River and Trails Task Force Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017

Hall of Fame Room

Present: Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Phil Caravello, David Sharpe, Tom Lynch.

Guest: Roger Springman

Call to Order

1. Call to order at 5:31 pm.
2. December 5, 2016 Minutes: Approved by Larry with a second by Ralph. Carried.
3. Communications.
4. Spring Clean-Up April 22, 2017 at 9:00 am (Earth Day).
5. Mandt Park Plan. Tom presented a plan that he and co-worker Dan have been actively working on for a few years. He provided handouts of the potential project aptly called the Friluftsliv Center (Friluftsliv is a Norwegian philosophy of connecting with nature). The project is in the early stages with discussion of multiple uses throughout all seasons for full use of the park. There is an opportunity behind Uniroyal to extend the trail and across the river. Tom discussed funding options through the Park Development Fund. A consultant could be hired to discuss the project and provide costs for completion.
6. Amundson Trail Updates: Tom reported that Skaalen Home still needs approval for park land dedication with discussion of specific use of the land. Bob sent a letter to a landowner on the trail to discuss an easement. Ralph spoke to that person and she has not committed at this time. Bob will follow-up with her by telephone. Another neighbor on the trail will be approached.
7. Virgin Lake Trail: Cummins is providing community service hours on the trail in conjunction with the Street Departments. Hand outs were presented which include boardwalk and pier construction. Next steps for completion of the project were also discussed.

Old Business

1. Bike Lanes, Routes and Boulevards: Guest Roger Springman has reviewed DOT plans for roundabouts on Hwy 51 and wanted to make the Task Force aware of these permanent plans for consideration of bike trails through this area.

The Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes from December 28, 2016 were presented including requested information from the Task Force. They wanted a list of potential streets for conversions to bike lanes and three streets were discussed: (1) E. Main Street from the railroad tracks to the city limits. (2) Hoel Avenue from Hwy 51 south to the city limits. (3) Wilson Street from Page Street to Nygaard Avenue. Costs of bike signage was discussed with Tom presenting the cheapest cost of $12.00 per reflective sign. Bob will configure the total amount of signage needed based on the recommendations discussed at the last meeting (Phil’s reference depicts them every 2-3 blocks). It was discussed that no sponsors for the signs would be needed as the costs for each sign are reasonable. Further discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

1. Future Agenda Items: No items were discussed.

Adjournment: Motion by Ralph with a second by Joni to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Dean