



Board Meeting – Minutes
14 October 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Jayne Snyder Trail Center

Meeting **called to order** by vice president Corey Godfrey at 7:02 p. m.

In attendance (19)

Arp	Greene	Quackenbush	M. Torell
Bentrup	Hammer	Scoby	Vannier
Carveth	Hirsch	Sonderup	Warren
Coble	Loftis	Streich	Wehrbein
Godfrey	Noé	B. Torell	

Absent (11)

Heinrich
Baker
Hershey
Bakewell
Kellerman
Bleed
Stevens
Donaldson
Thacker
Griffin
Trout

Guests: David Cary (Long-Range Planning Manager for Lincoln/Lancaster County) and David Pesnichak (Transportation Planner for Lincoln/Lancaster County)

Minutes of the Board meetings of 9 September were approved as distributed.

Treasurer’s Report was distributed electronically. Note that the payment of \$6307 of Trail Trek funds to NTF does not include corporate sponsorships, which are remitted directly to NTF. Warren noted that checking account has a balance exceeding \$23k and encouraged Board members to submit ideas how funds might be used.

Hammer noted that GPTN normally makes a gift to Lincoln Parks and Recreation for their technical support of Trail Trek. This year the NRD provided similar support on the Homestead Trail segment.

- B. Torell moved Hirsch seconded that GPTN donate \$500 to Lincoln Parks and Recreation and \$500 to LPSNRD for their technical support of Trail Trek in 2013. Approved.

Haymarket Trail Access and Bike Parking

Funding is in place to complete the Jamaica North Trail from J Street to N Street and Arena Drive. Cary distributed a map of the Haymarket area indicating existing trails, future trails (including the N Street Bikeway), and on-street bikeways, as well as existing bike racks (for map of larger area see <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bike/>). There are currently racks for about 40 bikes, but facilities for at least 80 bikes are needed. Many existing racks are difficult to find and directions or signs would be helpful. Occasional letters to the editor in the LJS is probably the best way to draw attention to this issue.

Pesnichak reported that the city is considering purchasing several units of an electronic bike counter system at \$2.7k to \$3k per unit to count bikes, \$3.5k to \$5k to count both bikes and pedestrians. Unused TIF funds from the N Street project could pay for a couple. About six to eight units would provide useful trail-to-trail and seasonal statistics. He will send material for us to consider at next meeting.

Past Events

- World Health Day on the Mall, 19 September: Arp reported that the crowd exceeded 1500 and he distributed all the bike maps he brought.

- Zoofari: (no report)
- Streets Alive! near Capitol, 29 September: Bentrup reported that Wes Trout stirred up over 700 smoothies on his bicycle blender. Loftis noted that the booth needs at least five volunteers.
- Market to Market, 12 October: Loftis reported it was “lots of fun”, and suggested that in the future at the finish line GPTN provide packets of trail mix with a GPTN sticker.

Committee Updates

- **Trail Trek** (Carveth)
Date for Trail Trek 2014 is Sunday 22 June. Still looking for a volunteer coordinator.
- **Trail Activities** (Greene and Vannier)
New suggestion: celebration of 25th anniversary of GPTN at Pioneer Park Nature Center in April.
- **Communications and Marketing** (Noé)
Web site looks good, but how to enter membership renewals and Trail Trek registration?
- **Fundraising** (Bentrup)
Letter in preparation to send to businesses soliciting support for N Street Bikeway and Wilderness Park Bridges.
- **Membership**
Hammer reported that 800 membership letters were sent to Trail Trek participants last week. Godfrey suggested gifting nonmembers who use the trails system with memberships and then sending them renewal notices a year later. Loftis noted that people get engaged in an organization by volunteering.
- **Trail Development and Promotion** (Hammer)
Bids are out for the construction of the Jamaica North Trail north of J Street, with construction scheduled for August 2014, and also the Haymarket Ball Park Trail from Charleston Street to just north of Devaney Sports Center. Hammer reported that Cass County Commissioners and LPSNRD have renewed their agreement to seek a route extending the MoPac Trail to the Platte River. Hammer asserts GPTN, the Nebraska Bicycle Alliance, and local bicycle clubs will need to work with the Cass County Tourism office to build support for the trail.

Next GPTN Board meeting will be 11 November.

Adjournment at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William M. Wehrbein, secretary