

JC Trail Users

Notes from September 20, 2023 Meeting
Last Flight Brewing Company
Summary prepared by Kathleen Henly and Celeste Koon

Those attending the meeting were Aaron Mealy, Les Fortenberry, Julie Allen, Celeste Koon, Theresa Buhr, Kathleen Henley, Jane and Mike Lester, and Karen Dunkle

1. There are currently 23 paid members and there is \$895.30 in the group's checking account. The group made \$130.00 at the Fall Festival, which was from many \$5 and \$7 sales. In addition, many people who came to the booth learned about the Jefferson City Trail Users group. Celeste is checking with Dogwood Vintiques to see if the leftover pictures can be sold there. A suggestion was made to see if Facebook donations can be implemented so the goal of giving the Parks \$1,000 this year for kiosk improvements can be reached. Celeste will look at this.
2. Facebook membership has grown to over 1.2K.
3. Mike and Aaron gave an update on the Parks budget. Parks will lose \$302,000 in the coming fiscal year because of being charged a higher rate for administrative fees. The hourly rate will be about \$372, which is a quite high hourly rate, particularly when there is no breakdown for the hours being charged. Mike and Aaron were outvoted by the other council members on this. Aaron noted that the many emails sent by members of the Trail Users group influenced some council members not to pursue taking an additional \$560,000 in Capital Improvement sales tax money from parks to buy trucks. Thanks to all who sent emails and letters!
4. The next Community Hike will be on October 15th at 1:00 pm on the Riverside Park greenways. Meet at the pavilion. There will also be a November 11th, Veterans Day hike but the details are not firm as yet. Aaron is working on that. A possible November hike on Black Friday will be discussed more at the next meeting.
5. The next Get Acquainted hike will be on November 5th at 4:30pm (evening hike) on Adrian's Island. Meet near the cannon at the Capitol.
6. The group reviewed a draft letter asking MODOT to maintain easy access to the Katy trail and to construct a new spur trail in North Jefferson City before they start construction on a new ramp. Celeste will revise the letter and Celeste, Kathleen, Mike and Aaron will sign it.
7. A NICA race for middle school and high school students will be held Sept 23-24 at Binder Park. Volunteers are needed to help out. There are 550 riders and 31 teams in the league this year so it's great that about 2,000 visitors from all over the state will be in Jefferson City. **THE RACE WILL NOW BE ONLY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 BECAUSE RAIN IS LIKELY SATURDAY NIGHT INTO SUNDAY.**

8. Trail work is not needed at this time. Les talked about doing some glade restoration but will provide more details later.
9. The Wildwood Road extension and a possible greenway starting at St Louis Road were discussed. More to come as we learn more.
10. The next meeting will be on October 18 from 5-6 p.m. at Last Flight Brewing Company.