JC Trail Users

Notes from the September 18, 2019 Meeting Subway on West Edgewood

Attending: Kathleen Henley, Celeste Koon, John Madras, Lori Henley, and Trish Rielly

- 1. Kathleen Henley reported the treasury balance is the same, \$342.70.
- 2. Celeste reported there are 118 active members in the Facebook group.
- 3. The state was granted an extension to continue to work on an agreement and funding for the Rock Island Trail. Celeste contacted MORIT and got handouts about the Rock Island Trail for our booth at the Octoberfest. In talking to Greg Harris, the Executive Director of MORIT, she learned that the state's plans are still uncertain. We will try to promote the trail, and will also put information on our website soon.
- 4. People are very interested in the trail that is planned behind the fire station on East McCarty but there is no news about when all the details will be finalized. There is also no news about dates for the ORTA trail projects at Binder.
- 5. The River City Festival in North Jefferson City has been cancelled for this year. So the group's fundraiser will be held in conjunction with the Octoberfest in Old Munichberg on September 28. Photos showing the things you can see from a trail will be sold again at a booth. The deadline for members to submit new pictures was September 10 and those working on the pictures and frames met on September 15. Trish Rielly will send some photo tiles too. People helping with the booth include Kathleen and Mark Henley, Janeen Osborne, Karen Dunkle, Amy Hedrick, Lori Henley, Celeste Koon, Brandy Bergthold, Jodie Bontrager, John Madras, and George and Donna Hagedorn. The proceeds will be further contributed to benches on the Frog Hollow trail. Those present would like to see the benches finally installed. Celeste will ask about this again after the fundraiser.
- 6. A free breakfast will be held at West Edgewood Trailhead on October 19 at 8 am. Donuts and coffee will be given out to all who come. A Facebook event will be created and announced. People will be able to walk or ride to the breakfast. Donations will also be taken.
- 7. QR codes for maps have been laminated and installed on the Frog Hollow Nature Trail and may be installed soon at Binder Lake. Kathleen Henley generated these to link to the trail maps at both locations. Signage at the fire station trail was discussed.
- 8. Frog Hollow maintenance has been good all summer and the list of improvements that the group identified for Frog Hollow this year has mostly been accomplished. A hike to look at additional improvements for next year will be held at 3:00 pm on November 10 at the Frog Hollow Trail.

- 9. People are encouraged to take the survey from the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce about what you would like to see in the future in Jefferson City. If you google Jefferson City, Mo Community Survey, it will come up in SurveyMonkey. A good thing to mention among others is that you enjoy greenways and trails. The deadline is October 10.
- 11. The group discussed work that MODOT is doing to install sidewalks along Missouri Blvd. The sidewalks are not even done yet and many people are out walking on them! Work on Dix Road was also discussed and Celeste was going to contact the District Engineer to see if improvements were planned for the sidewalks on the bridge. However, a couple days later, local news media reported that the work will start soon and the news release mentions sidewalk improvements. We hope those are significant because the present low railing is an accident waiting to happen. In the meantime, Celeste will write a letter to MODOT commending them for the sidewalks on Missouri Blvd.
- 12. The next meeting will be from 6-7 pm on October 16, 2019 at Subway on West Edgewood.