

Milwaukee County Trails Council

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2012

- Attendance: Cheri Brisco – The Park People, Melissa Cook – DNR, Harold Schmidt – Bike Fed, Mike Bonk, Office for People with Disabilities, Jim Marks – Rolling Dice Riders, Mike Loughran – City of Milwaukee, Sup. Borkowski – Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

- Membership possibilities and recruitment
 - People with Disabilities: Office of Disabilities – Recreation Manager (Mike Bonk)
 - Bikers: Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin - Executive Director Designee (Harold Schmidt)
 - Mountain bikers: Metro Mountain Bikers - Municipal Liaison (Marty Weigel)
 - National Parks Service: Rivers and Trails Program (Angie Torres)
 - The Park People: Executive Director Designee (Cheri Brisco)
 - County Board: Parks Committee Member (open)
 - Nature/birding/hiking: Natural Areas Coordinator (Brian Russart)
 - WI DOT: Bicycle and Pedestrian Regional Assistant Coordinator
 - WI DNR: Trails Manager (Melissa Cook)
 - Snowmobile – Rolling Dice Riders of Franklin WI Snowmobile Club (Jim Marks)
 - Mil. Co. Parks – Trails Coordinator (Ramsey Radakovich)
 - City of Milwaukee – Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. (open)
 - Other Municipalities with trail involvement: Brown Deer, West Allis, Shorewood, Franklin, Greenfield,
 - Citizen: Focus on health / families – Keith Holt
 - Canoers / Kayakers: (Cheryl Nenn)
 - Skiing / snowshoers: Nordic Ski Club
 - Business Community with Interest in Trails – (Chris Kegel, Bruce Keys)
 - Running – Badgerland Striders

Why is being a member of the MC Trails Council important? What is the Mission / Purpose - "Milwaukee County Trails Council will aid and support the Milwaukee County Parks to meet the needs and expectations of the users (consumers) of Milwaukee County's Trails.

- Review bylaws – a draft copy will developed for the May 10th meeting.

- Review Trails Network Plan
 - On-line is up and running
 - Need to make hard copies of everyone

- MCP Trails Accessibility
 - Still working on a formal policy and procedures

- Currently: Working to promote existing trails that are accessible. Next step is to evaluate all other trails and work towards improving accessibility throughout the parks system.
- Additional Items
 - Office of Disabilities is the lead on working with other Milwaukee County Departments, through UWM to develop smart phone apps. Focus is on accessibility but will have broader implications (Parks, Airport, Zoo, Transit)
 - WI DNR is offering a trails maintenance/training workshop. Emphasis is on equestrian trails.
 - Metro Mountain Bikers are currently performing season start up maintenance

- Action items for next meeting
 - Welcome new interested membership
 - Discuss Goals, Mission, Purpose (What does the MC Trails Council mean to me!)
 - Determine interest in becoming a voting member for Parks Director and Milwaukee County Executive appointment
 - Establish goals for 2012
 - Addendum to the Milwaukee County Trails Network Plan
 - Review and Update Signage and Major Maintenance of the Oak Leaf Trail
 - Update Bylaws
 - Update Milwaukee County Off Road Bicycling Policy
 - Review Milwaukee County Forked Aster Hiking Trail System Handbook
 - Review Milwaukee County Parks Trail Accessibility Policy / Standards.

- Next Meeting: Thursday, May 10th, 10 am at Parks Administration