

Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail Meeting Minutes 06/19/2012

Approval of Minutes - Chair / LaValley

- Minutes from 5/15/2012 - Passed

Public Participation - None

Reports of Directors [& Committees]

Chair – LaValley

Golf tournament continues to receive sponsorships for various items. The open positions have been tabled until September.

Vice Chair – Giffune

A presentation was made to the School Committee which was well received and generated good questions.

Treasurer – Fournier

Not in Attendance

Director of Advancement – LaValley

Nothing to report at this time.

Director of Programs & Events – Kotowitz

Discussed upcoming events and reviewed those events over bike week. The Sunday Friends event at Shaker did not have a lot of participation. Suggested for next year picking a better time during the week. A report will be written up with suggestions for next year.

Director of Education & Research – Podolski

PVPC draft of the Transportation advancement for the TIP for 2016 shows the downtown segment. MassDOT has BayState Greenway signs available. Not sure what restrictions are part of the signage. Insurance information was forwarded to the Directors.

Director of Planning, Development & Maintenance – Bul

Still gathering information on other Friends Models in regard to maintenance. Trying to set up a meeting with city officials as to who has overall responsibility for the maintenance of the trail. She was able to determine that there is not a lot of money available for maintenance equipment. MJ provided the WGE ordinance for maintenance monies.

City Engineer – Cressotti

The vast majority of the money appropriated to phase 1 of the trail will be spent by the end of June. Clarification as to how the parking lot for the trail is to be used. Discussion around no parking signs.

Mayor – Knapik

Not in attendance.

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Reports of Committees

- Bike Week/Events - *Podolski/Kotowitz*
See above
- Golf Tournament/Events – *Kotowitz*
A number of Westfield businesses such as the Big Y, Westfield Bank, and the Westfield News have provided sponsorships in various forms to the Golf Outing
- Website/Communications - *Podolski/Tassinari*
Jeff to provide the team FAQ's. Team is working on providing historical data about the trail on the site. Pictures are being posted.
- Mural Project – *LaValley*
On hold. Grant is still open

Old Business

- Logo - *LaValley*
Will be reviewing the final draft in June.
- G&E Inserts
Waiting for an approved logo.

New Business

- Discussed obtaining insurance through the League of American Bicyclists. To do so, we would become members. Dues are based on the number of board members. There is general insurance and Event Insurance which can be purchased for each event we would do.
Motion made to join the League of American Bicyclists. The Motion Passed.
Motion made to obtain event insurance. Motion failed. It was recommended that once we become members we would evaluate the event insurance.

Community Liaison(s) Update(s) – None in Attendance

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| ○ <i>Southwick</i> | <i>Call</i> |
| ○ <i>Southampton</i> | <i>Buehler</i> |
| ○ <i>Easthampton</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| ○ <i>Northampton</i> | <i>Horton</i> |

Next Meeting

- *Sept 18, 2012, Shaker Farms Country Club, 866 Shaker Road, Westfield, MA*

Adjournment