

## Minutes

Friends of the Waverly Rail Trail Meeting

April 8, 2008

6pm City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Ecker, Folkers, Rathe, Ray, J. Weurtz, E. Weurtz, Main

### Regular Business

1. Trail Work Day: Saturday, April 19

Ray will put signs up for the locations. Encouraged everyone to wear long sleeves/pants, hat glove, eye protection. He will send a news release in again. We need volunteers to show up. Ray will be there and two staff.

2. Candlelight Ski/Walk: Fall, Winter or both?

A fall walking event could be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of November, when daylight savings time begins. This year the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday is November 1<sup>st</sup>, the day after Halloween. It is desirable to have a full moon and the full moon dates this year are Nov. 13, Jan 10 and Feb 9. The group decided to wait to see if a winter ski event will be done. There is a lot of difference in the amount of work to set up and events when it is not as cold and there is no snow on the ground.

3. A new program to distribute safety bells at low cost for bikers to use when passing.

A pilot program for bells will be started with possibly Miller True Value, Crowdaddy Outdoors and the Sub City as vendors. The group would subsidize the bells so they would be under \$5.00.

The group thought the lack of trail etiquette was part of the issue and an effort to disseminated information about trail etiquette should be increased. Ray will look into appropriate signage and standard language. Signage should be concentrated on the trail west of 30<sup>th</sup> Street where there is most of the walkers. Folkers will put together a news article on trail etiquette for the newspaper.

4. Fall Tram Rides

Ray will contact Bartels about starting up tram rides again. The problem has been finding volunteers to drive.

5. Update on the Readlyn trail- what's going on with it, anticipated construction dates and opening. What can we do to help?

Ray said the money has been raised and construction should be completed in 2008. The committee determined that this was the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Rail Trail in operation and that a ceremony joining the two trails would be a neat grand opening/anniversary event. Maybe a golden spike at the Denver/Waverly/Readlyn junction next to Highway 63. This group should contact the other trail groups so some planning can be done.

### Other business:

When will the bridge approaches be done? Ray said the City of Waverly has at least 3 asphalt contracts this year and he will talk to Mike Cherry on when this work can be done. If you need further information, you will need to talk to Mike Cherry.

Ray will check into dogbag dispenser in South Riverside Park. It is not apparent in its present location.

Adjourned 645pm