

Recreation Trail Advocates Meeting
Paparazzi's Restaurant 5/4/09 at 7:00 PM

Present: Bruce Brown, George M. Burrier, Sandi Burrier, Elaine Hopkins, Mike Pula, Roger John, Ken Kiley, Steve Jaeger, Sheldon Schafer, Dave Pittman, Cora Lynn Green

George Burrier called the meeting to order.

Approval of the both the February and April minutes was approved. Motion by Bruce Brown, seconded by Ken Kiley

Treasurer's Report approved as presented by Mike Pula. Motion by Bruce Brown, seconded by Ken Kiley

Old Business:

Mike Pula gave a report of marking the Fon du Lac Park District trail from Morton boundary to East Peoria. He ran out of time to place the mile designation and will put on when the weather warms up. Discussion followed on how to protect the stake at marker 4 ½ that apparently was run over by a park district mower.

Bruce Brown will talk to Peoria Heights mayor about a clean-up dumpster at the Peoria Heights Library on the day of the clean-up which will be **May 16 starting at 9:00 AM.**

The cleanup will be start at the Library at 816 East Glen Avenue. RTA will provide lunch at TNT Sports Bar & Restaurant in the Heights for those participating. The area to be cleaned will be the property along the trail that is in Peoria Heights. Mayor Allen will be asked at lunch to review the Trailhead proposal for Peoria Heights that was approved by PUATS. It is critical that this structure be built in 2010 or the grant funding will be lost.

George Burrier passed out drawings of a proposed trail head/kiosk that could be placed in the area of the IDOT building once the trail is built if the Peoria Park District approves the plan. Wilbur Johnson made the preliminary drawings. Wilbur will be asked to give a more detailed report on June 1 of the proposed gazebo/trail head plans with a bill of materials. There already exists an anonymous donor who will help to pay for a project.

There was excellent Journal Star coverage of the April 18 emergency clean up to the trail area close to Pioneer Parkway. The coverage included both a picture and an article.

Dave P. said both St. Francis and Methodist would encourage employees to bike to work on Bike to Work day thru their newsletters and Internet media. May 11-15 is national bike-to-work week.

New Business:

George Burrier and Ken Kiley presented details about the status of the trail. According to sources efforts are moving forward.

Sheldon Schafer passed out brochures for the Interplanetary Ride, which will be June 27, & 28. The ride will be using the Rock Island Trail as well as the roads in the area. Please put this on your calendar as it is great recognition for the Rock Island Trail and a source of income for the Lakeview Museum.

At the next meeting there will be discussion on summer activities and goals that the RTA should pursue to get the Kellar Branch built.

MARK your calendar for another Rock Island Trail bike ride event on Sunday September 13, 2009 from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. sponsored by Cancer Center for Healthy Living. Park at Connor Co. parking lot just west of the trail off Pioneer Parkway. There will be a donation and door prizes plus a grand prize. This is a major fund raiser for a wonderful cause. Please advertise this event in other organizations that you support!

Next Meeting: June 1 @ Paparazzis Restaurant at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Cora Lynn Green & George & Sandra Burrier