

JC Trail Users

Notes from November 14, 2018 Meeting
Subway on Edgewood

Attending: Brandy Bergthold, Celeste Koon, Jim Bell, Janeen Osborne

1. Katheen Henley could not attend but she sent the treasury report showing a balance of \$290.75. A new membership and donation totaling \$25.00 was received in early November.

2. Celeste reported on the fundraiser at the River City Fall Festival. \$82 dollars were raised and those staffing the event talked to 60-70 people about Jefferson City Trail Users. A decision was made to participate in the Fall Festival one more year. Celeste will go ahead and submit the application and hopefully obtain a better location. Celeste will also contact Trish Rielly to see if she would like to participate too since it seemed this worked out well. Celeste is looking for other events where the group might sell the remaining photos.

3. People were told the money raised at the Fall Festival was for benches at the Frog Hollow Trail. However, when Celeste contacted JJ Gates to discuss this, he indicated there would not be a charge for the benches. Celeste will see if Parks needs the \$82 for materials associated with installing the benches. If not, the group will try to designate a specific item needed at Binder at the January meeting, and that will be the focus of fundraising next year.

4. A hike was held at Frog Hollow on November 11 to identify trail improvements. Five people participated and a list was compiled for part of the trail. This will be used at future regular and special trail maintenance sessions.

5. Jim Bell reported that a Recreational Trails Program Grant was awarded to the Osage Region Trail Association (ORTA). He said that ORTA has to complete quite a bit of paperwork before they receive approval to proceed. This may take another 60 days or more. After that ORTA will be organizing work days at Binder and it will be important to have people participate since labor costs are being used as a match for the grant funding. Jim explained the details of the grant which will provide new trails at Binder, new equipment, a storage container for equipment, and up to 14 trail features. The work in the grant needs to be completed in 3 years.

Since the Trail Users group plans to help with this project, there will be a hike at Binder on December 9, 2018, at 1:30 pm to see the areas where new trails have been flagged.

6. Weather permitting, there will also be a hike on January 6, 2019, at the fire station property on East McCarty. It may be possible to construct a mile of multi-purpose trail on city property at that location in the future. No one at the meeting had seen the property.

7. The group approved continuing the regular maintenance sessions at Frog Hollow on the third Sunday of the month. These dates will be added to the calendar for 2019.

8. Kathleen sent the group's comments supporting the state's acceptance of the Rock Island Trail. Nothing further has happened on this issue.

9. Brandy will distribute flyers again to various businesses and organizations after Thanksgiving.

10. The next meeting will be from 6-7 pm on January 9, 2019 at Subway. In case of bad weather, January 16 will be an alternate date.