

Milwaukee County Trails Council

Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2014

- ❑ Attendance: Kristin Bennet, Amelia Kegal, Chris Squires, Jim Marks, Mike Priem, Bob Bivens, Jeff Weiss, Harold Schmidt, Mike Bonk, Ramsey Radakovich, Jill Organ, Mike Gueller
- ❑ Approval of Minutes: After Corrections, Approved
- ❑ Previous items:
 - Draft of Milwaukee County Trails Council (MCTC) New Bylaws – Comments: Not read yet, suspend till March 13th Mtg., Ramsey will send out copy.
 - Goal – set goals of upcoming year in November meetings
 - Officers - Nominate and confirm
 - Annual Stakeholders Meeting to be added
 - Bike by Milwaukee Map Comments:
 - Email or mail changes to Kristin Bennet, kristin.bennett@milwaukee.gov by mid Feb., with March 1st deadline.
 - Improvements needed overall.
 - ❑ (Crystal Ridge name to be corrected).
 - ❑ Oak Leaf Discovery Tour would like to include passport routes. Wheel & Sprocket will create same map by April 4th with seven 10-15 mile corridors named after rivers followed. Parks People notified.
- ❑ Parks Projects Review
 - Milwaukee Parks Operations
 - Trail Corridor Maintenance – Continue Eastside
 - Sign / Way-finding Review – will conclude soon and 200 sign order will be utilized. Signs will be “Diamond Grade” (reflective) with a graffiti layer added.
 - Snow and Ice Removal Study – Milwaukee County Parks is doing an internal study on Oak Leaf Trail Section are plowed and in what time frame after snow/ice event.
 - Whitefish Bay Sewer Project in Estabrook - update by Jill Organ at next mtg.
 - Oak Leaf Trail Wet Areas – Concerns expressed about wet areas.
 - NW section (Good Hope to Bradley) – Trail constructed in challenging site.
 - Eastside(Belleview to Lafayette) – water source undetermined, man-made infrastructure or natural source (seep/spring)
 - Needs to continually evolve and improve in spite of funding and maintenance struggles.
 - Not intended on being a 365 days a year weather/conditions permitting. Uses and expectations are changing. Understand

that when public requests trail in challenging sites that they may not be usable year round.

- **New Items:**
 - **MCTC Goals for 2014:**
 - City and County Trails Map
 - More Trail Development for all user groups. Create more soft trails.
 - Goals need to be specific, prioritized and voted on.
 - Trails Councils needs to know holdups (FEMA) & voice concerns, advocate for attention to issues.
 - Goals need a Priority List with expected timelines. Council and County goals should match.
 - Trails/Bike/Ped – Annual Stakeholders Meeting – In evening, open to public. Take place at existing event (Bike Expo?)
 - Recognize accomplishments
 - Increase and broaden participation
 - Highlight accomplishments, goals, and other significant items.
 - Improve coordinated signage; work with DNR and other municipalities (use expert/consultant).
 - **MCTC Officers**
 - Ramsay Radakovich nominated & voted in as Chairperson
 - Vice Chairperson TBD at next meeting on March 13th.
 - Address formality of bylaws, alternate selection, correct protocols
- **Action items for next meeting:**
 - Review and formalize 2014 Goals
 - Review bylaws
 - Nominate and appoint Vice-Chair
 - Information on Oak Leaf Discovery Tour
 - Status Report on “Milwaukee By Bike” Map
- **Announcements / Informational Session:**
 - **MCTC 2014 Meeting Schedule**
 - March 13th
 - May 8th
 - July 10th
 - September 11th
 - November 13th
 - January 8th.
 - BikeShares – City of Milwaukee Common Council approved a \$1.6 million dollar grant to Midwest Bike Share. 30-35 stations when open, possible stations are parks within the City. Demo station at Discovery World had 900 users from July to Oct. and collected \$7,000.
 - Metro Mountain Bikers have been approached by a group in the Cudahy area that is interested in a mountain bike trail in Warnimont / Grant / Sheridan region.
 - Snowmobile registration up 30 % (224,716 - 2nd to Minn.) est. 15,000 in Milwaukee, ATV down, UTV up.
 - Fat Tire Article attachment

- Next Meeting:
 - March 13, 2014
 - 10 AM
 - Parks Administration Building
9480 Watertown Plank Rd
Wawautosa, WI 53226