



Friends of Cedar Lake Minutes

July 16, 2015

Attendees: Dale Todd, Felicia Wyrick, Martin Smith, Charlie Visek, Bugs Moran, Leland Freie, Rich Patterson, Mari Phelan, Gary Thompson, Kate Hawkins, Daniel Gibbins, Demetrius Hadjis, Stacie Johnson, Marty St. Clair

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

Minutes from 6/18/15 were approved.

Outreach

Thanks to Charlie, Mari and Bugs for putting together a successful first ever paddle event. We had an estimated 35+ paddlers and numerous onlookers from the shoreline and the Sag Wagon. The television stations ran a story to promote it on Monday and covered the actual event. As activity on the lake continues to increase, we need more put in spots, parking for trailers and signage to let them know they shouldn't park in the lot. .

Our Blue Zones Certified walks began on July 7 and we had around 15 people. These will continue as long as the numbers stay viable and the weather cooperates.

Tour with Debbie Durham from the Iowa Department of Economic Development on July 14th was a huge success. We showed her an abbreviated version of our preliminary master plan presentation. Marty represented Coe, Mary was there for Alliant, Mike Easley from St. Luke's. She brought some different perspectives to the table. She sees this as a unique project that will require creative funding streams and she will champion it in conjunction with DNR through her department. She also thinks the lake could be a model project for Alliant to work through the Department of Energy. While parks are quality of life amenities that contribute to economic development, the group was encouraged to think about other economic impacts the lake could have.

Other key groups we need to reach out to are the railroads and Double Tree.

Our donate button is now active on our website and Facebook page.

MOU Update

We continue to get very positive input from Alliant that they are ready to transfer ownership of the lake and would like the process to move ahead quickly. We are still pushing for an aggressive timeline for this transfer so we're ready to advocate for funding before the next legislative session in the fall.

The group discussed a public engagement plan the City developed and will present for Council approval at their meeting next week. While we support hearing from all factions of the committee we feel that the timeline is too long – it doesn't wrap up until next January or February. We want to be the work we've already done is leveraged

and work WITH them on finalizing the Master Plan. We continue to have discussions about the end use of the lake. We've invited MOU members to go down to the lake and they will see how the lake is being used.

Storm Water Management Planning Committee

Stacie found a template for a neighborhood storm water management plan that we could use as a template. We already have a lot of the required information. Putting a plan together is critical because improving the quality of the lake will depend on the 7,400 homeowners in the watershed doing things differently. She shared pictures of a project in Ankeny where they painted mini-murals around the storm drains to draw attention to the need to limit what goes in them. She advocated for putting together a sub-committee to pull this together and the group concurred. Stacie will chair and Martin and Rich will assist.

We need to find out what the City is already working on so we can coordinate and fill in the gaps. She would also like to advocate for a change in City policy that requires capturing the first 1.25 " of rainfall for new developments.

Good of the Order

We need to keep submitting letters to the editor, advocating for flood protection, city ownership, etc. and keep our momentum going. Demetrius suggested ramping up our Facebook presence through a share campaign, etc.

Next meeting: August 20, 2015 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Wyrick