

Milwaukee County Trails Council

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2013

- ❑ Attendance: Jim Marks, Mike Loughran, Kristin Bennett, Harold Schmidt, Brian Russart, Jill Organ, Sophia Steck, Jeff Weiss, Mike Bonk, Cheri Briscoe
- ❑ Approval of Minutes: **Approved**
- ❑ Previous items:
 - Status of Council Member Appointment - Update
 - Letters have gone out to approve membership of Mike Bonk, Chris Squires, Jill Organ and Brian Russart.
 - Citizen at large to be chosen soon
 - Draft of New Bylaws – Update
 - Creation of a voluntary committee by Cheri Briscoe- to assist in the solidification of the bylaws
 - Contacted SEWRPC member about interest in joining council
 - Trail Etiquette Education
 - Jessica Binder-draft of Trail Etiquette Education pamphlet. Final Review still needed
 - Recommendations about trail etiquette signage and structures
 - ❑ Simple signage in the busiest places or blind spots
 - ❑ Sign example: “Give audible warning when passing”
 - ❑ Possibility of using social media as a means of outreach (youtube)
 - ❑ Installing physical/visual cues to create dismount/slow zones
 - Mini roundabouts
 - Rumble strips
 - Traffic calming zones
 - Changing texture (concrete stamping)
 - Milwaukee County Trails News
 - Menomonee River Parkway Reconstruction
 - ❑ North section - Burleigh to Church (2014)
 - ❑ South section - Church to Congress (2015)
 - Kinnickinnic River Parkway Reconstruction
 - ❑ 76th street to Cleveland
 - ❑ Plans to start in Spring 2014
 - Eastside OLT water issue update
 - ❑ On the forefront of issues that need to be resolved. Working with City of Milwaukee and MMSD on determining water source.

- Milwaukee Area Bike, Ped, & Trails Leaders Social – Recap
 - Big thanks to Keith Holt for being driving force behind the event
 - 60-70 participants
 - Interest in having meetings be quarterly or biannually
 - Possibility of releasing excel sheet with contact info to interested parties.
 - Possibility of having a focus group with people from event-brainstorming session on specific issues

- Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Outreach
 - Made contact with Stephen P. Adams of SEWRPC they will try to attend future meetings and speak to any topics that they may have insight.

- New Items:
 - Bayview to Downtown Bikeway – (Chris Squires WisDOT)
 - Re-routes for Hoan Bridge reconstruction
 - City of Milwaukee KK trail
 - Adopt-A-Trail Program- litter pickup and trail
 - Earth Day clean up-expansion into other programs

- Action items for next meeting:
 - Mountain Biking Handbook Policy

 - Updates about
 - Hoan
 - FEMA projects
 - The Rock Sports Complex updates

- Announcements:
 - April 1st @ Wisconsin State Fair. Snowmobile show. FREE
 - DNR looking at changing standards for trail permits traversing through wetlands
 - August 10th- Milwaukee to host the National Triathlon Championships

- Next Meeting:
 - May 9th, 2013
 - 10 AM
 - Parks Administration Building
9480 Watertown Plank Rd
Wawautosa, WI 53226