

Milwaukee County Trails Council

Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2015

- ❑ Attendance: Keith Holt*, Ramsey Radakovich*, Cheri Briscoe*, C Terrence Anderson, Joe Delmagori, Mike Bonk*, Melissa Cook*, Harold Schmidt, Jim Marks, Julia Kegel, Marty Weigel*, Jill Organ*, Dave Schlabowske*, Amelia Kegel*, Jeff Weiss*, Bob Bivens, Chris Squires*, Kristin Bennett*
*Voting Members
- ❑ Approval of November 13, 2014 Minutes: **Approved**
- ❑ Previous items:
 - Trail Council Membership Nomination 2015 – 2018
 - Submitting Requests for Transfer membership for Chris Kegel to Amelia Kegel and Harold Schmidt to Dave Schlabowske
 - New member request for Amber Vavrusa on behalf of the (Oak Leaf Discovery Tour / Friends of Milwaukee's Trails) or South Shore
 - Trail Council Officers Chair Person / Vice-Chair
 - Amelia Kegel will assume duties of Chairperson
 - Dave Schlabowske will assume duties of Vice-Chairperson
 - Mission Statement Sub Committee Update
 - Developed two options.
 - Handed out hard copies and will follow up with e-copy
 - Deadline for ideas or changes Feb 1st.
 - Goal for next meeting is to review submissions, finalize options, and determine means to select final (vote or online survey)
 - 2015 Stakeholder Event Planning Sub Committee Update
 - Tentative Date: June 10th (during bike to work week, June 8th-June 10th and following National Trails Day, June 6th).
 - Initial Name: Milwaukee Area Bike, Pedestrian, and Trials Annual Stakeholders Meeting. Determined that it should be condensed, tentative title, Milwaukee Area Trails Gathering.
 - Draft Agenda:
 - ❑ 2pm – 3pm Professionals Stakeholder Meeting
 - ❑ 3PM Public opening / walk through and view any exhibits
 - ❑ 4PM – 6PM Presentation opportunity and exhibit follow up
 - ❑ Location: Centralized, large space, Free, easy for bike and bus
 - ❑ Tommy Thompson Center, Petit Center, Miller Room, Lincoln Blatz, Mitchell Park
 - Sponsorship/Adopt-A-Trail Sub Committee Update
 - Hand Out Draft Letter of Support for Review
 - Comments: Include Adopt-A-Trail concept, look at adapt a highway or DNR adopt-a-trail. Needs to be more specific as to what can allow and where funding is going.
 - Adjustment to be made for review next meeting
- ❑ Parks Representative Matters:
 - Operations Updates –
 - Wayfinding signs – Oak Leaf Trail, Hiking, and Mt. Bike
 - ❑ Approximately 700 signs
 - ❑ Installed 90 signs, made adjustment to 20 more
 - ❑ Determined the need to install 100 more, 2015 project
 - Winter Oak Leaf Trail Plowing –

- Updating list and verifying information
 - Final product for informational online map
 - Review / Comment on Draft Trail Use/Etiquette Handout
 - Hand out provided and e-copy to follow
 - Comments due Feb 1st,
 - Draft will be for next meeting
 - Capital Projects Updates – Handout
 - Draft Letter of Support for Milwaukee River Reconstruction
 - Tap Grant – City / County Sign Plan
 - RFP – Target for spring/summer of 2015
 - SEWRPC interested
 - Consider included sponsorship or adapt a trail
- New Items:
 - Trail Building Workshop
 - Metro Mountain Bikers are working with Milwaukee County Parks and WI DNR on facilitating a workshop in 2015
 - For trail managers, trail organizers, planning/designer, maintenance crews
 - Review of 2014 Goals – Handout and review
 - Consider 2015 Goals – consider 2014 goals and determine 2015 at next meeting
- Action items for next meeting:
 - Mission Statement - review options and make a decision on one
 - Finalize Sponsorship / Adapt-A- Trail letter to the director
 - Review and Finalize Trail Etiquette
 - Determine 2015 Goals
- Informational:
 - IMBA-New regional trails map for Upper Midwest Michelle Barker
 - SEWRPC – working on 2050 Bike / Ped component, to include updated map
 - Snowmobiles – Utilizing a Beacon System for trail maintenance awareness, reduce accidents, nation wide
 - 3,733 increase in register snowmobiles, yr to date total 27,970.
 - Will-O-Way Snowmobile Event
 - Sat February 7th 11 AM – 4 PM
 - 38th Year
 - ? Need to include more information about winter activities
 - Fat Tire Trail
 - X-Skiing / Skate Skiing
- 2015 Meeting Schedule
 - March 12th, May 14th, July 9th, September 10th, November 12th, January 14, 2016
- Next Meeting:
 - March 12, 2015
 - 10 AM
 - Parks Administration Building
9480 Watertown Plank Rd
Wawautosa, WI 53226