



Friends of Cedar Lake December Meeting 1/23/14

Attendees

Dale Todd, Mike Kuntz, Tim Moran, Charlie Visek, Kurt Nilsson, Rich Patterson, Mike Easley, Mike Butterfield, Marty St. Clair, John Hager, Greg Brenneman, Kate Hawkins, Gregg Stark, Martin Smith, Tom Erger

Agenda

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.
Minutes from 12/12/13 meeting were approved.

New Business

Committee Reports

Media Outreach

Felicia had a conflict so Dale reported that Facebook has over 750 friends and we have had over 10,000 viewers. Website is being worked on as we speak. Brief discussion of the presentation to the Gazette Editorial Board was held. We will be anxious to see what they write about the project. Wyrick, Patterson and Todd attended the Gazette meeting. Overall the feeling was that it was a positive meeting and discussion, they asked great questions about ownership and the history of past efforts.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The committee has begun to evaluate the data that is currently available. And have had numerous on-line discussions and a group meeting. It is important to get a handle on the watershed said Martin Smith. He will ask the City of Cedar Rapids for assistance with GIS and mapping of the watershed. He also mentioned the need to attend the "Stormwater Management meeting," when possible.



New Business

Friends of Cedar Lake will continue to do outreach and present to other organizations etc., a meeting to be held in December with representatives of the City of Cedar Rapids Development Department had been canceled by city staff. Discussion was held about what other organizations do we need to present to, DOT, business owners adjacent lake, Metro Rotary, Linn County Board of Supervisors, etc.

We will also be giving a presentation to the City of Cedar Rapids Development Board. This includes Pat Shey, Monica Vernon and Susie Weinacht. All are invited to attend once we can confirm the date.

It was evident at the meeting that we need to get a fuller understanding of the lease and what it will allow-Hawkins. All of our discussions seem to end up discussing who owns the lake and what are the legal ramifications of ownership between the city and Alliant. Dale will send out copies of the lease to whoever is interested.

The group agreed that the most pressing issue for now is to encourage efforts to build flood prevention in accordance with the preferred plan. This is the plan that extends flood protection the length of the Lake and stops the river from flooding back into the lake basin. We need to contact the U.S. Army Corp and find out information along these lines.

We need to figure out who owns what on the land adjacent the lake. Marty Hoeger is putting together a map for this and will present at the Feb. meeting.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday Feb. 20, 2014

Cedar Rapids Water Department Administration Bldg. 1111 Shaver Rd NE, Lower Level Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 6:05.

Respectively Submitted:

Dale Todd

