River and Trails Task Force Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2019
Hall of Fame Room

Present: Jon Lewis, Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Franklin James Griese, Phil Caravello, Dan Glynn.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Called to order at 1730 by Chair Ralph Erickson.
2. January 7, 2019 Minutes: Approved by Sandra with a second by Franklin with changing the word sentiments to sediments under #3, Whitewater Park. Carried.
3. Communications/Project Updates:
   Whitewater Park: The sediment sampling will be completed soon in the mill pond to check for contamination. Discussed the Master Plan for Mandt Park with a possible focus group with participation including Task Force members.
   KPW: Reviewed a future phase plan of KPW that was reviewed at the Planning Committee but not officially approved.
   Lower Yahara River Trail: Reviewed an article in WSJ discussing a key parcel being acquired by Dane County to help improve trail access.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. 2019 Spring Cleanup: April 27, 2019, 9:00 at the Pedestrian Bridge. Nancy has contacted the Tower Times and Courier Hub. Dan has contacted the Scouts. A high school science group will also be joining.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Trail Easements: Discussed Dunkirk Park easement and Stoughton Trailers is not willing to give an easement. The IKI easement is on hold now with no response from the owner. Once this easement is approved, the other two easements will be discussed/pursued.
6. Future Agenda Items:
   a) Nancy reported that the Yahara River Trail Brochure is outdated. Discussed creating a new one including the new trails in Stoughton. Dan will check with a volunteer to help put this together. Dan shared the pedestrian and bike trail map that is posted on the Stoughton Recreation website.
   b) Phil brought up the discussion of including bike lane signs. It was felt by the group that these signs are not needed. Phil reported that the City has found 30-40 more bike route signs that are available for use.
   c) Nancy requested an update of AJ Arnett's properties to confirm trails are included.
   d) The budget should be included as an item in the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1827 with a motion by Jon with a second by Bob. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Joni Dean