



**Board Meeting – Minutes  
7 July 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Jayne Snyder Trails Center**

The meeting was **called to order** by vice-president Corey Godfrey at 7:00 p.m., followed by introductions.

**In attendance (21)**

Arp	Dolan	Griffin	Loftis	Scoby	<b>Absent (8)</b>	
Baker	Dunbar	Hammer	Messerer	Sonderup	Thacker	Bakewell
Carveth	Godfrey	Hershey	Noé	Stevens	M. Torell	Bentrup
Coble	Greene	Hirsch	Ringlein	Vannier	Betnar	B. Torell
				Wehrbein	Heinrich	Warren

Guests: Terry Genrich (Parks and Recreation), Cathy Beecham, Ben Cohoon (Off the Clock Events)

**Minutes** of Board meeting of 9 June approved as distributed.

**Treasurer’s Report** (no report)

**Nebraska Trails Foundation**

Report distributed. No comments or questions.

**Mayor’s 123 Initiative** (Beecham)

Handouts “Great Communities Need Great Parks” and “Parks and Recreation 10 Year Facilities Plan” were distributed, and Beecham outlined a proposal to assess a ¼% city sales tax in Lincoln for six years to raise \$7M for roads, \$2M for parks, \$1.5M for sidewalks, and \$0.5M to address problem properties. “What do you think about this?”, she asked us. The GPTN Board is considering writing a letter of support; individual members could write letters, or attend and offer testimony before the City Council. Votes of five Council members would be required to place this proposal on the ballot.

**Murdock Trail Initiative** (Genrich)

Genrich distributed information on RTP application to rehab the Murdock Trail from Touzalin to 70<sup>th</sup> Street (56<sup>th</sup> St to Toulazin will be rehabbed as part of a sewer project). Improvements will include a 10-ft-wide graded concrete platform for wheels plus softer shoulders for feet. Genrich requested a commitment of \$50k from GPTN as part of the 20% match of \$105.8k required for the RTP project. This RTP application will include funding for the Wilderness Park South Bridge, and the preliminary funding for the Haines Branch Prairie Corridor. Completion date is December 2016. GPTN has already committed funds for these latter projects. Genrich asked for a letter of support...

- Hammer moved Baker seconded that GPTN support all three of these trail projects. Approved.

**Jayne Snyder Trail Center proposal** (Genrich)

A proposal for the sale of the retail space in the JSTC was distributed electronically as well as at this meeting. The prospective purchasers would find a tenant to own and operate a café based on local sources and limited alcohol sales. Community Health and the city must agree on an owner, and GPTN

support is required to sell the space. Considerable discussion ensued over the price offered and requests to modify the space before the sale.

- Stevens moved Hirsch seconded that “The GPTN Board agrees that this proposal leads in the right direction”. Approved.

#### **Market to Market Community Partnership Agreement (Cohoon)**

Proposed agreement for Market to Market Relay was distributed electronically and at the meeting. GPTN would accrue benefits as Charity of Choice and in return would provide forty volunteers for the event scheduled for 11 October.

- Noé moved Griffin seconded that GPTN accept the proposal. Approved.

#### **The Planet Ride**

Lincoln Arts Council is excited about the idea.

#### **Streets Alive! Sponsorship**

- Ringlein moved Coble seconded that GPTN sponsor event scheduled for 14 September at the bronze (\$500) level.

#### **Committee Updates**

- **Trail Trek:** Many thanks for all who volunteered. Arp and Carveth received applause for their efforts.
- **Trail Activities:** Ground-breaking for Jamaica North Trail scheduled for 11 July.
- **Communications and Marketing:** (no report)
- **Fundraising:** (no report)
- **Membership:** The committee’s presentation proposed the following changes in the GPTN dues structure: Basic/Standard/Single/Associate (name TBD) \$10, Family \$20, Sustainer \$50, Patron \$100, Benefactor \$250; Option for all levels for digital-only membership. Discussion continues. Thirty membership applications were distributed at the last Nacho Ride.
- **Trail Development and Promotion:** (no report)

#### **Other Items/Comments**

- Steve Clark, Bicycle Friendly Community Specialist with of the League of American Bicyclists will visit Lincoln the second week of August.

**Next GPTN Board meeting** will be 11 August.

**Adjournment** at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
William M. Wehrbein, Secretary

23 July 2014