River and Trails Task Force Minutes
Monday, November 2, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present: Jon Lewis, Jim Wilcox, Sandra Black, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Jim Killian, Andrew Hoffman, Council Person Phil Caravello, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Glynn.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to order: Sandra called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. September 14 2020 Minutes: Approved by Jon with a second by Andrew. Carried.
3. Communications:
   (a) Single Track Mountain Bike Trail at Lowell Park: The Capital Off Road Pathfinders is asking for help from the River Task Force to create the trail. Phil stated he may have a contact who could help. This trail would need approval with Parks and Recreation. Dan estimates about ½ mile of area for the trail.
   (b) Division Street Park Shoreline Vegetation: It was assumed someone sprayed Round-Up in the middle of the shoreline. Dan did send a letter to the neighbors in the area. Discussed using signage or public education about the area for preservation including a future article in the Stoughton Hub. Dan will check with the staff about cleaning up the planters in the park for the winter season.
   (c) 51 West Development Park and Trails: Dan shared a map of the Dvorak development. The trail east of Hwy 51 shoud be developed by the end of next year. The Task Force discussed the link across Hwy 51 to the west development, which is not shown in the plan.
4. Yahara Riverfront Project Phase 1 Prelim Design Review-Bridge and Trail: Dan confirmed the DNR grant approval which covers 80% of the bridge cost. There are two separate grants; one for the bridge and one for the trail. Dan shared a map of the proposed trail along the river. If Stoughton Trailers provides an easement, the trail can be extended.
5. Bike Transportation Plan & Map Update Projects; Dan shared the current map and asked for any recommendations for changes which was discussed. Motion by Phil with a second by Sandra to amend our bike route to the changes recommended by the Department of Transportation. Phil has 7 more bike signs to place.
6. 2021 Committee Goals:
   (a) Nancy asked Sandra to make sure to stay on top of the bike plan and wants signage on trails and Division Street Park.
   (b) Andrew agreed to continue working on the Single Track Mountain Bike Trail.
   (c) Bob discussed the trail from Skaalen to Cooper's Causeway and asked for an update on the two homeowners. Discussed the right of way of the two landowners and possibly offering money. The City Attorney will get involved if the Mill Pond recedes and the land opens up. IKI has agreed to give up land for the trail. Dan reported trying for a county or DNR grant to try and get boardwalk money for that part of the trail.

7. Future Agenda Items: None.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm by Jim, with a second by Phil.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Dean