



## **Friends of Cedar Lake Minutes**

November 19, 2015

Attendees: Dale Todd, Felicia Wyrick, Martin Smith, Charlie Visek, Glenn Kimball, Leland Freie, Ron Gonder, Gary Thompson, Gregg Stark, Joe Sanfillipo, Bugs Moran, Stacie Johnson

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

Minutes from 10/15/15 were moved, seconded and approved.

### **Treasurers Report**

CRBT balance is \$137.88 GCRCF balance is \$45,369.00. In the process of transferring \$5,000 to cover the following expenses: Dale for GoDaddy site hosting - \$167 and first payment to Confluence - \$4,445.00.

### **Outreach**

Presented to 100+ Women so they know what their donation is potentially paying for. Presented to CVB which has a new ED who just moved to CR from St. Louis. They are very enthusiastic about our project because they see it as another opportunity to sell our community to event planners and visitors.

Our fall clean up brought out some new faces despite the cold, drizzly weather. Councilmember Kris Gulick was among the participants. Alliant has been fulfilling our requests to remove large items from the lake, i.e. two picnic tables were pulled out and hauled away.

Rich Patterson will be hosting the first of three nature walks this coming Saturday. It is co-sponsored by the Indian Creek Nature Center.

Felicia will be a part of a panel at Our Woodland Legacy Symposium, discussing ways we can embrace nature within an urban setting. This will include a brief presentation of what we're trying to accomplish at the lake to a group of environmental activists and enthusiasts.

### **City Open House Debrief**

City hosted their own open house last week and we had a good showing from our core group and the community as well, showing great grass roots support for what we're doing. Jeff Pomerantz, City Manager kicked off the event with remarks that showed desire on the part of the City to see Cedar Lake become an asset. Both Channels 2 and 9 covered the event.

**MOU Update**

Phase I environmental study is progressing. Terracon plans to have a final report completed by the end of the year.

**Masterplan Update**

We met with Confluence to discuss some changes that are needed to the masterplan. One key change was their suggestion to take out some vegetation to increase parking and we know from experience, that won't fly with a lot of our users. We directed them to instead look at expanding parking down on the South end where there is already some informal parking. Importantly, we asked them to show us ideas for the South cell, which is of course the most visible part of the lake from the interstate.

**Legislative Outreach**

We are still trying to schedule a presentation to our local legislators before the next session. We want them to know that we will be applying for the DNR Lake Restoration Fund and we want them to support continued funding.

**Non-profit Accounting Support**

Clifton Gunderson has agreed to consult us around our 501c3 tax filings and compliance issues.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40.

Next meeting: January 21, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Wyrick