

Jefferson City Trail Users

Meeting Summary January 10, 2024

Last Flight Brewing Company

Those attending the meeting were Les Fortenberry, Julie Allen, Kathleen Henley, Rick Thom, Celeste Koon, Mike and Jane Lester, Aaron Mealy, David Crenshaw, Theresa Buhr and Frodo.

1. There are currently 24 paid members and there is \$910.34 in the group's checking account.
2. The number of Facebook followers is over 1.4K.
3. The group will check with JC Parks staff after a new Parks director is named (which is expected in February) to see about contributing to signs with maps of the various trails. The maps would be placed in the kiosk at Binder or posted at Frog Hollow. Or a contribution could be made to an outdoor bicycle repair station at Binder. A project will be selected depending on which project Parks favors.
4. Fall maintenance on the Frog Hollow trail was completed. Volunteers raked debris off the downhill edge of the trail. Les Fortenberry has retired and will begin eliminating bush honey suckle when the weather and ground conditions permit. Sessions may be announced later when others can help with this. A suggestion was made that native plants be planted along the Edgewood greenway since some vegetation has been removed. Celeste will contact Parks about this.
5. The next Community Hike will be on January 20, 2024 at 1:30 pm at the Noren Access in North Jefferson. The February Community Hike will be on February 24 at 1:30 pm on the Lincoln greenway. Meet at the Linc.
6. City issues and the upcoming city council elections were discussed. It was decided to send a short survey to the city council candidates to better evaluate their support for parks improvements and trails. Celeste will draft questions and get input from those attending the meeting. Then she will send the survey out. The group will publicize the answers and urge people to pay attention to this issue when voting.
7. Celeste mentioned that a new greenway segment will be installed. It was noted that a grant award will be providing the funding for this segment on Country Club Drive. Questions arose about the grant for three crosswalk improvements that the city had been awarded some time ago. The city usually has to provide match funding and there was one report that the city's share was not available. Mike Lester will check into the crosswalk improvements. (Fortunately, he found out that Lafayette Street and Southwest Blvd. are in the bidding process.)
8. The next meeting will be February 21 from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewing Company.