

JC Trail Users

Notes from the November 20, 2019 Meeting
Subway on West Edgewood

Attending: Lori Henley, Celeste Koon, and Janeen Osborne

1. Kathleen Henley sent a report showing the treasury balance is now \$455.70.
2. Celeste reported there are 122 active members in the Facebook group.
3. After discussion, it was decided to donate \$200 to the Parks and Recreation Foundation for benches on the Frog Hollow Trail. Celeste will follow up with Parks so they are installed.
4. The coffee and donut day in late October was discussed. Lori noted they talked to many people which was good. Donuts were not especially popular so another snack (bagels? special energy cookies?) may be handed out next year and the date of the event might be held earlier in October.
5. The list of trail improvements that the group identified on November 10 was reviewed. The group will attempt to accomplish these improvements in the next few months although many of them involve digging so these may have to be delayed until the ground is not frozen. A new suggestion was to put a sign on the bridge at the main parking lot that announces a hiking/biking trail is located across the bridge. Celeste will suggest this to Parks.
6. An ORTA trail work session is scheduled at Binder on November 23 from 10:00 am-noon.
7. Suggestions were mentioned to encourage Mid-America Bank to sell or donate the 8 acres it owns to City Parks and Rec. The Frog Hollow Trail is very popular and the bank's westernmost acreage is the most scenic part of the trail. It would be a big loss if this is sold.
8. Celeste will work with Amy Hedrick to put pictures of area trails and a short description of the trails on the website. Amy has ideas for a contest.
9. Celeste gave an update on the Rock Island Trail. The state must make a decision about whether to accept the right-of-way from Ameren by December 31.
13. The next meeting will be from 6-7 pm on January 8, 2020 at Subway on West Edgewood.