

Milwaukee County Trails Council

Meeting Minutes

May 8th, 2014

- ❑ Attendance: Amber Vavrusa, Mike Gueller, Gary Suchorski, Ramsey Radakovich, Harold Schmidt, Mike Bonk, Marty Wiegel, Jim Marks, Chris Squires, Jeff Wiess, Bob Bivens. No quorum.
- ❑ Approval of Minutes:
- ❑ Previous items:
 - Draft of Milwaukee County Trails Council (MCTC) New Bylaws – Vote for Approval – reps of various trail user's group repetitive? County board chairperson appoints trails person; section 6b (last page) "with a majority of council members" present; Item 7 responsibility of department (first phrase clumsy/typo) 6A –24 hours –add to draft bylaws; mission statement TBD
 - MCTC 2014 Goals – Narrow Goals – narrow down to 1 or 2 goals for 2014 & identify new long term goals; hold annual stakeholders meeting for trails council during evening hours; 2014 Wheel & Sprocket Expo, power point presentation with 15 to 20 people in audience who wanted specific trail info; host a comprehensive trails meeting & vote on areas that need attention, 15 reps of trail users, identify problem areas, let them know of plans & improvements/ extend ourselves to other user groups, improve outreach to politicians, organizations; in early spring invite Park People and others to a separate meeting
 - Trail Audits: counting users, conditions of trails -
 - Review trails network plan
 - Education & outreach
 - Work on Mission statement
 - Be an advocate, collect input for yearly Milwaukee By Bike Maps
 - Stability of the council
 - Long term steps to encourage more users
 - Bike Expo Trails Council Presentation –
 - Review – Bike Expo or Summit an action item for next meeting, joint event with city of Milw Bike Task Force with Keith Holt
 - Thanks to Cheri, Melissa and Wheel and Sprocket
- ❑ Parks Representative Matters: Jill Organ representative
 - Capital Projects Updates
 - Operations Updates – Signs and Vegetation Clearance –
 - 95% with trail sign inventory by Keith Holt,
 - 200 signs ordered and working to install,
 - East side bike trail cleaned up, problems with slash, better pickup, inmate help, spot-checking areas, removing trees; chronic wet area by North Avenue, elevate trail, new asphalt, has city done work? Source of problem not yet found;
 - Broken glass on Hank Aaron trail
 - Amending MOU with Metro Mountain Bikers – Amend MOU, need to meet again with MMB as other organizations have mou's or management agreements, Harold would like to see agreement with disc golfers,
 - Trail Counters Purchased – Partnering with City of Milwaukee and UWM – one counter cost is \$4000, city also has two, must develop a counter strategy, be

- careful of background, use volunteer trail counters, build counter into trail included in grant proposals, don't purchase two different systems
 - Zip Line Coarse Briefing –include environmental education

- New Items:
 - Milwaukee County Bike to Work Event Wed. May 14 7 AM – Estabrook – 7:30 am Parks Director to participate south parking lot
 - Park to Milwaukee County Courthouse
 - Strava Global Heat Map – free, shows ride and run areas, where trails are being used, national bike challenge and other apps also. A limitation is that it only represent/identify users that sign-up.

- Action items for next meeting:
 - Same as May meeting
 - Trail Council Bylaws
 - Council Goals
 - Annual Meeting

- Informational: DOT Carolyn Gellings, Tiger grant, appreciated by WI DOT
 - Lake Front Gateway Project Involvement Meeting 2 –
 - May 13, 4 – 7 PM
 - Miller Rm, O'Donnell Park (910 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI)
 - Oak Leaf Discovery Tour Update – 500 sold, Milwaukee City wellness breakfast, contact companies, end of year party in Oct. at Estabrook
 - “Milwaukee By Bike” Map –discussion of more durable map, consider charge for maps, original map funded by grant
 - Act 142 Snowmobile registration discount for club members – presently 26,500 registrants with anticipated 80,000 registrants by 2017

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