



**FoCL Mtg**

August 20, 2015

Attendees: Dale Todd, Felicia Wyrick, Martin Smith, Charlie Visek, Bugs Moran, Glenn Kimball, Leland Freie, Rich Patterson, Mari Phelan, Gary Thompson, Steve Hershner, Karen Erger, Marty St. Clair, Ron Gonder, Gregg Stark

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

Minutes from 7/18/15 were approved.

**Rp**

Karen gave an update on our finances to date. CRBT account: Statement balance currently \$1000 but we have checks outstanding for \$158.76 (sign) and \$420.00 (IRS and State of Iowa filing fees) that will bring our balance to \$421.24. GCRCF Fund: Statement balance currently \$1,222.00, but we just deposited a check for \$500, which will bring our balance to \$1,722.00.

**Ob**

We held the first ever fishing tournament at the lake for a group of kids associated with the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives who were holding their annual meeting in Cedar Rapids. This came to us within two weeks of the event and we worked with the Parks Department to make it happen. Parks worked very hard to groom the shoreline for more fishing access for the kids. FoCL stepped up with volunteers to help with the tournament. A great cooperative effort.

We need letters to the editor, especially as we move into the public engagement stage. Dale shared copies of our application for the President's Fund grant and emphasized how outreach can help with our fundraising efforts.

The sign promoting the MOU group has been installed and is receiving positive comments. Thanks to World Class Graphics for giving us a bargain price.

We will be scheduling our open house for some time in September. The goal would be that end up with a plan that the community supports that we can take to the Council for approval.

We'll also be scheduling our fall clean up in cooperation with the Sag Wagon. It would be nice if we could get into the South Cell while it's so shallow.

## MOU ~~h~~

Although we've made progress, we seem to be at a couple of stuck points. One is end use. The Council approved the City moving forward on public input meetings. We are fine with this as long we are assured they'll be using our preliminary plan and not starting over. This is to help us on the timing aspect.

The other issue we can't get consensus on is testing. Alliant seems to be open, but they need a letter from the City requesting permission. There doesn't seem to be any sense of urgency among the group to have this testing done before the outreach process begins.

Our concern is that questions will come up from the public regarding what's in the lake and they won't have the data to answer those questions. We know we have a good foundation of supporters, but we also know there are always naysayers who don't want the City spending any more of their tax dollars on projects like this. Naysayers aren't going to attend to offer suggestions for end use; they're going to ask what's in the lake and how much will it cost to clean it up?

We will continue to advocate for an aggressive timeline for testing so we can take advantage of the USGS offer to pay for half. We support the City's application for the EPA Assessment Grant to help fund testing, but it is a very competitive process that won't be awarded until April/May 2016 with distributions in the fall. We don't want to wait that long, especially since testing is part of the due diligence process needed to transfer ownership. We also feel it is important to do testing ahead of this legislative session so we can do our outreach with data in hand.

## Rich ~~h~~

Rich received some nice recycling bins from Berkeley but they are cardboard so they aren't weather resistant. The anglers don't think anyone would take their old line down to the Sag Wagon if we located them there. Tuna and Bugs will put some thought to building something simple that would be weatherproof, i.e. PVC pipe. We'll also need signage and other outreach strategies to educate the fishermen about recycling.

## Al ~~h~~

Dale has the plan electronically for anyone in the group who would like to read it. The DNR has to approve it so if we have any issues with it, we should make them known. Ideally, their plan would be part of our masterplan so we could leverage their investment and provide input for what that area could be in the future. It is the most visual part of the lake from the interstate and for Coe and St. Luke's so it is important that it has eye appeal.

Next meeting: October 15, 2015 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Wyrick