

Friends of the Waverly Trails

Minutes

March 30, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Friends of the Waverly Rail Trail was called to order at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Trail brochure: City Staff presented a proposed brochure patterned after the Waterloo – Cedar Falls trail system brochure. INRCOG can do the mapping and set up the brochure for \$2000. After discussing the various things we would want on the map and in the brochure it was decided by a unanimous vote to go ahead with development. Kim Folkerts, Jim Rathe and staff will work on this. Staff mentioned that Denver was contacted for participation in the information for the brochure and potential cost sharing or sponsorships. Anyone with pictures of the Trail, winter or summer, that might be used in the brochure can bring or send them to Tab Ray. He also had one quote for printing for about \$1,000 to print 6,000 brochures. He will get more quotes.
2. Rest room facilities: Parks staff presented pictures of the double restroom at Babcock Woods and a picture of a single unit proposed for the parking lot at Killdeer. The cost is \$5,000. It was suggested that staff look into the cost if we got 2, one to replace the port-a-potty just east of 30th St. since the object is to do away with port-a-potties. This would allow for restroom facilities on the Trail year round. It was the unanimous decision to go ahead with the unit for Killdeer and for City staff to look into the cost of the second unit.
3. Shelter at 1st Ave. SE: The Waverly Lions Club is going to pour a cement floor for the shelter.
4. Display Case: Staff showed the group a display case ad that looked promising. We would like to put 2 of them at the north side of the shelter, one for advertising local businesses and the other for Trail information. Bruce Ecker suggested consulting Strotzman Lumber Yard to see if they could make something similar and what that would cost. Liz Wuertz suggested checking with Hartman Reserve to see what they use and where they get them. This was approved unanimously.
5. Drinking Fountain: A drinking fountain has been proposed for the shelter. City staff has investigated this in response to the request from the previous meeting. The nearest water source is at 6th St. and 1st Ave. It would require digging up the street to bring water to the shelter. It was pointed out that there is an outdoor faucet at Kwik-Star just across the street from the shelter. It was decided unanimously to forego a drinking fountain at the shelter.
6. Electrical: Electricity can be brought to the shelter from the Recycling Center at modest expense. City staff also suggested a solar powered light to be used at night. These were approved unanimously.
7. Grill: The Parks Dept. has several charcoal grills and staff will place one next to the shelter.

8. Banners: Staff has investigated banners to display to advertise the Trail at the request of Liz Wuertz. They proposed buying 6 banners for approximately \$3500 to be placed on the light poles along the trail. He emphasized that the banners would be put up and taken down by volunteers. This was approved.
9. Budget: All of these expenses need to be approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and by the City Council since they are not budgeted. The money will come from the balance of funds totaling around \$28,000 accumulated from RAGBRAI and gifts that has been accumulated for additions to the Trail. A plaque has been proposed to commemorate the RAGBRAI and local donor contribution to the funds for the shelter. Dave Walston reviewed the proposed wording for the plaque and will contact the local Ragbrai committee to get approval of the wording. It was suggested that the printing be large enough that it was easily read. The plaque will be attached to a boulder and placed near the shelter. Another plaque will be attached to the shelter noting the Lions Club's construction efforts.
10. Spring workday: Gene reported that there isn't any work for volunteers on the Trail this spring. The trimming that was done last fall took care of most of the problems. Painting the bridge abutments on the new trail in South Riverside Park was discussed. The consensus was to use landscaping rather than paint. So we won't have a workday this spring.
11. Benches: Steel decorative benches have been proposed for Kohlmann Park. They cost \$1000 each. Tab proposed we use Rail Trail funds to subsidize \$250 of the cost of each bench for 6 benches. This will make donations for cost of the benches more possible. This was approved for recommending to the Park and Recreation Commission and the City Council.
12. Numbering Bridges: Roger Wedeking suggested that we number the bridges with mile markers to make it easier to locate where trail users are in case of an emergency. He also thought we might develop a "neighborhood watch" for those living along the trail for reporting emergencies and for reporting vandalism. Roger reported that there are several areas that have standing water and are mosquito breeding grounds. We will see if areas need better drainage.
13. Picnic in New Shelter: At our last meeting it was suggested we have a picnic in the new shelter about June 18th. Several of us have conflicts for that date. Jim will check with WADG for the schedule for Thursday night on Main and for band concerts during the summer and we will consider something in conjunction with these events.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. Next meeting: Fall 2005.

Jim Rathe