

Ohio River Trail Council



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MAY 13, 2010

7:00PM

CENTER TWP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEETING CALLED BY	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly
FACILITATOR	Chief Executive Chairman – Vincent Troia
NOTE TAKER	Mindy McKee, Secretary

Attendees: Vincent Troia, Mario Leone, Frank Vescio, Norm Kraus, Mindy McKee, Mark Peluso, Nathan Peluso, Brett Hollern, Sean Garrigan, Sara Walfoort

Agenda topics: Introductions, Approval of minutes, South Shore, North Shore, First Energy, Fundraising, Chairperson Report, New Business, Next Meeting

DISCUSSION	Dr. Vincent Troia welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM, and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.
DISCUSSION	Approval of Minutes – March 2010 – Motioned Mario Leone –2 nd Norm Kraus – all in favor --passed
DISCUSSION	<p>Vincent relayed that Shawn & Bret stayed over from the earlier Steering Committee meeting to update the council on the feasibility study.</p> <p>Project documents from Monaca to Montour Trail were provided. There are 6 corridor segments which are a hybrid between on road and trails. It has been measured and analyzed to propose a dedicated trail 10 ft wide adjacent to a proposed road in the former J&L Brownfield. These properties are owned by CJ Betters and CED who are in favor of the project and have viable recommendations for entire corridor. Crescent Twp is challenging due to power plant and terrain. SGA has worked up alternatives with narrative.</p> <p>Shouse Park to Crescent Corp of Eng to CSX Moon Twp Sewickley Bridge Corp favorable real estate</p> <p>Department lock facility coordination Coraopolis retrofitting on existing roadways.</p> <p>They looked at 4 & 5th as connections originally then looked at Pine Alley connector 20 ft wide pedestrian friendly corridor to Montour Street at Neville islands pg 600 red line is alternative...things to think about revitalization and the trail.</p> <p>Major industrial blocks didn't happen re engage with thee river and with recreation and touristry. Other avenues connect Neville bridge greens along the river parkway.</p>

	<p>We hope to wrap up the feasibility document with breakdown by municipality. The length of the trail 17 miles from Monaca to zero mile post of Montour trail. Will include breakdown of on-road and off-road, who would own and who would be funding. Each municipality would own their segment of the trail to work together to see the whole trail.</p> <p>Day to day maintenance co-signed over to the ORTC on an annual basis to include mowing...tree removal wash out repair trash removal fencing etc. Feasibility to be wrapped up by meeting on June 17 time line. It is 24 miles in the other direction not including the extension to Brady's Run and connects to Beaver River Trail nor does it include the Bridges to Bridges Ambridge to Sewickley.</p> <p>Different surfaces in different areas with only a few breaks no truck traffic. There is a conflict Monaca to South Heights 7 miles approx. Start at Baker cemetery to South Heights cross section same to West Aliquippa and tin mill site USG site redesigned several times. Not difficult to modify. Questions are who builds what. Hoping that the county can take leadership of certain portions to refinery site and to the dock most difficult section. CSX has been moving tracks around to pinch spot and outflow. There are the infamous project 21 and 22 sites. Elkhorn run may be a possible boardwalk area. It is a pretty Wide area to get across bridge or boardwalk re flooding etc. Beach like area.</p> <p>Complex puzzle. Oil refinery looking at development money for facility but not road and dock. Wanting municipality to own and build dock and road. Stimulus project money?? Penn dot no money. Chip funding maybe available inform Penn Dot of trail project. Write to Penn Dot to inform them incase they can assist. Talked to Dist 11 a person who lives in Coraopolis, Ms. Ceriani. She was involved with retrofit thru crescent twp. Frank Mancini thru road development also Dick Betters said tell the road committee and county in writing.</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Monaca from 17th street to the South Heights tunnel is 8 miles. It would be used quite a bit if paved. Roller blades etc. Very attainable. Wider width needed 12 for multiple usages.</p> <p>Frank Vescio 9th street to back of mall as another business to support the trail.</p> <p>Shawn asked regarding the Coraopolis program which is under way down town development official meeting. Can we help identify initiatives specific to bike trail & sports legacy park. We are forming specifics for this year's agenda specific action or direction that would be accomplished this year to make it happen.</p> <p>Signing of the pine street alley improvements cause more attractive as two directions pilot green alleyway with fed funding traffic calming coordinate on the alley way connect via mill street train station from main to Montour and access river front parks sign the route then upgrade Burchfield minefield & piece in front of American bridge.</p> <p>Phyllis Machesney and Sam Japero. Sara Progress Fund also trail towns has business support program. Getting business support and signage for town support and spending. Sewickley is involved with Act of Allegheny to connect to the west.</p> <p>Penn Dot looking at another plan for next year for grants (PTCI) available when tying transportation to revitalizing a community.</p> <p>Port of Pgh grants economic development initiatives are being looked at by Vince due May 24th for canoe kayak racks. Looking at bicycle racks added to buses for commuting and trail access met with BTCA with proposal. Have Used CEMAC money air quality funding. Port authority of Allegheny County had low use because they couldn't guarantee which buses would have a bike rack.</p> <p>Since then they now have racks on designated routes. Bike racks at transit stations so you can park your bike securely while. Pgh Foundation for Theyworking fund by Roy Wild. It encourages contributions to enable workers for help thru volunteer organizations. Like Gloves and bags for clean ups.</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>DCNR North Shore application update. Monaca to Ohioville- state border. First Energy donated \$15,000. Jim Marshal provided the First Energy contact. Dr. Troia wrote many letters and also met with the Beaver County Commissioners for the balance \$5,000. Special thanks to</p> <p><u>Resolutions (16)</u></p> <p>Aliquippa, Beaver, Bridgewater, Center, Coraopolis, Crescent, Glasgow, Hopewell, Industry, Midland, Monaca, Moon, Ohioville, Rochester South Heights, Vanport Resolutions Pending: Rochester Twp, New Brighton and Fallston.</p>

