

Buffalo Trails Board

Minutes for the meeting on January 25, 2017

Submitted by Lois Petersen

Meeting was attended by board members: Bill Cooley, Jack Tarter, Lois Petersen, Mary Fowlkes. Also in attendance were Julia Bettinger, Bill Mentock and Dan Hart, our new City Council Liaison.

1. Approve agenda
2. Approve minutes from 10/26/16
3. City Council liaison and any other board openings
4. Update – Exercise stations – Julia Bettinger
5. Update – Seasonal Laborer/Grant for 2017
6. Update South Bi-Pass Road Trail Easement
7. Update – Trails Brochure
8. Update – V-gate
9. Cub Scout blue bird nesting boxes
10. Dog stations
11. Correspondence
12. Comments
13. Set next meeting 2/22/17 – 5 pm City Hall
14. Adjourn

1. Agenda was approved as written (Jack, Mary).
2. Minutes of the 10/26/16 meeting were approved as written (Jack, Mary)
3. Dan Hart was welcomed to the Buffalo Trails Board as our new liaison to the City Council. We are excited to have him join us. Also, Mike Engling decided not to renew his BTB board membership. We very much appreciate his efforts on behalf of trails over the years and will contact others who may be interested in serving in his place - Lauri Walter, Sid Parker, Dana Fowler are people we will contact first due to stated interest.
4. Julia Bettinger brought some sample exercise graphics and poster designs for us to evaluate. She mentioned istock.com has many exercise icons we can look at and choose from. She will work with SignPro and get some sample signs for us to look at soon. She will also ask a pool of health care professionals for their input on them. She hopes to keep the signs simple, clean, and as unobtrusive as possible while still being readable and useful.
5. Jack informed us the Rec. District grants will be completed online from now on and that Michael Knebel is working on a website for the Rec. Board. He suggested our updated trails map should be put up on that site when it is complete – (307) 222-6848 or mknebel@LogisticsLogic.com. Jack, Lois and Julie S need to meet to discuss the amount of carry-over we have for next year's Seasonal Laborer as well as what amount is needed for this year, esp. since we will also need new maps and other signage on all the kiosks. We also need to find out who should submit the grants this year (City Planner is no longer here) and who will submit the final reports for last year's grant.
6. Lois will talk to Julie S about the (JTCA) grant money the city has to print the new trails brochure and whether we can hold that amount in an ongoing account to be used to make revised copies as needed. We will contact Joe Dyer to see when the new map design will be completed and ready to print.
7. Mary reported that Nelson Engineering has been contracted to design the South ByPass trail project, with a May 31st deadline for submittal. Once the design is approved, construction companies will be asked to bid the project with the hope that work will begin as soon as a company is approved – this spring or summer.
8. No update on V-gate as that is a spring project.
9. Bill Cooley was contacted by the Buffalo cub scouts troop who are planning to construct bluebird nesting boxes to be installed in several open areas. They would like to install 6-10 along the trail system. A motion was made to approve the installation of 6-10 bird boxes along the trail, with the stipulation we can see what they look like prior to installation. Jack made the motion and Mary seconded. Motion was approved.
10. The road to the dog station at the Heritage Park dog station is chained off so no service is possible at the present. Dog bags in the log waste bins along the Green Belt Trail are still sinking down out of sight. The new dog stations have arrived and are stored in the shed, ready for spring installation.
11. The BTB recieved an invitation to have a table at the Health Fair on March 4, but there was no interest at this time.
12. Bill Mentock noted that he emptied the dog station at the Upper Clear Creek Road parking lot. His help is much appreciated. Bill Cooley thanked Jack Tarter for his continuing service to the BTB.
13. Next meeting will be on 2/22/17 at 5 pm at the City Hall.