

**Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail**  
***Minutes of the Meeting on June 18, 2013***

**Roll call: Co-Clerk, George Hart** - members present – MJ Bull, Joe Camilleri, Joe Giffune, Al Guagliardo, George Hart, Jeff LaValley, Bob Pac, Don Podolski, Mark Cressotti (sorry, but unsure if all are correctly recorded!)

**Motion to accept the minutes** of 5-21-13 meeting was made: vote passed

**Old Business**

- Phase II spur of trail: prepared to move forward; mayor invited us to a meeting which was positive (we effectively expressed our disappointment with change, tried to communicate our concerns – Don/MJ/Jeff/Goe G -); what came out of meeting: we need to concentrate our efforts on improving access from East Silver St. to cross Broad St. at stop lights, we took pictures and set stakes for dimensions, if 2 access ramps so close it would be better to focus on one ramp, crossing of South Broad St. is a challenge either way, still want to draw up a positive (MJ gave a handout: “design Considerations for access ramps along the Columbia Greenway”), led to discussion of other city’s successful bike path on sidewalk, Jeff said we need to meet with Mark C to continue, Joe G said we need to put FOCG affective position and structure it around what is feasible/possible.
- Maintenance request: Joe G said he submitted request for northern section to DPW and has gotten no response, Mark C said city is at end of fiscal year, Jeff will reach out to mayor and PJ Miller, Bob P stated that south of Shaker Rd. is good but north there is erosion/ health issue, Jeff said to forward any issues to him.
- Feasibility study: Don said we need volunteers Sat., July 20 to look at bikeability of streets, state gives guideline for plan and reports of short term, Jeff will email info and we can respond to him.

**Reports of city Departments:**

- Mayor – none
- City Engineer, Mark Cressotti – still working on state departments to sign off so can get grant, central phase is on state plan for 2016 as well as extend east and west, mentioned additional items and Western Ave. project, all which would result in very bike friendly community.

**New Business:**

- Currently have one shared position and have another request from MJ for another co- for her position with Diane Genereaux who is also at WSU: Joe G said this is a good idea; Al G made motion to allow existing position to change to be so: motion was made and vote passed.

### **Reports of Directors:**

- Jeff: attended Western Ave. meeting and will continue communicating with Mark C; also to focus on the golf tourney as it is our major fundraiser and we need all board members to be involved by securing sponsors and volunteers, ask people you do business with, he will send list of past sponsors and those who have already agreed.
- Joe G: sign for Bear Scouts
- Mike F: absent – Jeff apologized for him and that there is nothing new to report
- Al G: 2 to 3 months ago made mistake of mailing re 2<sup>nd</sup> phase; we have platinum sponsor (Jim Hagan of Westfield Bank) and another; we have 4 foursomes already; Goe G said all communication is good.
- Nancy K: all info about the tourney
- Don P: traffic committee is meeting tomorrow and he will request stop signs on every road entering Western Ave.
- MJ B: historic signs – student is finished, city requested Bob Brown's input, student graduated and will make changes and MJ will follow up changes if student doesn't; working with Bob P to set up registration the first Saturday of month to clean up with volunteers from 9-10am, requested use of \$100 for cleaning supplies (bags/ gloves/ etc.): motion was made to approve this and vote passed.

### **Report of Committees:**

- Website: all looks good
- Golf: done
- Community liaisons: none
- Reconvene in September at Church of Attonement on 9/17/13 at 6:30pm

**Motion to adjourn** was made: motion passed