River and Trails Task Force Minutes

Monday May 1, 2017

Hall of Fame Room

Present: Jon Lewis, Jim Wilcox, Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Phil Caravello, David Sharpe, Councilperson Matt Bartlett, Tom Lynch.

Call to Order

1. Call to order by Tom Lynch at 5:30 pm. Tom introduced our new Councilperson, Matt Bartlett with introductions around the room.
2. Elect Chair: Nancy nominated Bob with a second by Jon. Carried.
3. Elect Vice Chair: Jim nominated Jon with a second by Nancy. Carried.
4. March 6, 2017 Minutes: Approved by Jon with a second by Phil. Carried.
5. Communications:
6. Spring Clean-up Wrap Up: It was a great turnout with assistance by Boy & Girl Scouts, Kiwanis and increased community participation. Areas cleaned included Lowell Park, Amundson Park, Mandt Park, Virgin Lake Trail and around the river trail. Consider doing other projects during the Spring Clean-up next year.
7. Mandt Park Plan Update: Tom has requested proposals for the feasibility study of the building, including costs, parking, moving utilities, etc. Awaiting the proposals. Tom shared a colorful poster of the project.
8. Amundson Trail Update: Still discussing the park dedication land with Skaalen. The owner of the property by the Cooper’s Causeway has agreed to give the land up for the Amundson Trail. No updates from the two homeowners living on the potential trail site.
9. Joni brought up the portage site for the Syttende Mai Canoe Race including the area of recent plantings along the river on the south side of Forton Street Bridge. Tom will check with the consultant who completed the project to see if the area needs to be roped off to avoid foot traffic. One thousand more plants will be planted in that area and Tom states he will be meeting with him soon.
10. Matt questioned whether the meeting time could be changed to 5:00 but committee members are unable to come at that time. He will check with his conflicting committee about changing their time.

Old Business

1. Bike Routes Sign Design: Discussed signage for the bike routes. Tom provided maps of the existing bike routes and bike lanes. Tom will check with the County to see if they have requirements for signs in our community and if not, will go with a standard bike sign. Motion by Nancy, with a second by Jon to order a sign that included a bicycle and the city logo. Carried. Size is yet to be determined. Phil agreed to mark sites for the signs. Money has been approved for the cost of the signs but further discussion will include installation of the signs.
2. Future Agenda Items: Nancy will be taking down the Troll House and end the era of the troll notes as there has been continued damage to the house.

Adjournment: Motion by Jon with a second by Nancy to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Dean.