

## Milwaukee County Trails Council

### Meeting Agenda

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- ❑ Attendance: *Chris Squires, Amelia Kegel, Amber Vavrusa, Cheri Briscoe, Melissa Cook, Jim Marks, Mike Bonk, Harold Schmidt, Marty Weigel, C Terrence Anderson, Joe Delmargori, Ron Winkler, Bob Bivens, Jim Keegan, Ramsey Radakovich, Kristin Bennett (phone)*
- ❑ Approval of January 5, 2015 Minutes: *Approved*
- ❑ Previous items:
  - Mission Statement
    - Review survey results:
      - *Mission Statement Finalized: 72 % approval*
        - ❑ *Vested Stakeholders advising our Milwaukee County Parks Department towards a sustainable and enhanced regional trails network providing a positive experience for its users.*
          - ➔ *Noted: are we only advising the Milwaukee County Parks Department? Not the City?*
  - Determine 2015 Goals
    - Review survey results
    - *Goals in order of Ranking form Survey*
      - ❑ *1. Maintenance (ie plowing, vegetation removal, repairing trail)*
      - ❑ *Trail Improvement (new trail building, connecting pathways)*
        - ➔ *Noted: 1 and 2 have overlap*
      - ❑ *Map Creation (ie, Milwaukee County Trails Map)*
      - ❑ *Way finding Improvement*
      - ❑ *Improve Education and Outreach*
      - ❑ *Education: Trail Etiquette and Use Information*
      - ❑ *Reporting (ie trail indicators)*
      - ❑ *Sponsorship (ie. Adopt a Trail Programs)*
      - ❑ *Public Stakeholder Meetings*
      - ❑ *Increase Council Membership*
        - ➔ *Noted: Should be rephrased to insure we promote diversity in the membership in the council*
    - *Noted: We really need to access if these are actual obtainable goals of this group*
    - *Noted: How are we really going to ensure these efforts are reached? How to set measures on the overall user experience? Are our efforts working?*
      - ❑ *If our main goals are to advise Parks on maintenance, should we be the ones creating ideal maintenance standards? Should we be doing the annual inspections? Do we suggest standardization and policy procedures?*
        - ➔ ***WHAT CAN WE ACCOMPLISH?***
        - ➔ ***WHAT ARE REALISTIC TIMELINES AND EXPECTATIONS?***
  - **Handout Review of 2006-2014 Goals**
    - ❑ *Coming soon*
- Review & Finalize Sponsorship / Adapt-A-Trail letter to the director
  - *See attached*

- Review and Finalize Trail Etiquette
  - *See attached*
  - *Needs to be condensed, something a user can quickly read or it will not be read at all.*
  - *Once verbiage has been decided pictorial /infographic should be created*
  
- Parks Representative Matters:
  - Capital Projects Updates
  - *Sorry, these are not very good notes:*
    - *15 million dollars devoted to Trail Enhancements over the last 5 years*
    - *Phase 4:*
      - *99% wrapped up (<2mil)*
      - *Submitted to DOT, good to go*
        - ➔ *Fund transfer in april: 2 million for design and bid*
        - ➔ *3 miles of trail; construction to begin in fall*
    - *Underwood Creek*
      - *South 124<sup>th</sup> bridge to be replaced in 2017/2018*
        - ➔ *Forestry awareness program and tie in Will-O-Way and County Grounds*
    - *KK River*
      - *Design 2016; Construction 2017; 4.5 million*
    - *Milwaukee Parkway*
      - *3 Million (Kletzsch) w/ Glendale \$600K from city*
      - *80% design complete road project July 4<sup>th</sup>*
      - *Trail alternative bid September to November*
    - *Sheridan/Grant*
      - *24K of 500K total*
      - *1.4 million (need 2 million); bid in april*
    - *Menomonee Parkway*
      - *Phase 1 – Congress to Burleigh March/ April start – July/August Completion*
      - *3.8 million allocated; 7.5 million investment*
      - *Phase 2 – Bid in April, Burleigh to Church July to November*
  - **HOW CAN WE SHARE THIS GREAT INFO?????**
    - **Blog/website/facebook?**
  - Operations Updates –
    - Continue north OLT trail corridor vegetation maintenance
    - Focus on widening small sections that have woodlots adjacent to trails
  - Winter Oak Leaf Trail Plowing
    - Plow routes and time frames determined
    - **72 Hour Priority**
      - **Quantum leap for the city and parks working together!**
      - **ANOTHER SUCCESS THAT NEEDS CELEBRATION**
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- New Items:
  - 2015 Trail Council Officers
    - Chairperson: Amelia Kegel
    - Vice – Chairperson: Dave Schlabowske
  
  - Outreach Presentation at Wheel & Sprocket Bike Expo Sale April 10-12th
    - Timeslots:

- Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-4:45pm - *Ramsey*
    - Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-3:45pm – *Cheri*
    - Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-12:45pm - *Melissa*
  - Oak Leaf Trail Sponsorship Informational
  - 2015 Stakeholder Event Planning Committee
  
- Action items for next meeting:
  - *How can we share the info addressed in these meetings?*
  
- Informational:
  - Oak Leaf Discovery Tour Update
    - *Bike Expo – Sales Release*
    - *Passport and Map – 24 Stops – Trails and Park Guide*
    - *Retail \$5 / Wholesale \$2 / Special welleness and recreation \$3*
  - *SEWRPC – March 24<sup>th</sup> Bike Lanes Workshop Milwaukee Zeilder Building*
  - *88.9 Transportation Circus-March 31<sup>st</sup>*
  - *Snow Show – March 29<sup>th</sup> Lake Geneva*
  
- Next Meeting:
  - May 14th, 2015
  - 10 AM
  - Parks Administration Building  
9480 Watertown Plank Rd  
Wawautosa, WI 53226
  
- Upcoming Meetings:
  - July 9<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, January 14, 2016