



# City of Rock Falls

## Recreational Trail Committee Meeting

### Minutes

Date: 10-11-12 Time Meeting Started: 4:01 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 4:49 pm

Members		Also Attended	
Pam Erby (Chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	A
Art Deem	P	Cathy Brunner	P
Tim Keller	A	Bob Schwab	P
George Bellovics	P	Jerry Bartlett	A
Mike Sterba	A	Dave Hahne	P
Dick Linville	A	Robbin Blackert	A
Glen Kuhlemier	P		
Bethany Bland	A		
P-Attended A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Called to order at 4:01 pm.</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Approve Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glen Kuhlemier made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Art Deem.</li> </ul>	Motion Carried
<b>3. Recognize Visitors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No visitors were present</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Organization Reports</b> a. Coloma Twp Pk District b. RRDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report from Coloma Township Park District</li> <li>RRDA member Bob Schwab shared information regarding upcoming RRDA meeting to be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	No Actions taken
<b>4. Organization Reports</b> c. Riverfront Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Blanton gave an extensive update on the status of the riverfront re-development. He explained that the zoning requirements were being reviewed and established, design standards and covenants and restrictions were underway and a market study was being preformed. He also indicated that the First Ave bridge was to be finished by Oct 17 and that the area by the lower dam was to be enhanced to create better portage to the Rock River. He will continue to report as changes and progress occur.</li> </ul>	Mayor will continue to report to the committee status of the redevelopment

<b>5. Old Business</b> <b>a. Gift Brochure</b> <b>b. Master Trail Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report on Gift Brochure</li> <li>No report on Master Trail plan</li> </ul>	No action taken
<b>5. Old Business</b> <b>c. Canal Annexation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Blanton shared a slide show of photos taken from the Colona visit. He indicated that he would like to put a meeting together with IDNR, tourism and city council members to discuss any outstanding questions left. Then the matter will be taken up by the city council.</li> <li>There was considerable discussion regarding subleasing etc and potential uses and ideas for the canal property.</li> </ul>	Mayor Blanton will schedule a meeting with IDNR and City Council members and tourism
<b>5. Old Business</b> <b>d. Trail Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An inquiry to the status of property owners infringing on the trail property was made. The status was unknown. The mayor will check with the zoning/compliance officer and see if the matter has been taken care of.</li> </ul>	Mayor will follow up with zoning officer
<b>6. Grant Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>George Bellovics reminded the committee that IL did chose to participate in the RTP program and that there is funding available, however it is significantly reduced.</li> </ul>	No action required
<b>7. Signage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee reviewed the list of sign locations and signage that was prepared by the defunct Branding committee. Members were asked to think of areas that need to be identified to the general public/visitors. This discussion will continue. No action currently being taken,</li> <li>The signage for the cross roads on the canal need to be installed. Pam will follow up with the principles to see when it will be done.</li> </ul>	Pam Erby will follow up with Ted Padilla and IDNR about installation of signs.
<b>8. Phase I &amp; II</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>	No action required
<b>9. New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>George Bellovics shared with the committee drawings of the proposed RT40 Bridge slated to be replaced next year. This bridge spans the Hennepin Canal and has had significant design changes to make travelling under it and over the canal much easier.</li> <li>Bellovics also shared that the Rock River has applied for National Trail Status. He shared a copy of the Trail plan with the committee.</li> </ul>	No action required
<b>10. Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting adjourned at 4:49 with a motion from Kuhlemier, second from Schwab. Vote taken unanimous. Next meeting will be held on November 8, 2012 at 4pm in the north end conference room.</li> <li>Erby reminded the committee there is no meeting in December.</li> </ul>	Motion carried

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Catherine Brunner, Secretary**