	<p>Bradys Run Extension Pending BrightonTwp, Patterson Heights and Patterson Twp. North Shore Extension Pending Ambridge, Leetsdale, Edgeworth, Sewickley</p> <p>Proposal to Brady's Run Ext contacting other municipalities. Staying on right bank of Bradys Run will be Brighton Twp if share the road will be Patterson Twp.</p> <p>Connect Beaver trail in Geneva to Patterson Heights. Beaver River Rails to trails will be part of the feasibility study to connect. Snitgers is also working on this.</p> <p>North shore extension of bridge to bridge connection. Ambridge to Sewickley signage can be done.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p><u>Letters of Support (14)</u></p> <p>Allegheny County of Public Works, Allegheny County Economic Development, Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development, Beaver County Planning Commission, Beaver County YMCA, Community Development of Beaver County, Senator Elder Vogel Jr. (PA), Friends of the Riverfront, Rep. Jim Christiana (PA), Rep. Jim Marshall (PA), Montour Trail, Council, ORTC, Senator Wayne Fontana (PA)</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Mark Peluso will support our efforts through the Town Center Associates. Will be obtaining letters of support.</p> <p>Dr. Troia wrote an article entitled "Building Communities through the Ohio River Trail" which was published in the Town Center newsletters.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Beaver County Transit Authority (BCTA) update Bicycle Racks Mary Jo Morandini/Kristen Sheleheda – no update available</p> <p>Merchandise Sales Order Forms Samples shown</p> <p>Membership Numbers increasing; 15 Board members presently. 5 positions available.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Ambridge Nationality Days this weekend...Dr. Troia arranged a booth. Special thanks to Larry Lynch. Need volunteers to pass out literature and promote trail awareness.</p> <p>Some other community days are Hopewell, 10 11 & 12 Center Community days July 11 and 12 Monaca June 30</p> <p>Safe route to schools project connects all Center Twp campuses.</p> <p>Dr Troia has established the ORTC clubs: Cycling club. Organizing trip to Ohio and a trip to the Grand Canyon of Pa. Pine Creek Trail, which is a top 10 trail. Also a Moon twp to DC bike trip. Also have started a Fishing club for river and stream fishing and a Canoe & Kayak Club.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Canoe and kayak racks to be installed in communities. For storage and usage thru grants.</p> <p>Sara indicated that the Beaver County Rowing Association (BRCA) in Rochester very active and would be supportive of the water trail. Contact Carla Falkenstein. falk306@verizon.net</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Sara suggested some ideas for fundraising. A poker run. Maybe Bike PA Route A from Monaca to Coraopolis. Organize a ride to pgh and a then a tail gate and then a bus back. Discussed the Pedal Pale Ale bike ride. Amtrak to open an additional stop on the Great Allegheny Passage. Also Amtrak provides bicycle friendly transportation for the ride back from the Pittsburgh to Washington D.C. trip. Amtrak provides boxes for bicycles.</p> <p>Sara indicated that Lynne Scanga McKees Rocks CDC. She is interested in supporting the project.</p> <p>lynne.scanga@verizon.net</p> <p>The Ohio River Trail mile marker zero is at the Point of Beginning. Refer to website for additional information.</p>

DISCUSSION	Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2010 at 6:00PM. Meeting place to be determined. Thank you all for support and attendance

Ohio River Trail Council Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Project: Ohio River Trail
 Facilitator: Dr. Vincent Troia
 Place/Room: Center Twp Municipal Building, Aliquippa, Pa

Date: 13-May-10
 Time: 6:00pm

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