

Friends of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, May 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Present: Joe Giffune, Joe Camilleri, Bob Pac, George Hart, Alice Flyte, MJ Bull, Bob Burch, Don Podolski, Chris Steger, Zach Swanson, Mark Cressotti, Kasie Provencal

Meeting minutes from February, 2016 approved (motion: Sandy, second: George)

Consent Agenda:

Joint Rail Trail Bike Parade

Mark Cressotti Report:

1. Deadline for completing Greenway trail pushed out until 2019 (at least).
2. There is a risk of losing some state funding. Public input would show local support and help assure funding remains in place.
3. Funding coming from TIPS dollars.
4. Brick pavers wording used for the trail need to be approved by city. More bricks are available. John will look into using the gray bricks and talking to engraving about colors.

Director's Report:

Chair Report: New deadline for engraving brick sayings due by June City Council L&O meeting. Tabling events went well. Sign dedication ceremony went well. Registration for state 5013c needs to be updated. Need to spend up to \$2500 for accounting services to make it happen in a proper way. Discussion ensued about getting registered with state.

Motion to approve \$2500 for expenditure to improve non-profit status by Alice, second by MJ. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: No changes from previous month.

By-law changes: Change to amend by-laws to remove membership levels (proposed changes handed out), Need to change by-laws so time membership levels are changed by-laws do not have to be updated.

Motion to amend by-laws, Article IV (Dr. J), Seconded (Alice), motion passed.

Maintenance: keeping graffiti off of signs and path has been a challenge, Bob has gone out many days armed with erasing tools to remove graffiti, all graffiti found should be reported to WPD so they can track where tagging is occurring, it would be great if more people would assist Bob in removing graffiti, doggy dropping bags are being used, DPW did a good job on maintenance of trail, should we do a program to adopt parts of the trail?

Membership: Good response to bike week, bike scavenger hunt being scheduled for downtown.

Planning and Development: WSU surveys completed by students, saw two cars on path, communicate issue to Christie Bannish, should people call WPD central dispatch for instances like cars on path?, no cross walk on Hedges Street, who is best person to contact about installing cross walk there?

Joe Giffune to talk to Westfield DPW about improving vehicle barriers at Shaker Farms parking lot.

Golf Outing: Date is June 18, sponsorships all sold, need more foursomes, need hole sitters, Short Stop is offering to hold a Greenway meal night.

Old Business:

Brick campaign update,

New Business:

1. Trail counters needed before June meeting
2. Tabling schedule handed out – if you can't make it get someone to replace you,
3. web site update is continuing – modeling after NYC High Line web site, will contain numerous options.
4. Kiwanis' bike helmets to be donated to third graders ,

Motion made for Friends to participate in 300 helmets; Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.