

DES MOINES/POLK COUNTY TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
April 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Carl Voss, Chair, at 6:04pm. Members present were Carl Voss, Chair; Chris Andrews, Mike LaMair, Kim Shelquist, Dan Hanson, Mike Lustig, Ginger Soelberg, Jane Clark, Scott Sumpter, Casey Calmes, Joe Galloway, Lori Leporte

Staff present were Richard Brown, Des Moines Trail Coordinator; Pat Boddy, ED, Polk County Conservation Board.

Galloway moved for approval of the agenda; Andrews seconded. Motion approved.

Soelberg moved to approve the minutes; Lustig seconded. Brown called attention to the numbers of the BTW breakfast. He will contact Angela Dalton, BTW chair, for correct numbers.

Sumpter reported 952 riders signed up for BTW. 360+ employers represented. Car/bike race from Trestle to Trestle Trail on May 2. "Helmet Hair Wednesdays" supported by various businesses throughout the month. Website updated daily.

#### TRAIL SIGNAGE

Brown reported that contract with Shive/Hatterly approved. Breedlove Memorial monies to be used for kiosk at Bill Riley Trail. Capitol Striders have donated money for signage at Gray's Lake. Other communities are invited to participate in order to bring down the costs of signs.

#### REVIEW OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Brown presented a recommendation for structure review. List of members was split in half, with one-half having a one-year renewal; the remainder will have a two-year renewal. He will contact Ankeny to see if they still want to appoint a representative. Urbandale needs to be approved into the committee. Nominating committee will be appointed tonight to create a slate of candidates to be voted on and to serve until January 2009. Boddy recommended making Chair a two-year position. Discussion of subcommittees followed. Voss asked Galloway if our committee should meet with Park and Rec Board per the by-laws. Boddy stated that boards send reports to Polk County Conservation Board. Voss suggested preparing an annual report to present to Park and Rec and Polk County Conservation Board, with a committee member present to answer any questions. Clark questioned the need for public meetings. Discussion followed regarding the posting of our meetings and minutes on city and county websites and bikeiowa.com. Andrews moved to change Article III Section 1 to read that the appointments be made by the appropriate park and rec agencies and to add the City of Urbandale to the committee. Seconded by Lustig. Motion approved. Voss asked if the

committee can legally transact business via email. Shelquist moved to change Article V, Section 6 to add the words “or via email” after the words “...consent in writing...” Seconded by Andrews. Motion approved. Andrews moved to change Article VI Section 2 to read “The officers of the Committee shall be elected biannually...” Seconded by Lustig. Motion approved. Galloway noted that the quorum count is affected by the Ankeny vacancy. Brown will check with the legal department to see if it can be changed. Galloway moved that Article III Section 1 be changed to read “The Committee may include 12 members...” Seconded by Shelquist. Motion carried. Clark noted that a grammatical correction is necessary under Article IV Section 3 that sub-committees shall include a minimum of 5 members that are approved by the sub-committee, rather than the Committee. Voss appointed a nominating committee of Hoogenveen, Shelquist, and Lustig

## MAR

Registrations good—roughly 1000 so far. No one signed up for kids’ rodeo. Will work on promotion and try again next year.

## GREAT WESTERN TRAIL—POTENTIAL REALIGNMENT IN POLK COUNTY

Boddy reported that West Lake Properties would like to relocate a portion of the GWT which would include a park-like trailhead. Right-of-way issues are a concern. Lustig said that trail crossing should not be constructed at grade. Clark expressed concerns about trees. Commercial development would be adjacent to trail, which the county has no control over. Boddy requested that the Land Trails sub-committee review the proposal and prepare a report for the May meeting.

## BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Brown reported that City Council approved \$100,000 for a bicycle master plan for City of Des Moines.

## SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Land trails

Will review GWT for comment on relocation request

### Lands and routes

Lustig requested bike lane suggestions within the city and present a list of responses. Sumpter will create map of current routes and suggested lanes to post on bikeiowa.com. The information will be presented to those working on the bicycle master plan. Sub-committee met with the Beavertdale neighborhood group regarding parking on Urbandale Ave. Excellent response to mail survey. 10 responses from website. Majority wanted parking removed from Urbandale Ave. Condition of pavement on E. Urbandale Ave still unknown. Beavertdale group wants a plan to create connectivity

### Greenways

Surveys of communities of how greenways are identified and protected. Each committee member will contact his community in person to discuss the survey. The committee will request GIS maps if the committees will find them useful.

### Water Trails

State legislation in the works regarding low-head dams and state water trails plan. Des Moines River trail signs are in.

### STAFF REPORTS

Boddy: June 6 grand opening of Trestle to Trestle Trail at 2pm. Ice Cream Ride to Van Dees ice cream shop in Johnston. Free helmet giveaway. Scavo students have volunteered to paint a graffittied underpass. Applied for CAT grant for Ankeny-Woodward Trail. Will meet with committee in mid-May. Concern that matching funds could be lost. Gay Lea Wilson West Trail update.

### Brown:

Des Moines City Council received and filed complete streets proposal. Proposal will go to various city departments for comments and recommendations.

American Discovery Trail (Gray's Lake bypass) project approved and going out for bid. Construction to begin around June 1, with completion in the fall (75 working days).

Walnut Creek Trail pre-construction meeting. Set to start as soon as it's dry.

Bicycle updates: Trail access signs, bike racks, loop detectors, Court Avenue progress.

Trail cleanup happened on April 12 on Saylorville Trail.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Leporte  
Acting Secretary