

# JC Trail Users

Notes from the January 8, 2020 Meeting  
Subway on West Edgewood

Attending: Brandy Bergthold, Celeste Koon, Janeen Osborne, and Trish, Tim and Sean Rielly

1. Kathleen Henley sent a report showing the treasury balance is now \$255.70 after \$200 was donated to the Jefferson City Parks Foundation for benches on the Frog Hollow Trail.
2. Celeste reported there are 130 members in the Facebook group.
3. Celeste is supposed to meet Parks staff next week at Frog Hollow to view the location of the benches. Work has already been done on some of the improvements that the group identified during a hike at Frog Hollow on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Osage Region Trail Association (ORTA) held some work days at Binder in the fall and a reroute of part of the green loop was completed along with a new kids/beginner trail.
5. The proposed trail behind the Fire Station on East McCarty is on hold at present due to opposition from neighborhood residents.
6. Discussion was held about the Missouri State Parks recent acceptance of right-of-way for the Rock Island Trail. The acceptance is conditional with State Parks needing to raise \$9.8 million for trail security and fencing in the next two years. The group decided to send letters to appropriate officials commending Missouri State Parks for hopefully moving forward.
7. Discussion was also held about the recent Dix Road improvements that included some minor work to improve the bridge for those walking and biking. The group decided to send a letter thanking MODOT for what was done, which was probably limited by their funding situation, but expressing the need for a much better solution in the future.
8. Amy Hedrick will ask members to put pictures of area trails on Facebook in March and April as part of a photo contest. Later the pictures will be put on the website along with trail descriptions.
9. JC Trail Users will sponsor some “get acquainted” hikes in the next few months. Several locations were suggested.
10. Celeste will speak to a new walking group at the Linc on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
11. Janeen brought some good trail maps from the City of Columbia for all to look at. Celeste will take them to a Parks meeting on January 21.

12. Trish suggested that a link to the free “All Trails” App be put on the web page. “Easy2Hike” is another useful app she suggested.

13. Another idea that was suggested is that if people want to, they can ask for Facebook donations to Jefferson City Trail Users on their birthdays. Many people ask for donations to a worthwhile cause instead of a present.

14. The next meeting date is February 19<sup>th</sup>.