

Friends of the Waverly Trails
Minutes of the meeting Sept. 18, 02
7 PM at City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

1. Reports:
 - a. The Trail Survey counted 2,199 users in a week's time. 433 surveys were completed. A copy of the summary and comments is appended to these minutes.
 - b. RAGBRAI ice cream sales totaled \$1,350. Another \$50 was donated by the Pork Chop Man. We've also got a request in to the Register for help paying for the port-a-potties. Our expenses included \$500 for the ice cream and \$500 for the port-a-potties. Our volunteers enjoyed the event! It was reported that Ralph Juhl has received several letters thanking the Bremer County Tourism group for the hospitality.
2. We have been asked to have a booth at Blocktober Fest Sat. Sept. 28th. We have arranged to sell ice cream bars from Kwik Star. We will be open from 1 to 5 PM.
3. The Trailhead Facility was discussed. We concluded that it wasn't practical for the City to buy the Depot and we decided we should go back to our original plan to build next to the trail at 1st Ave SW. Tab is arranging for a grant application to help us raise more money for the project.
4. Gene Rathje told us that we have received a gift for wildflowers. He proposes to plant wildflowers seeds in an area south of the trail between the 2.5 and 3.0 mile markers. This can be done after mowing the area rather than burning it off. We also discussed planting other trees in the areas where elms are dying along the Trail. We will collect acorns etc. this fall and plan to plant them in late Oct or early Nov. We also discussed whether we should cut down the dead trees to prevent them from falling on the fence or the trail. No decision was made.
5. Merwin Briggs told us that he is driving the tram this Fri. and asked for a volunteer to help him trim branches as they go along. Moira McCluney is going to help him. We also discussed having a Sat. morning work brigade later this fall to do more trimming.
6. There is a new entrance to the Trail on the north side between 30th and 39th Sts. Leading to the new Monahan addition. This will also give people in the area behind Oberheu's Restaurant easier access to the Trail. It was noted that the culvert put in next to the trail might be inadequate.
7. John and Laurel Kurtt have planted and tended the flower planters along the Trail and were thanked for their success!
8. Our next meeting was set for Wed. Nov.20th.

Secretary pro tem,

Jim Rathe