



## City of Rock Falls Eagle Trail Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2021

Time Meeting Started: 1730

Time Meeting Ended: 1830

| Members   |   | Also Attended             |   |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Chairman Ald. Casey Babel                       | P | Mayor Bill Wescott        | P |
| Melinda Jones                                   | P | City Adm. Robbin Blackert | P |
| Amy Williamson                                  | P |                           |   |
| Paul Gierhart                                   | P |                           |   |
| John Larson                                     | P |                           |   |
| Tourism Chair Jim Schuneman (non-Voting Member) | P |                           |   |

| Topic   | Discussion  | Plan of Action  |
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| 1. Call to Order                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With a quorum present, the initial meeting of the Eagle Trail Committee called to order at 1730</li> </ul>   | In session @ 1730   |
| 2. Audience Requests                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>  | N/A   |
| 3. New Business<br>a. Organization of the Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairman Babel gave a brief over view of the purpose and mission behind the establishment of the Eagle Trail Committee. The committee will be tasked to work through the Tourism committee to create a trail that will create educational opportunities, promote, establish viewing areas for Eagles and other bird families that have made the Rock River basin there home.</li> <li>One of the topics was a trail that would have viewing locations in the future. Areas discussed were, upper dam, Seward Park, RB&amp;W Park, Lower Dam and possibly Lawrence Park.</li> <li>The importance of educational information that informs those that come to view the birds with knowledge about the animals to create a better understanding of the various species we have here in the area.</li> <li>Establish relationships with the IDNR and the Audubon Society (Northwest Illinois Chapter- Freeport) Melinda will reach out to both organizations and invite them to our next meeting to open up discussion of what would be the best way to proceed to achieve our goal.</li> <li>Members of the committee talked about the approach to sharing our ideas and involving other agencies. Social media, website connections, bringing in other local agencies once a plan is determined.</li> </ul> | Contact will be made with the IDNR & Audubon Society to attend next meeting and continue the learning process so that when development starts we are informed on the best practices, which will intern provide success to this project. |
| 3b. Set dates and times for regular meetings        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The consensus of the committee members was to hold regular meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.</li> </ul>  | Next Meeting May 11, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.   |
| 4. Committee Member items                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>  | N/A   |
| 5. Adjournment                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With no further business. Chairman Babel called for adjournment</li> </ul>   | Adjourn @ 6:30 p.m.   |

  
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 Chairman Ald. Casey Babel