

Jefferson City Trail Users

June 17, 2025 Meeting Summary

Last Flight Brewing Co.

Those attending were Cindy Adkins, Les Fortenberry, Julie Allen, Celeste Koon, Mike and Jane Lester, Brandy Berghold, Kathleen Henley, Karen Dunkle, and Shelly LeCure

1. Kathleen reported that the treasury has \$516.30 and she will be filing a required report soon with the required fee of about \$24. There are currently 13 members who have paid dues for the year which started April 1. Celeste followed up with others who paid dues last year and will also ask again on Facebook for people to join for the coming year.
2. There are 3,978 followers and 1,218 visitors for the group's Facebook page. (We don't know how Facebook determines these categories.)
3. The next Community Hike will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 12, in North Jefferson. Meet at the former Bill Quigg Common Area, now the North Jefferson Recreation Area on the way to the Noren Access. Bring snacks and drinks if you have time to stay after the hike. There are picnic tables and pavilions. The next Community Hike after that will be on August 9 at Green Berry Acres.
4. Ashley Wiskirchen from Parks posted that about 200 people participated in the Trails Less Traveled Challenge. About 300 selfies were submitted, and Ashley drew the names of the prize winners at the end of May. All agreed Ashley did a great job of bringing the Trails Challenge back!
5. The Parks staff finished weed-eating all of Frog Hollow. But trail maintenance is needed at Binder. Two dates for volunteer lopping and weed-eating have been set up. The first is Thursday, June 19, at 6:00 p.m. Meet at the south end of the park road close to Rainbow Drive. Park in one of the parking areas close to the trail entrance. The second date is Saturday, June 21. Meet at the Bait Shop parking area which is at the north end of the park road. Bring Loppers or weed-eaters. A few extra will be available.
6. An evening stroll near the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, June 25 at 5:00 p.m. Meet at the Lewis and Clark Statues (with the dog and Sacagawea). Those attending can go to YoYums later if they wish.
7. The group's letter to Campo with comments favoring pedestrian and bicycle projects was reviewed.
8. The fall fundraiser on September 6 was discussed. The deadline to submit outdoor and nature pictures is July 15. Send them to celestekoon@hotmail.com. Good suggestions were: that pictures already framed can be donated by individuals. More advertising can be done to let

people know their purchases and donations go to trail improvements. And a donation box should also be set out at the Fall Festival booth.

9. Suddenly, a new greenway is in the works! It will go from the new River Market east to Lafayette St. and East Capitol Avenue, and west from River Market to the Riverside Park greenway. The City Council also authorized city staff to apply for grants that would fund trails along Jackson Street from East McCarty Street to East Capitol Avenue, and along Southwest Blvd. from near Dix Road to Tower Drive, and for ADA sidewalks and ramps in the downtown area.
10. Three Parks commissioners have reached the limit allowed for service and will be retiring: Andre Grinston, Stu Murphy, and Alicia Edwards. If you wish, you can send them a note thanking them for their service. You can send the notes to JC Parks and Recreation, 1299 Lafayette St. Jefferson City, MO 65101.
11. In other business, Celeste will draft a thank you letter to Stacey Landwehr, the head of Parks beautification and landscaping. Jane and Mike Lester will sign the letter. The city's Parks are very well kept up, and attractive with many native plants.
12. The next meeting will be **TUESDAY**, July 15, from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewing. (There were plenty of tables open when the meeting was held this time since it was held on Tuesday.)

Editorial Comment:

Thanks to all who participate in the group whether in person or on-line!

The goal of Jefferson City Trail Users has always been to support the use, maintenance, and improvement of area trails. It seems far more people are using area trails, and also that more trails are being planned. IN addition, JC Parks is also doing a good job of trail maintenance. This is great! Your visible interest in trails is making a difference.