

JC Trail Users

Notes from June 27, 2018 Meeting
1017 Holly Dr.

Attending: Kathleen Henley, Celeste Koon, Brandy Bergthold, Janeen Osborne

1. Kathleen gave out a paid membership list. There were no changes since last month. We have 12 family memberships. She also gave the treasurer's report. The checking account has \$168.75

2. Celeste reported that there are 68 members of the Facebook group and people have frequent comments and questions. It seems many are interested in getting out and using the trails.

3. The group did not receive a reply to the comments that were sent to Todd Spalding and the Parks Commission about the Parks Master Plan. So Celeste called and talked to Todd Spalding, the Parks Director. He said that he did not realize a reply was requested since the letter seemed to be one of offering input. He has shared the letter with the Parks and Recreation Commission, and he said that the trails at Binder are important. He said that when the plan is updated, the trails will be discussed and shown on the map.

4. Janeen and Celeste reported the Scavenger Hunt was successful with more people attending than one would expect on a very hot day. About 15 people participated and additional 20 or so were given information about Jefferson City Trail Users. Janeen said she has a picture from the event that was in the paper.

5. At the meeting, no one knew if ORTA had received notice about whether a grant has been awarded to them. The latest word is that they still have not heard one way or the other.

6. A potluck picnic is scheduled for the date of August 19, from 5-7 pm at the small new pavilion adjoining the KATY trail in North Jeffers City. The group felt we should try holding the potluck even though the weather may be hot. The pavilion cannot be reserved, but one person can go over early and set up. Celeste will ask Amy to put it on the website calendar.

8. It was decided to have a rock painting (and possibly hiking and pump track biking) event in North Jefferson City on Sept. 8. This could change if there is an ORTA event at Binder that day.

9. It was decided to see if the group could have a booth at the Annual River City Fall Festival in North Jefferson City on Oct. 20. This would include a raffle and would be the annual fundraiser. (Since the meeting, I contacted the person in charge of the event and received an email with information that the booth is only \$15. But they want the vendors to sell something hand made. So I need to find out if this is essential.)

10. Celeste mentioned that Todd Spalding indicated the new fire station on East McCarty is being built on 15 acres and he and the fire chief had talked about having a hiking/biking trail there.

11. The group discussed the City Charter Committee that is working now and the changes the Charter Committee is proposing that affect Parks and Recreation. These changes could mean that Parks and Recreation would no longer control their own budget. Instead, the City Council and City Administrator would determine Parks priorities for spending the money that voters approved when the sales tax passed for Parks and Recreation. More news is expected about this issue in the next couple weeks.

12. Trail maintenance was discussed. People participating in JC Trail Users have been active in helping maintain the trails, which is great! Frog Hollow is in good shape for the time being, and about half of the 15 miles of trail at Binder have been weed-eated.

13. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 25 from 6-7 pm at 1017 Holly. We will make arrangements for a larger room if it appears there will be a big attendance.