



City of Rock Falls

Recreational Trail Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/14/11

Time Meeting Started: 4:00 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 5:02 pm

Members		Also Attended	
Pam Erby (chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Art Deem	P	Cathy Brunner	P
Tim Keller	P	Bob Schwab	P
George Bellovics	A	Rollie Ducoing	A
Alderman Kuhlemier	A	Jerry Bartlett	P
Mike Sterba	P	Dave Hahne	A
Dick Linvile	A	Jim Hardt	A
Mike Sterba	P	Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	&	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 4:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 4:00pm. 	Meeting called to order.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes (03/10/11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were unavailable and not approved. These minutes would be placed on the next meeting agenda. 	Meeting minutes would be approved at the next meeting.
3. Recognize Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No visitors were in attendance. 	No visitors were in attendance.
4. Old Business: a. C Brunner/M. Sterba- Gift brochure- available sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed the brochure presented by Ms. Brunner and made some minor changes. Verbiage was discussed and Ms. Brunner made adjustments as suggested. Committee thanked Ms. Brunner for all of her hard work on brochure. 	Ms. Brunner will be adjusting brochure and bring back to committee at their next meeting.
4. Old Business: b. "Train the Trainers"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Kuelper will be attending at 9:30am on April 30th for the Canal clean-up sponsored by the RRDA for training for the volunteers on working safe on clean-ups, as there was some issue with some items that are used in illegal activities that could harm volunteers if they found it and tried to dispose of it. Committee will look forward to presentation. 	Chief Kuelper will be attending event on April 30 th for "Train the Trainers"
4. Old Business c: Landscaping-Long Range Plan, sub-committee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No items were presented for this issue. 	No items were presented under this issue.
5. Grant Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No items were presented for this issue. 	No items were presented under this issue.

6. Signage a. Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported signage would be completed by the Street department in May. 	Issue would be left on agenda for review as it moves forward.
6. Signage b. Target Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage would be going in after their creation in May. 	Issue would be left on agenda for review as it moves forward.
7. Phase I/Phase II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson Erby discussed the Rock Falls women club would like to donate a tree to the Recreation Trail committee. She would like to know where it would be located along the trail. Committee discussed. Mr. Sterba suggested a Pin Oak for the suggested tree, and he suggested it be at least 2" diameter tree. Watering was discussed, as well as landscaping. 	Committee thanked Ms. Erby for her efforts and for consideration of tree.
8. New Business a. Comprehensive Plan FYI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor presented information on Comprehensive Plan update. 	Committee thanked Mayor for brief update.
8. New Business a. Meeting Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed meeting structure and left the meeting dates and times. Committee discussed not having meetings during December and January. 	Committee determined not having December and January
8. New Business b. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor reported on progress on Route 40 Bridge work. Work is slated to be started in March of 2012. Bike path would not be in plan, but the IDOT would make it so you can travel underneath bridge and would allow the City of Rock Falls to improve the area underneath bridge for a bike path. Committee discussed, and thanked the Mayor for the report to the Committee. Mayor also suggested that he would like to see the canal improved enough to potentially program events on the canal. City limits question was brought up, and it was mentioned that portions of the canal were not in the city limits. Committee suggested that this issue be researched to see if the property could be brought into the city limits for police enforcement. Mayor will report on issue as it moves forward. Mayor also talked about connection between canal path and Linville bridge surface. Chairperson Erby announced that there would be no canal heritage days this year. Bob Schwab suggested that RRDA will probably plan some events. 	Committee thanked Mayor for updates.
9. Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm 	Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm