

River and Trails Task Force Minutes.
May 7, 2018

Present: Larry Liebmann, Jon Lewis, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Ralph Erickson, Dave Sharpe, Councilprerson Phil Caravello, Jim Wilcox, Parks and Rec. Director Dan Glynn

1. Elections: Motion by Dave seconded by John to nominate Ralph Erickson as chairperson. Carried
Motion by Bob seconded by Nancy to nominate Jim Wilcox as Vice-President. Carried
2. Motion by Bob seconded by John to approve March 5, 2018 minutes. Carried
3. Communications:
Stoughton Yahara Riverfront project reported on by Dan.
A connection from Fourth Street heading to Water Street met with a positive reception from Uniroyal. Cost estimate for this link \$120,000. To include 275' board walk, 900' asphalt trail and a protective wall around propane tanks on Uniroyal property. Rapid area with bypass stream connection starting on west side of fourth Street and continuing to River east side of fourth Street cost estimates are \$2,200,000. Details including fish ladder, perhaps pedestrian tunnel still being worked out. DNR grants looks likely along with RDA commitment to Riverwalk and pedestrian bridge in Mandt Park. Fundraising most likely needed, about \$300,000 is the estimate. Great addition to Stoughton.
4. Gary Lacey presentation on May 16, 2018 reviewing the River plan. 6:00 at the opera house.
5. Virgin Lake Trail boardwalk to be started this summer. Maps were shared. Volunteers from Cumins are doing the work and providing materials. Thank you Cumin's!
6. Trail cleanup went well on April 21. Bike route signs will be installed sometime this spring. Thank you Phil for organizing this.
7. Amundsen trail from Stoughton Hospital to Ridge Street will be bidded with the Bjorn Park asphalt bid. Some concerns about steep elevation behind hospital discussed. Jon will continue to try and get a hold of IKI to discuss land donation. Dan also in contact with Bryant Foundation. To be revisited at next meeting.
8. Dane county signs linking Stoughton to the lower Yahara trail system will be installed this week.
9. Motion by Dave second by Jon to adjourn at 6:25. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hagen