



City of Rock Falls Recreational Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/8/13 **Time Meeting Started:** 4:00

Time Meeting Ended: 4:30

Members		Also Attended	
Pam Erby (Chairperson) –RFT & CM	A	Glen Kuhlemier – City Council & RRDA & CM	P
Jerry Bartlett, Trail Enthusiast & CM	P	Dick Linville – Trail Enthusiast & CM	A
George Bellovics – IDNR	A	Bob Schwab – RRDA & CM	P
Dave Blanton – RFT- Trail Enthusiast- CM	A	Mike Sterba – Coloma Park District	P
Art Deem – RRDA- CM	P	Mayor Bill Wescott – City of Rock Falls	P
Dave Hahne- IDNR	P	Tim Keller – RRDA – CM	P
Also Attended			
Eric Arduini – City Clerk	P	Mark Searing – Building Inspector	P

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order	Meeting Called to order at 4:00 p.m. Meeting was chaired by Mayor Wescott	
2. Approve Minutes	Kuhlemier made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2013 meeting, A second was made by Keller	Motion Carried
3. Recognize Visitors	No new visitors	
4. Organizations / Partners	<p>a. <u>Coloma Park District</u> – Mike Sterba thanked everyone for the large turnout. He reported that the Quinn family was there from Nevada, and the Park District has received a lot of positive feedback. The lights turn on at 9:00 p.m. every night.</p> <p>b. <u>RRDA</u> – Bob Schwab reported The River Cleanup will be next Saturday at 8:00a.m. meet at Oppold Marina, and there will be lunch at Moonlight Bay following the cleanup. The next RRDA meeting will be Monday August 12th at 7:00p.m.</p> <p>c. <u>Riverfront Committee</u> – no report</p> <p>d. <u>Natural Prairie Committee</u> – Tim Keller reported that the point prairie plot is in full bloom. He also announced that there is a meeting the 8/8/13 and every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Morrison Library. Mr. Searing spoke about the new ordinance that the city is working on to allow prairie grass to be grown in certain areas of the city.</p>	
5. Old Business	<p>a. Gift Brochures</p> <p>b. Master Plan Progress</p> <p>c. Canal Annexation Progress – Mayor Wescott reported that resident opinion surveys were sent out, and hundreds have been returned. He recommends that Alderman Schuneman who is the Chairman of the Hennepin Canal Committee attend the next Recreational Trail Committee to give a report.</p> <p>d. Trail Maintenance Update</p> <p>e. River Trail Status Boat Access – Mayor Wescott presented the committee with information and pictures of 2 different canoe docks recommended from the Park District in Lena. He has also spoken with them about ADA access and will meet with him in the future.</p>	<p>Tabled</p> <p>Tabled</p> <p>No action</p> <p>Tabled</p> <p>No action</p>
	f. Riverfront Trail – Mayor Wescott reported, that a rough	

	<p>access road has been added to the riverfront along with adding a base for the bike trail along the river. He stated that Brian Tribley with the Firehouse of God church is looking forward to another project along the riverfront. They would like to now help clean up the brush along the water on East 2nd St. The Mayor informed the committee that Wendler Engineering who has done Phase One for the riverfront planning will be at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 26th. The engineers did not allow enough clearance under the 1st Avenue Bridge for a walking or bike path under the bridge to connect Bowman Park to the rest of the riverfront as was planned for years by the city.</p>	
	<p>g. Canal Dredging Project - Mayor Wescott reported that the City Council approved Willett Hoffman & Associates to start the engineering to begin the permitting process from the US Army Corps of Engineers for dredging. He also reported that there is currently a problem with a bladder on the dam, and it is being worked on. The mayor did mention to Randy from the corps that if they needed to drain Lake Sinnissippi again to make repairs it would be a good time to more easily dredge.</p>	
6. Signage	<p>a. Directional Signage – Mr. Hahne informed the Committee that all of the signs were up along the canal except for the Rt. 40 Bridge because it scheduled to be replaced next year.</p>	
7. Phase I / Phase II		Tabled
8. New Business	<p>Bob Schwab inquired about a fence that appears to be on the trail near Hill Fastener. Mr. Searing said that he can look into it.</p>	
9. Adjournment	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 12th at 4:00 p.m.</p>	Meeting adjourned

Committee Chairman