

# Jefferson City Trail Users

Meeting Summary February 11, 2026

Last Flight Brewing Co.

Those attending were Celeste Koon, Kathleen Henley, Kent and Laura Moreland, Rick Thom, Karen Dunkle, and Mike Lester.

1. Kathleen reported the treasury has \$1025.30. There are currently 9 members who have paid dues for the year which started January 1. Kathleen was able to file the federal tax form when the IRS website was back up, and she will file a Missouri form from the Secretary of State's office in May when it is required. She obtained permission from those at the meeting to be listed on the form.
2. Some dues and donations were received by Zelle. Celeste reminded the group that electronic contributions can now be sent to a Zelle account she set up. The funds should be sent in by Zelle to [celestekoon@hotmail.com](mailto:celestekoon@hotmail.com). Then the money is transferred to the Trail Users account. Celeste will remind people that they can send dues and donations electronically. People can go to the website [jctrailusers.com](http://jctrailusers.com) for more information. She will also send out the list of last year's accomplishments again.
3. There are a total of 6,589 followers and visitors for the group's Facebook page. One woman has expressed thanks for the daily Facebook pictures since she cannot get out and walk right now.
4. The last Community Hike on the greenway near Creek Trail Drive was good. Ben Hinz from JC Parks led those who wanted a longer hike to the trails near Capital City High School. The next Community Hike will be on Sunday, March 8, at 1:30 at Washington Park. **Meet at the tennis courts** since there may be an event going on at the ice arena. The April hike will be on Saturday April 4, at 1:30 on the Problem Child trail at Binder Lake. Meet by the archery range.
5. Raking debris off the last loop of the Frog Hollow trail has not happened due to the weather. The new proposed date is February 21 at 10:00 am. Meet at the memorial bench on the Edgewood greenway that is directly across the street from Anytime Fitness. Bring a garden rake or leaf rake.
6. Celeste asked for suggestions for featuring trail segments on Facebook as "Walk of the Month" as had been previously discussed. The first segment to be featured when she has more photos will be the trail at McKay Park. The next one will be the new greenway on Wildwood.
7. The prizes for the Trail Less Travelled Challenge were discussed. The exact date to turn them in to JC Parks is not known, but the deadline will probably be in mid-March. So anyone who is obtaining or donating prizes should try to bring them to the next meeting on February 11.

Celeste can also pick prizes if needed, and will pick up some of them, such as the Core Waters from Dunkle Distributing, in May shortly before the prize drawing.

8. The group had decided to survey City Council candidates again this year since there are two contested races. Celeste worked with Mike Lester and Rick Thom to revise the survey questions and get them mailed out. Celeste shared the replies from Mackenzie Job and Rebekah Frost in the Fifth Ward. Neither of the First Ward candidates have replied so far, though they have a few more days to do that.
9. The Recreational Trails Program grant applications are due pretty soon. David Bange in JC Public Works says the grant application they were considering to construct a greenway along Southwest Blvd. from Southridge to Our Savior's Lutheran Church will not be submitted due to a lack of funds for the matching requirement. JC Parks will submit a grant application for a parking lot near the restrooms on Wildwood by the new road extension.
10. The group considered whether the Trail Users can soon donate toward a kiosk and map at Frog Hollow, and whether the group can assist an Eagle Scout in obtaining a replacement water fountain at the bait shop at Binder. The water fountain there has not worked in several years. More information needs to be obtained, but the group would like to donate toward both of these, and interest was expressed in helping raise funds for the water fountain replacement.
11. An article in the paper showed reduced criminal incidents and arrests in the parks. Two longtime members of the Trail Users group were interviewed for the article as well as staff from JCPD and JC Parks.
12. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 11**, from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewing Co.