



## **Friends of Cedar Lake Minutes**

October 15, 2015

Attendees: Felicia Wyrick, Martin Smith, Charlie Visek, Glenn Kimball, Leland Freie, Rich Patterson, Gary Thompson, Marty St. Clair, Gregg Stark, Martin Smith, Kurt Nilsson, Mike Kuntz

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes from 8/20/15 were moved, seconded and approved.

### **Treasurers Report**

CRBT balance is 269.14, but \$137.99 check on 9/24 to Felicia Wyrick for snacks and drinks for open house is still outstanding. When that clears our balance will be **\$131.15**. September expenses also included \$120 to Shores Event Center for facility rental for our open house.

GCRCF balance is **\$22,673.10**. This includes the Diamond V Grant (\$10,000), McGrath Grant (\$5,000), and the Altorfer Grant (\$2,500), and individual checks from the 100+ Men Who Care and the 100+ Women Who Care have been rolling in. Special thanks to GCRCF liaison Laura Booth, who is working with Karen Swanson of the 100+ Women to help track their members' donations to ensure that all are received by us.

### **Outreach**

Discussion about the news story regarding the assault on the trail at the North end, the most wooded and secluded area. Based on the conversation on Facebook, there are people who use the trail, especially women who walk alone, who are apprehensive. It is important to be aware of your surroundings and be heads up no matter what trail you're on. We believe this is an isolated matter and people should continue enjoying the trail and the lake. It is positive that there is enough traffic on the trail that a fellow walker came to her rescue. Also, CRPD has increased patrols in the area.

We'll use this incident to convince the powers that be to prioritize putting trail markings in place so if someone needs help, they can easily tell police or first responders exactly where they are. Felicia will reach out to Daniel, Sven and Ron Griffith to move this forward.

Our fall cleanup is scheduled for 10/24. Bye week for the Hawkeyes. No time has been set but we once again be picking up bags and starting from the Sag Wagon. We want to get our biggest group ever and really hit the South Cell while it is so low.

We're going to hold a photography contest through the end of October to capture fall foliage. Will work with Leland Frie. Details to come.

Rich Patterson will be holding a series of Nature Walks at the lake on Nov. 21, Jan. 23 and March 12. He is coordinating with Indian Creek Nature Center so they can promote it to their members. It will be a leisurely paced 1.7 mile hike with a goal of spotting interesting plants and wildlife. More details to come.

### **Open House Debrief**

We had a great turn out with 50 people signed in and probably 25-30 on top of that. Probably 3 out of 4 people there had never been to one of meetings. That means we are engaging the community which is the main reason the City is doing their own open house. They will be using our masterplan for input. We need to be sure we have good representation from FCL.

### **MOU Update**

Alliant has stepped up and offered to pay for Phase I testing. The City has submitted a letter asking for permission to do the testing. Terracon is in negotiations for the contract. Kurt gave a quick overview of what's involved. It's a standard due diligence commonly used in real estate transactions. It affords the user a certain level of protection. It looks at current use of the properties, historic use, regulatory databases, and through that we can draw a picture of any environmental concerns associated with the property.

We are continuing to push for Phase II testing especially since USGS still has their offer on the table to pay half. There is some difference of opinion about timing whether it's better to do it before or after the City applies for the EPA Assessment Grant. Both the City and Alliant seem to see the need to do sediment testing so we are hopeful the discussions will continue.

### **Fishing Line Recycling**

It was decided that it would be best not to put out permanent dispensers because it would likely end up full of all sorts of garbage. We can bring out the recycling containers during special events such as a fishing tournament. We may want to consider some signage regarding recycling practices and keeping the lake clean.

### **Low Water Levels**

Charlie pointed out that the South Cell is lower than post flood levels. We're not sure how much of this is due to Alliant's use of the water for part of the demolition process, the fact that we haven't had much

rain and the river level is down or a combination of all three. We may want to talk to Alliant about putting the planks back in place that will help the water levels after the demolition is done.

#### **Other Business**

Eye 380 is still interested in a beautification project between the interstate and Shaver Road and between the two parking lots. They are still trying to determine who owns the land so they can get permission to move forward. We will need to coordinate with Daniel as well.

Mike reported that the City is using the McLeod Run Basin as a model for its Stormwater Master Plan. Marty also added that Coe will be expanding their parking lot near the football stadium with permeable surface. He plans to involve students by collecting data regarding run off levels, etc. he hopes project will begin early 2016. Both of these projects will dovetail nicely with the Watershed Education Grant Stacie Johnson is writing an application for.

Next meeting: November 19, 2015 at 5:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Wyrick