



Friends of Cedar Lake Minutes

October 20, 2016

Attendees: Dale Todd, Felicia Wyrick, Charlie Visek, Leland Freie, Bugs Moran, Glenn Kimball, Rich Patterson, Mari Phelan, Martin Smith, Mike Kuntz, Ron Gonder, John Hanson, Kate Hawkins. Steve Sovern

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

Outreach

While the Hula Hoop event organized by the Rockwell Collins Fitness Center didn't beat the Guinness Book of World record, participants had a lot of fun and we received \$700 in donations. They are planning to try it again in 2017.

Photo Contest

The contest was launched last week and entries are already coming in. It will run through Nov. 4 and the winners will be announced at The Festival of Trees, Nov. 20. We are hoping to have the winners displayed somewhere more long term, maybe the library.

Legislative Meetings

We met with several legislators, a combination of urban and rural, and showed them our presentation with very positive feedback received. We suggested that we would be asking for \$3 million from the state from various forms of funding for the lake/bridge and got no push back.

Master Plan Update and Feasibility Study

Ryan Anderson from Confluence has been coordinating with Jeff Bransford, our feasibility study consultant, to tweak our master plan to align with the study. Suggested changes include:

- Enhancing the proposed boardwalk to it is more of an iconic structure, perhaps with lighting so it is visible from 380 at night
- Plans for the underpass between St. Lukes and Coe college were expanded
- Further explored the knoll as a deposit site for dredged material
- Enhanced entrance into the lake along Stickle Drive to make it the main gateway into the lake

Jeff presented an overview of the feasibility study. He was in CR for three days in June, observing the activity around the lake, down Third Street and in NewBo. He was blown away by the level of bike traffic and learned from a restaurant owner that 30% of their business comes from this group. He met with other stakeholders including Go CR, Parks and Rec as well as factored in statistics from NRPA and the Bureaus of Economic Analysis to come develop his conclusions. Highlights include:

- Cedar Lake enhancement would build upon a unique community asset
- Market research points to success
- The sum of Cedar Lake and the Sleeping Giant are greater than the sum of their parts.
- Annual net operational requirement of \$85-92K.
- Economic impact of \$17.5M and 370 jobs.

MOU Update

We are still anxiously waiting for the Phase II study to begin. We are being assured by the City that testing is on track to meet our timeline. We will keep pushing to make sure this happens before the next legislative session.

Flood Update

There is still discussion going on about the need for flood control for the Cedar Lake area. There was a good amount of data collected from the recent flood event and this will help give context to the need for future flood control efforts.

Next meeting: November 17, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Wyrick