Jefferson City Trail Users

Notes from the January 11, 2023 Meeting Last Flight Brewing Co.

Attending: Les Fortenberry, Celeste Koon, Jane and Mike Lester, Janeen Osborne and Theresa Buhr

- 1. Kathleen Henley sent a report that the treasury has a balance of \$401.93 and there was no change in paid memberships in the last month.
- 2. There are currently 765 members in the Facebook group.
- 3. The Community Hike on January 1, 2023, on Twisted Sister was a success. More than 50 people showed up. Thanks to Theresa Buhr and Jane and Mike Lester for helping with the hike. As suggested by a Trail Users member, the February Community Hike will be in the moonlight by water. It will be held on Sunday, February 5, at 6:00 pm at McKay Lake. Participants can make as many laps as they want. If it's cloudy, participants can bring a flashlight. The March Community Hike will be from the Riverside Park pavilion to the Lewis and Clark State Office Building on the trail in the woods. Then the return can be on the greenway to the park or back through the woods. Meet on Sunday March 12, at 1:30 pm at the Riverside Park pavilion.
- 4. The group reviewed the map for the greenway extension along Tree Valley Lane.
- 5. The group reviewed a letter to the Host Lions Club commending them for the water fountain improvement on the Hyde Park part of the greenway. Since David Crenshaw was not there, Celeste will reprint the letter and take it to Janeen to sign.
- 6. Sign posts for new signs have been installed at Frog Hollow.
- 7. The upcoming City Council elections were discussed. Members who live in the city are encourage to study candidates' views on trails and parks.
- 8. The *Trails Less Traveled Challenge* was mentioned. Celeste will contact Kevin when he returns from vacation to see if improvements can be made in the registration process, which was a problem last year.
- 9. The group discussed the impact that recent MODOT proposals could have on Katy Trail access. The chief concerns are that returning by vehicle will be more difficult and probably less safe, and also that the North Jefferson commuter pavilion and Katy trail spur might have a highway ramp on top of them (though they could be moved). You can visit the MODOT website at modot.org/jeffersoncity54 to learn more and see the maps. The group is in favor of sending a letter expressing our concerns. Celeste will draft this. Individuals may also want to comment. MODOT is taking comments through January 20.

10. The next meeting date will be February 8, 2023 from 5:00-6:00 pm at Last Flight Brewing Company, 738 Heisinger Road.	