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GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK

Jane Snyder Trail Center, 18 November, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

GPTN President Greg Rosenboom called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Noel Briseno, Doug Dittman, Charlene Dunbar, Steve Dunbar, Corey Godfrey, Jeff Kimble, Jim Krieger, Jordan Messerer, Dena Noé, Jesse Peterson, Greg Rosenboom, Ray Stevens, Denise Teahon, Bob Torell, Mary Torell, Jamie Warren, Bill Wehrbein.

Not in Attendance: Dale Arp, Marybell Avery, Matt Baumeister, Gary Bentrup, Parks Coble, Marynelle Greene, Rachelle Hadley, Elaine Hammer, Kent Henning, Ann Ringlein, Shelby Robinson,

Guests: Sara Hartzell, J. J. Yost, Lyn Johnson, and Gale Breed.

GUEST PRESENTATION

The guests addressed the funding of the Rock Island to Jamaica North Connection Project (RIJN). Yost distributed a report indicating that the cost of the project is estimated as \$2,217,469, and funds in hand or pledged amount to \$2,012,700—a gap of \$204,769. There are grant proposals pending that total \$165,000. In order that construction begin this calendar year the city must have the full amount in hand or pledged by the end of the month. Breed circulated the draft of a letter to the Mayor from the presidents of NTF and GPTN and urged the board to instruct the president to sign the letter pledging that NTF and GPTN would raise an additional \$210,000 to close the gap. He indicated that NTF had already agreed to sign. Discussion ensued.

Stevens moved Briseno seconded that President Rosenboom sign the letter and that GPTN and NTF will use our best efforts to raise \$210,000. Unanimously approved.

Noé reported that a fundraising campaign “Giving Tuesday” will soon be announced to members which will offer match gifts (up to total of \$5k) with gifts from the GPTN board. So far \$3k has been pledged by board members.

On another issue, Hartzell reported that a consultant had been hired to address future plans for Wilderness Park, including how people enter and move through the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer opined that it was a “pretty quiet October”, but we have “ways to go” to make membership revenue the same as last year. Report was distributed electronically before the meeting.

Report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government Relations (M. Torell): No report.
- Public Relations Committee (Messerer): Committee is preparing a revised schedule of renewal letters and studying the possibility of online renewals or autorenewals.
- Trail Use (Kimble): Report from the city's traffic counters was e-mailed to board members.
- Finance (R. Torell): Committee has been meeting regularly.
- Trail Trek (No  ): T-shirt will be upgraded for adults, and registration fee raised appropriately. Also, she reported that the Trail-a-thon will be promoted with a billboard, a video, and a Facebook page to be launched on 1 December.
- MoPac Alliance (Godfrey): The group has suggested a modification of the current designated route that would avoid requiring bicycles to use Highway 66. Locations for signage on this route were identified.
- Nominating: No report.
- GPTN tax status: Discussion continues.
- Christmas Party: Signup sheet circulated.
- Annual Meeting (M. Torell): Looking for a speaker.
- Awards: No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GPTN Christmas Party on 9 December at Forest Lake Estates Clubhouse.

Annual Meeting on 22 February 2020 at 1 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING

January 2020

Bill Wehrbein, Secretary.