



Friends of Cedar Lake Minutes

April 19, 2017

Attendees: Dale Todd, Felicia Wyrick, Gary Thompson , Charlie Visek, Bugs Moran, Mari Phelan, Martin Smith, Ron Gonder, Glenn Kimball, Rich Patterson, Leland Freie, John Hansen, Dick Mundy , Mike McGrath

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Treasurers Report

GCRCF balance is \$9,768 and CRBT is \$4,481. Upcoming expenditures include additional services from Pros Consulting and Amperage for a fundraising feasibility study. Hall Perrine Foundation specifically requested the study to determine how much potential contributors would project they'll give to our campaign once it begins. This isn't an unusual request for a capital campaign and we feel certain we will be able to find the resources to pay for it.

Outreach

We had another successful meeting with the Gazette Editorial board and expect their continued support for our efforts. We also had another Advisory Committee meeting, a group of community activists who have agreed to give feedback and assist as we move into the fundraising phase.

We presented to Hall Perrine Foundation with Mayor Corbett, City Manager Jeff Pomerantz and Development Director Jennifer Pratt in attendance to show the City's support for our project. We have an official financial commitment from the City which is important in terms of the foundation getting on board. Mike McGrath shared that his read on the meeting was that the foundation is enthusiastic and views this as a game changing project for our community. In fact, they're encouraging us to make sure we don't leave money on the table and do this project right. Great support continues.

We presented to the Linn County Solid Waste Commission to give them an update on the Sleeping Giant Bridge project and the potential impact on accessibility to the adjacent landfill facility. The City has begun work on a nearby levee that is part of the flood protection system and plans to put a trail on top of it. They understand now that plans for the bridge and the surrounding area fits perfectly with their vision to eventually close the landfill and re-develop Mt. Trashmore for recreational purposes. We think this is a great opportunity for funding from the County.

We will be tabling once again at EcoFest on Earth Day, April 22, at NewBo City Market. This has been a very positive experience in the past in terms of engaging trail users, citizens interested in recreational opportunities and environmental preservation and the community at large.

Our Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 29th at 10:00 and is being hosted again by the Sag Wagon. A bog thanks for their support . . . and free donuts.

Phase II Testing

The IDNR has finished conducting the study and is in the process of analyzing the results. They will first share their assessment with Alliant and the City and then we'll get them. We expect to get a copy in the next week or so. The media will also have access at that point as well and we've been working on our responses based on various possible scenarios.

We expect to get some great information about possible chemicals levels that exceed EPA standards so we can begin an informed discussion about what the mitigation process should be and who should pay for it. We feel confident that the mitigation plan will meet the expectations of our vision and ensure the future vibrancy of the lake. Regardless, this will be the next step to moving transfer of ownership of the lake from Alliant to the City.

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Martin suggested trying to link the City's Watershed Management Plan with its Storm Water Management Plan so that the two could resolve mutual long term impacts on runoff into the lake. McCloud Run is of particular concern, both up and downstream. Ideas included a debris grate in key places that could keep trash out of the lake.

We've been told that the City is in negotiations to buy the Stickle property adjacent to the lake. Exciting news as this area would be added to the lake's park system which again, follows our master plan.

The Eye 380 project to improve the land between Shaver Road and I-380 has stalled. There was discussion about how to revive this effort that involved City Arborist Todd Fagan, Trees Forever and Confluence.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Next meeting: May 18, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Wyrick, Secretary.