



GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK
Meeting Minutes
Monday August 8, 2016, 7:00 PM
Jayne Snyder Trail Center

Meeting called to order by President Roger Hirsch at 7:05 PM.

ROLE CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: 21

Absent: 9

Noe	Green	Stevens	Rosenboom	Hersey	Baker
C. Dunbar	Godfrey	Burd	Baumeister	Heinrich	Messerer
M. Torell	Arp	Hammer	Jerke	Sonderup	Scoby
Stevens	Collier	Case			
S. Dunbar	Warren	Hirsch			
Kimble	Wehrbein	B. Torell			
Coble	Bentrup	Ringlein			

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Sarah Hartzell, and Kellee Van Bruggen

Review of the Zoo parking expansion plan - Nicole Fleck-Tooze and Sarah Hartzell

- Nicole reviewed the map of the current plan proposed by the Zoo.
- Nicole mentioned that Urban Planning made a recommendation not to approve the Zoo’s plan for expansion south of A Street.
- Pedestrian Bicycling Advisory Committee set to meet tomorrow morning and will discuss and determine if a recommendation is prudent.
- Nicole mentioned that many more steps are needed prior to the initiation of this project. The Mayor is awaiting recommendations from other committees/groups prior to making a decision. City Council will also need to approve the plan.
- Many members and guests asked questions and voiced concerns regarding the parking lot connecting drive across the Rock Island Trail.
- Sarah reviewed several possible options.
 - #1 - Zoo plan as currently proposed with the potential for yellow flashing lights at the parking lot connecting drive and Rock Island Trail intersection.
 - #2 - Add the alternate route connection from the Rock Island trail at approximately Garfield Street, through Antelope Park, across Memorial Drive and Veterans Drive to the Billy Wolf trail, and maintain the Rock Island trail through the Zoo to act as the high water/winter route.

- #3 - Bypass of the Rock Island Trail to the east (Memorial Drive and Veterans Drive). Expansion of trail on A and 27th Streets during high water when the Billy Wolf is inaccessible due to the loss of the Rock Island near the Zoo.
- #4 – Bypass with removal of Rock Island Trail at Garfield with the removal of the Garfield bridge and expansion of A and 27th Street due to the loss of the Rock Island near the Zoo.
- Lots of questions and discussion regarding the proposed plans.
- **ACTION:** *Stevens moved to have a letter written from GPTN to the Mayor recommending to maintain the Rock Island trail as currently as is and eliminate the connecting drive between the south parking lots. Seconded by Bob Torell. Approved.*
- Hirsch to draft a letter to send to the Mayor, PBAC and City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Roger Hirsch

- **ACTION:** *Motion by Case to approve the July Meeting minutes. Seconded by Stevens. Approved.*

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jamie Warren

- Warren reviewed monthly financials and the Trail Trek summary. Made \$3415.43 from Trail Trek in 2016. Total donation to NTF from Trail Trek will be \$5415.43 (which includes \$2,000.00 from GPTN). Balance at the end of July in the GPTN General Funds account is \$30,394.96.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roger Hirsch

- Letter sent to City Re: 14th and Old Cheney/Rock Island Trail Plans. Letter received back from the City regarding this letter and it sound promising.
- Letter sent Re: Vintage Heights Pollinator Garden
- Letter sent Re: Village of Denton, support for Prairie Corridor application for funding.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dena Noe

- Standing Committee Report review.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – Roger Hirsch

Fundraising Committee – Gary Bentrup

- Bentrup reviewed the GPTN Fundraising Obligations. Pioneer Park Phase III payment is going out later this Fall. Will dedicate funds from Trail Trek to this payment of \$16,865.00 that is still owed for this project. This is our next funding obligation to focus on.
- Murdock Trail Fundraising event. Greene stated a fundraising event on August 25th at Don Wesley's house and will be catered by Isles. Invitations will be going out by the end of the week. Email will go out to the GPTN Board regarding volunteering for the fundraising event. More details coming soon.

Government Relations Committee – Mary Torell

- Mary Torell stated the Mayor's Attorney sent Mary Torell a copy of the matching City ordinance for LB716. Must go through the City Council prior to the Mayor's signature. State law would supersede City

law until an ordinance is signed in the City.

Public Relations Committee – Steve Dunbar

- Committee met a week ago. Steve requested volunteers as a trail leader for a Historical Society Mid-Century Modern Homes Bike Ride on September 18th. This Saturday there will be a trial run.
- Also need volunteers for the Trails app developed by the City to Beta test. Godfrey and Collier volunteered.
- Noe stated that several more folks have signed up for Market to Market.
- The GPTN Calendar of Events is updated.

Trail Use and Activities Committee – Marynelle Greene

- Nothing to discuss.

Trail Trek Committee – Noe

- Noe reviewed Trail Trek finances. Made \$3,415.43. GPTN owes \$2,000.00. So a total of \$5,415.43 going to NTF from GPTN. These funds will be earmarked for the Pioneer's Park Phase III.
- **ACTION: Motion by Noe to move the \$5,415.43 from Trail Trek to NTF. Seconded by Mary Torell. Approved.**
- **ACTION: Motion by Hammer to send \$500 to NRD, \$500 to Parks and Recreation and \$50 to the Village of Eagle (from the GPTN General Funds) for their assistance with Trail Trek. Seconded by Griffin. Approved.**

Finance Committee – Corey Godfrey

- Godfrey stated the Finance Committee will meet in August for a quarterly meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Informal Working Group on Fundraising Procedures – Ray Stevens

- Hirsch stated that he would review the MOU with NTF next month. Hirsch stated that he spoke with Jon Blumer, NTF President regarding the provisions in the MOU that clarify many ambiguities in the relationship between GPTN and NTF.

Trail Maps – Bentrup

- Bentrup stated maps would be delivered to him tomorrow and then transfer to Hammer this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS – All

- None.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 7 p.m., September 12th, 2016 at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Corey Godfrey, GPTN Secretary