River and Trails Task Force Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Present: Jon Lewis, Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Jim Killian, Dan Glynn, Rachel Venegas.

Guest: Phil Caravello.

CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Sandra at 1732.
2. January 3, 2022 Minutes: After two spelling corrections, the minutes were approved by Jon with a second by Nancy. Carried.
3. Communications: Dan discussed the Jefferson Street Bridge Project. With the new standard of a 10' width requirement, there is not enough land for the bridge abutments. The money for this project will be earmarked somewhere else. There are still a few years of life left in this bridge.

   Member Communications: Jon was attempting to reach Larry Mitbo about property on the river and was unable to connect. It was reported that the new business owner is Andy Walker, from CEBO Industries.

   Rachel reported that she will be on leave for the months of May, June and July. The Mayor can line up someone to take her place. Phil will check in with Tim about covering Rachel's time off.

   Project Updates: Riverfront: Dan discussed a meeting taking place in three days with three entities: 1) DNR. 2) Army Corps of Engineers and 3) National Park Service to discuss who is taking the lead and what they want moving forward. Dan agreed to send a summary of the meeting to our group. Permits will hopefully be done by July to the park service to avoid a delay to the December deadline as it is hoped to bid this out by December 2022.

   Dan discussed the Riverwalk RDA site sample (the city owns this property). An old railroad tie was hit which didn't give a good reading. The plan is to do more drilling in about a month and if the sampling is better, the project will move forward.

   Dan submitted a grant for Mandt Park to Outdoor Recreation Tourism to further the trail including viewing spots, to be completed in 2024.

   Last week Dan submitted a grant for the Mill Pond Restoration.

A TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) grant was submitted that is a 60/40 grant to pave Jackson to Buckingham and widen the trail. This will be rerouted through Virgin Park, east of the shelter.

Development Updates: Dan shared the 51 W. Subdivision Map. He shared the Stone Crest subdivision with a plan to make a trail connection and he shared the trail sites. This will expand Racetrack Park to the west. He also shared the Kettle Park West Map for Future Phase 3. The Teigen Farm plot will connect to Mandt Park near Aaker Road.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Amundson Park/River Trail Interpretive Signs: Dan explained a contractor will clean up the shoreline of Division Street Park in the spring where the Round Up was unnecessarily placed. A sign will be placed to explain shoreline restoration. Sandra, Nancy and Joni met at Amundson Park and would like three signs placed to include the Superfund site, Wetlands and Prairie plants. The cost of the signs is not known yet, but Dan has a resource to get them made.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Highway 51 Underpass: Dan shared the map of the Hwy 51 underpass, which is going to the City Council for approval. All Task Force members approved the Resolution of the Common Council which was shared. Dan also shared the overall trail map of Stoughton which was very informative and is available for printing.
6. Earth Day Cleanup: April 23, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Pedestrian Bridge. An article will be placed in the Tower Times. Scouts and other groups will be organized for the event.
7. 2022 Committee Activity: No goals for next year were brought up but discussion will ensue at the next meeting in May.
8. Future Agenda Items: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1848 by Bob with a second by Sandra. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Dean