

## Minutes Greenways Meeting January 25, 2016

Attendees: Ralph Boss, Pete Chronis, Margie Moore, Mary Jo Peairs, Chip Skidmore, Rick Stern.  
Staff: Megan Statt Blake

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Trail ride planned for April. We want to do it as a lead-in to bike month, which runs from mid-April to mid-June. Tri State Trails is doing a program to get people familiar with local trails, and looking for sponsored rides in this time frame.

- We need to have police presence, especially at crossings.
- Discussion of contacting Mike Donahue in Woodlawn about working together. If the ride crosses the Pike, we need police from them.
- Arrangements needed for snacks like ice cream, shave ice or baked goods.
- Margie will make contacts to get things started.

Engineering on the trail extension. The City has had JMA start on preliminary engineering for the section next to the community gardens. Estimate for the new section is about \$410k. ODNR grant is 303k. City contribution will be determined, may be \$100 or \$150k. Our role going forward is to stay in touch with the project and engineering.

Tri-State Trails Meeting. Megan reported on her observations of this meeting.

- It was well attended, and there were a number of projects going in other communities.
- Megan distributed maps developed by the Cincinnati Connects plan.
- Our trail segment ranked in the highest quartile of priority projects for recommendation to OKI. It was paired with the Winton Woods portion, together in the top 10.

Compton Road: Sidewalks are to be built this Spring from Hilltop to Poage Farm. Lynn asked us to look at connections between Poage Farm and Ardon Lane areas that wouldn't require sidewalks on Compton; these are difficult to build because Compton wanders in its right-of-way and there would have to be significant property acquisition as well as grading and retaining walls. Chip had several proposals and evaluation which were discussed.

- Brocdorf to Compton Hills Dr. This would be fairly steep, though the shortest way to bypass Compton. It would require at least two property owners to cooperate.
- Chenora to Brocdorf would be physically easier, might require only three owners to cooperate. But it is very indirect if the traveler's intended route is on Compton. And the adjoining streets are fairly steep.
- Poage Farm to Brocdorf or Woodknoll Terrace – a property owner is interested in making a donation, but this would be a long trail and cross many other properties.
- While it doesn't meet the City Manager's objective, the committee discussed a connection between the end of Reilly (Woodbrook Lane) to Hidden Valley. This provides a direct link from this neighborhood to Hilltop School, Hilltop Park, and an area with developed sidewalks that connect to the rest of the City. However, there is a ravine and it would require property acquisition. Also, sidewalks would be needed on Compton in the "difficult" area between Poage Farm and Ardon, and probably on Woodbrook and Hidden Valley, if this is to have any real value.
- The sense of the committee was that the best connection is to link the Hilltop school area to this neighborhood.

Committee adjourned at 8:00 p.m.