



GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 12, 2016, 7:00 PM
Jayne Snyder Trail Center

Meeting called to order by President Roger Hirsch at 7:01 PM.

ROLE CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: 19

Absent: 12

Messerer	Arp	Stevens	Hersey	Jerke	Baker
Griffin	Godfrey	Burd	Baumeister	Noe	Green
M. Torell	Ringlein	Hammer	Scoby	Sonderup	Collier
Stevens	B. Torell	Case	Wehrbein	C. Dunbar	Kimble
S. Dunbar	Warren	Hirsch			
Rosenboom	Bentrup	Heinrich			
Coble					

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

- a) Jeff Kirkpatrick and Kellie Van Bruggen, City of Lincoln – “Ordinance Changes in response to LB716.”
 - i) Jeff Kirkpatrick stated the City ordinances will be brought in line with the State Laws. Trying to follow and mimic state of law including:
 - (1) Bicycles in crosswalks have right of way if they have the signal and they do not need to dismount the bicycle.
 - (2) Also included is the three-foot passing law.
 - (3) Electric bicycles will be considered bicycles.
 - (4) Will also include bicycles with three wheels.
 - (5) Law will be updated to include riding a bicycle recklessly.
 - (6) Bicycles on sidewalks updated to allow riding on sidewalks except in downtown. That provision will be maintained.
 - ii) Jeff stated he would appreciate some support from the bicycling community.
 - iii) Bob Torell inquired regarding better signage for “right of way” for bicyclists. Jeff states that has been discussed.

ACTION: Motion by Griffin to write a letter of support to the City Council in regards to the City Ordinance bicycle updates as reviewed by Jeff Kirkpatrick. Seconded by Mary Torell. Approved.

- b) Sydney Brown and Jason McLaughlin, BicycLincoln Board Members – “National Bike Challenge”
 - i) Requested sponsorship for the Bike Challenge “End of the Challenge Party”.
 - (1) Need financial assistance for the recognition awards for Challenge participants.
 - (2) Expansion of awards who ride on a regular basis.
 - (3) Lincoln has over 2,400 active participants in the challenge. Lincoln is currently in the lead as well as Nebraska.
 - (4) Would promote GPTN on social media.

ACTION: *Motion by Mary Torell to donate \$500 to BicycLincoln for the End the Challenge Party. Seconded by Ray Stevens. Approved.*

- c) Rosina Paolini – Wilderness Park Advocate

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Corey Godfrey

- **ACTION:** *Motion by Stevens to approve the August Meeting minutes. Seconded by Case. Approved.*

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jamie Warren

- GPTN Board Expenses and Account Balance reviewed. Current GPTN General Fund balance at the end of August is \$35,096.71.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roger Hirsch

Administration Committee – Roger

- i) Trail Trek – Lincoln Journal Star concerns; changes to Sponsorship Recruitment.
 - (1) Roger and Dena will set up a meeting with the LJS regarding the future of the LJS and Trail Trek. See where some costs could be cut.
 - (2) Roger mentioned an idea of developing a sponsorship Sub-Committee for Trail Trek to help raise funds.
- ii) Children's Zoo Project – City encouraging a “change of direction” per Jamie Phillips.
 - (1) Roger just received an email from the City regarding the Zoo. The parking lot to the south has been removed; therefore there is no need to have a driveway across the trail. Trail will also preserve the trail to the Cascade Fountain.

- **ACTION:** *Motion by Mary Torell to write a letter of support for the new recommendation by the City for the Zoo expansion. Seconded by Stevens. Approved.*

- iii) Prairie Corridor Project – Denton decided not to support a letter of application, at least at this time. Sara asks for GPTN priorities and named six Recreational Trail Program projects.
 - (1) The Application deadline for the RTP has come and gone for this year.
 - (2) A list of other potential projects on the RTP list was sent by Sara Hartsel.
 - (3) Chris Heinrich discussed the importance of informing the City of Lincoln the GPTN priorities for RTP grants. Chris also reviewed the Wilderness Park areas of concern. Chris requested that GPTN request that the City prioritize the Wilderness Park repairs

for the future RTP grant applications. Rosina Paolini also voiced her support for the bridges.

- (4) Roger suggested that a letter and a meeting with Sara Hartzel would be the best course of action.
- **ACTION:** *Motion by Chris Heinrich to write a letter to the Parks and Recreation regarding GPTN's support of Wilderness Park south bridge replacement as well as form a GPTN Sub-Committee to review the Parks and Recreation's RTP priority list and explore improved communication to GPTN in regards to RTP grants. Seconded by Griffin. Approved.*
- iv) MOU with NTF – Discussion tabled for the time being.
- (1) Nebraska Trails Foundation will form a Sub-Committee to work on the MOU.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Committee – Gary Bentrup

- i) Fundraising Projects Status – Gary
- (1) Obligation report reviewed.
 - (2) Billy Wolfe – City has asked for payment. There is a surplus of \$3,000 in the account
 - (3) Pioneer's Park phase III – should be close to taking care of this project.
 - (4) Murdock Trail – Funds from G2L and the Don Wesley event.
- ii) Hammer asked which project a Dillon Foundation donation should be directed to since the donation isn't earmarked.
- (1) Recommendation by Bentrup to direct the funds to the Murdock. Roger Hirsch will write a letter.
- **ACTION:** *Motion by Hammer to donate the \$5,000 donation from Dillon to the Murdock Trail. Seconded by Coble. Approved.*

Government Relations Committee – Mary Torell

- No updates.

Public Relations Committee – Steve Dunbar

- Trail app from the City was sent to Beta testers (Dena, Carolyn and Corey)
- Volunteer needed for September 24th Vintage Heights neighborhood. Roger Hirsch will volunteer.
- Streets Alive is coming up on September 25th.

Trail Use and Activities Committee – Marynelle Greene

Trail Trek Committee – Committee Members

Finance Committee – Corey Godfrey

- Finance Committee met on August 30th and reviewed the prior quarter of financial statements. No discrepancies noted.

- Trail Trek concerns also discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Checks sent to NRD, Parks & Rec and Eagle for Trail Trek help.
2. Mendoza Park Pollinator Garden Application Approved – Sept. 24 dedication.
3. Star Tran Public Meetings –
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/startran>
4. Bicycle Friendly Community Survey – Participate at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LincolnBFC> Survey Closes Sept. 15
5. “Run For The Bridges” Calendar Photo – September 18, 3:30, North Bridge “Y'all come.”

NEXT MEETING: Monday October 10, 2016, 7 PM at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center

Meeting adjourned by Roger Hirsch at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Godfrey, GPTN Secretary

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