JC Trail Users

Notes from February 13, 2019 Meeting Subway on Edgewood

Attending: Brandy Bergthold, Celeste Koon, Kathleen Henley, Trish Rielly, Sean Rielly

1. Katheen Henley reported the treasury has a current balance of \$112.70. George Hagedorn was reimbursed for the annual website payment and one new membership was received. The tax form was reviewed and Kathleen is going to get it completed and file it.

2. Celeste reported there are now 94 active members in the Facebook group although there are still 115 pictures in the group. Facebook made a correction in the membership count in January based on whether members requested to join on their own or whether another member of the group added them. The reason for this is unknown since members of the Facebook group can unsubscribe at any time.

3. Brandy and Celeste distributed flyers and the new post cards to several locations. The materials note that if people pay dues now, their memberships are good through March 2020. A new membership was received because of this. In March, all current members will be asked to renew their memberships.

4. Parks has not yet constructed the benches at Frog Hollow. The group identified the locations in early November, but the weather has been bad since then. More trail work is needed at Frog Hollow since the heavy snow brought down quite a few trees and tree pieces. Overall, the trail bed is in good condition thanks to those who removed debris at the edge of the trail last fall. Only a few places have erosion issues.

5. ORTA is waiting on a notice to proceed for the grant they have been awarded. Then two new trail sections will be constructed at Binder and the dates for trail work sessions will be determined.

6. Todd Spalding, the City Parks director, wants to meet about the possibility of a new trail behind the fire. This will be scheduled a little later. As for a bicycle trials area, no information is available.

7. The kids Scavenger Hunt will be held in Washington Park on May 4.

8. After discussion, the proposed wine and cheese party at Memorial Park was changed to a Potluck Party. The proposed date is May 11. Celeste will check with Parks again about the availability of the shelter in case of bad weather and a time will be scheduled.

9. Serve JC will be held on April 27. This is the day that people assist with maintaining city parks. Once again, volunteers will be recruited to work at Frog Hollow.

10. Celeste is still willing to speak to groups.

11. An extension has been granted in regard to the Rock Island Trail and the state has until August 20^{th} to decide whether to accept the trail right-of-way from Ameren.

12. A video about the bridge to Adrian's Island is on-line at <u>www.bicentennialbridge.org</u>. The ribbon cutting for the bridge is scheduled for October 2020. Trails will be located on the island.

13. The next meeting will be from 6-7 pm on March 13, 2019 at Subway on West Edgewood.