



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-10-2016

Time Meeting Started: 12:00pm

Time Meeting Ended: 1:10pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Folsom		Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Snow		Commander Coppotelli	p
Larry Spinka –Street Department	p	Inspector Searing	
Mike Sterba – Coloma Park District	p		
Eric Arduini – RRDA	p		
Tom Vandemore - IDNR			
Brian Tribley – Firehouse of God	p		
John Larson	p		
Tim Keller	p		

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 12:00 p.m. – Chairman Schuneman	Meeting was called to order	Meeting begins at 12:00pm
2.Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee May 12th, 2016	The minutes were reviewed by the committee. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Larson, and second by Larry Spinka.	Minutes approved unanimously
3.Old Business: a.Approval of Master Plan	<p>Alderman Schuneman presented the committee a sample of the brochure showing the master plan for the Recreational Trail from McNeil Rd. to Avenue D. The Committee had a few suggested changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Summary of comments” language changed - Language added “ The City intends to add benches, trash receptacles, Bike racks and lighting along the trail as appropriate” - #3 remove “Conserve cost with limestone chips” - #5 remove language limiting the type of pavilion. - 2nd Brochure will include language “all public comments were accepted, and incorporated into this master plan. <p>Alderman Schuneman will be presenting this to the council as a vision. He will ask that the council approve the drafting of a resolution to adopt the master plan and the trails committee mission, and vision statement. Alderman Schuneman will create a larger map to present to the City Council members. The picture on the front of the 1st brochure may be an invasive species of thistle. The committee recommends a picture of a native plant.</p>	The Committee recommends to the City Council to draft a resolution to adopt the master plan including the mission and vision statement.
i.Dero Bike Fixit station	The committee viewed pictures of a Dero Bike Fixit Station that could be installed along the trail. It included an air pump, stand, and tools secured by steel cables. The cost is around \$1200.00	No action
5.New Business a.Discussion on running trails.	John Larson mentioned that Rick Rogers and others would like to have designated running loops through the area. These runners had attended the Charrette. Mayor Wescott asked if running, and biking trails are the same. Alderman Schuneman remarked that the runners could benefit from signage laying out distances or perhaps color coded trails. The trails committee would like more input from runners.	No action
8.Committee Member Items	Tim Keller recently came back from Rock Island, and wondered if our trail system connects to the route 84 system from the Quad Cities to Savanna. When looking at the map it was determined that it does not yet connect in the Quad City area.	No Action

	<p>Tim Keller reported that the RRDA sign at the point of the dam is currently being repainted by Jim Duis.</p> <p>Mr. Keller also informed the committee that the next riverfront meeting with a Cheri Bustos representative will be held at the Sterling Library on June 15th from 1:30 to 3:00pm.</p>	
	<p>Alderman Schuneman shared a handout with the committee from the IML explaining the economic impact that bicycles have on a community.</p>	
	<p>Mark Searing reported that there are many trees growing up in the prairie area along the trail. These trees will need to be cut and treated with Tordon RTU.</p>	<p>A time will be arranged for volunteers to clear the trees.</p>
Adjournment	<p>With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm</p>	<p>Meeting ends at 1:10 pm</p>



Committee Chairman