

River and Trails Task Force Minutes
Monday, July 9, 2018
Ed Overland Room

Present: Jon Lewis, Jim Wilcox, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Ralph Erickson, Franklin James, David Sharpe, Phil Caravello, Dan Glynn.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to order: Called to order at 1732 by Chair Ralph Erickson.
2. May 7, 2018 Minutes. Approved by Jon with a second by Joni. Carried.
3. Communications:
 - a. Update of the Mandt Park Riverfront Project: Dan applied for the DNR Grant and found out it needs to be split between trails. The presentation on May 16, 2018 at the Opera House by Gary Lacey was well attended with good questions. An economic impact report is now being prepared by a University of Wisconsin Professor. A steering committee has been formed and will meet at the end of July. Bob will represent the River and Trails Task Force. If the grant is approved the project has to be completed in two years.
 - b. Joni mentioned the PARC (Partners for Recreation and Conservation) and Ride grant program to provide up to 50% of a project's cost to local communities to offset the cost of bike trail design, engineering and construction. Dan knew about the grant but states it is specific to completing a trail. He will continue to check and see if the qualifications would fit one of our trails.
 - c. Discussed riverfront properties along Ridge Street with no resolution of pursuing a trail behind the properties.
 - d. Update on bike route sign installation: Phil assembled the bike signs and stated it took about 5 minutes to install one of them. He will connect with Bob and other folks to complete the sign assembly which should be placed about every $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile along the previously designated routes.
 - e. Update on park and open space plan: The 2018 Parks & Open Space Plan Survey draft was shared. This 10 minute survey should be finalized yet this summer. Dan plans to share the web site to complete the survey at booths throughout Stoughton.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Amundson Trail from Stoughton Hospital to Ridge Street. One bid was received for \$87,000 but the budgeted amount was for \$70,000. This was also set up with a Bjorn Park project bid to make it a bigger project for the company. It was suggested to bid just for clearing the path and then get a bid for the finish work.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Future Agenda Items: Ralph shared a newspaper article about the Badfish River.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1811 with a motion by Jon and a second by David.
Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Dean