not until June, 2014. C. What about northern bridge? Heather answered: it is in process.

Community Liaisons Report

- Dan Call of Southwick;
 - Did winter assessment 3 months ago and have to say very pleased with condition (no damage, cut fallen tree, fixed fence painted red, removed landscaping stakes after 1 ½ years, formal complaint of graffiti in tunnel and it was painted again, police dept. has file of complaints that is forwarded to Park & Rec dept.); friends group starting Adopt a Kiosk program (suggested 3 sections: friends, events, rules), fencing to be re-stained (not anticipated to be done for 2 years – driven by friends group), tunnel: trying to contract a proposal for security cameras and electrical work for WIFI service; additional parking on Miller Road (working with David Paine of Plan It Green for 20 added spaces)

Public Participation:

- none

Next Meeting: Full Board on 5/21/13, 6:30PM at Shaker Farms CC

Joe G announced that Jeff L is a nominee for Volunteer of the Year Award being announced at city hall!

Motion to adjourn was made, motion passed