



**GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK
Meeting Minutes
Monday June 13, 2016, 7:00 PM
Jayne Snyder Trail Center**

Meeting called to order by President Roger Hirsch at 7:00 PM.

ROLE CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: 18

Absent: 12

Hirsch	Messerer	Sonderup	Henning
C. Dunbar	Coble	Scoby	Wehrbein
M. Torell	Arp	Hammer	Bentrup
Stevens	Rosenboom	Case	S. Dunbar
Kimble	B. Torell		

Baker	Collier	Ringlein
Godfrey	Hersey	Burd
Heinrich	Warren	Baumeister
Green	Jerke	Noe

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Rec; Dan Spiry, BVH Architects, Evan Kileen, Lincoln Children's Zoo; Nick Cusick, Lincoln Children's Zoo Board of Trustees; Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Urban Development; David Ross, Parks and Rec; Scott Wieskamp, LPS Facilities

- Hirsch introduced the guests. Kileen and Cusick presented the case for the Lincoln Children's Zoo expansion and the status of the project. Johnson and Spiry presented the footprint of the expansion and several options for parking. The preferred parking solution crosses the Rock Island Trail. Spiry noted there would be several ways to minimize the impact of crossing the Rock Island Trail, including speed bumps, stop signs, flashing signals, colors and textures. The presentation concluded with a question and answer session.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Kurt Elder, Urban Planning and David Ross, Parks and Rec

- S. Dunbar introduced the guests. Elder and Ross demonstrated a prototype of a trails map app. The prototype shows the trails, includes features currently maintained by the City of Lincoln (public restrooms, parks, drinking fountains, etc.) and a search and find function. A traditional map function is also included (distances, routes, etc). Elder and Ross asked the Board to submit ideas for other features, as well as be beta testers during the next phase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Charlene Dunbar

- There were no minutes presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Roger Hirsch

- Hirsch reviewed. Balance at the end of May is \$33,623.55.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roger Hirsch

Administration Committee – Roger Hirsch

- Hirsch reported on the results of a meeting between representatives of the Nebraska Trails Foundation and himself. Hirsch informed the NTF on the use of Jayne Snyder Funds for the Murdock Trail. Matching funds up to \$125,000 were approved. The G2L funds, including matching funds from the Jayne Snyder Fund were designated for the Murdock Trail. Hirsch also informed the NTF Board that GPTN had approved the use of Trail Trek Funds for Pioneers Park Phase III.
- Hirsch also reported on discussions between representatives of the GPTN Board and the NTF Board regarding the development of a written memorandum of understanding. Discussion continues regarding reporting, document transfers and payment of costs.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roger Hirsch

- Standing Committee Report review.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – Roger Hirsch

Fundraising Committee – Gary Bentrup

- Bentrup stated that Give to Lincoln day, including the Jayne Snyder Fund match, is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$22,000-\$23,000. The LCF match is approximately \$17,500, for a total of about \$40,000 to support the Murdock Trail. GPTN has committed \$250,000 toward this project. There is also \$125,000 from the Jayne Snyder Fund designated for this project. About \$85,000 is still needed.

- Hammer reported on plans by several civic leaders with ties to Northeast Lincoln to sponsor a fund raiser for the Murdock Trail. Tentatively planned for late August or September.

Government Relations Committee – Mary Torell

- No updates.

Public Relations Committee – Steve Dunbar

- Nothing additional to report. See the trail map app presentation earlier.

Trail Use and Activities Committee – Committee Members

- No updates.

Trail Trek Committee – Noe

- Volunteers are needed to help direct parking the day of Trail Trek. Rosenboom also asked for 10 volunteers to help with sign construction and placement. Roger will secure a room for the sign activity.
- Hammer reported that registrations are coming in slowly.

Finance Committee – No updates.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Informal Working Group on Fundraising Procedures – Ray Stevens

- No updates.

Special Committee on Awards – Elaine Hammer

- No updates.

Special Committee on Trail Maps – Gary Bentrup

- Bentrup reported on the outcome of three companies who were asked to bid on printing of the new trail map. Two of the bidders did not have the capacity to print the maps. The previous firm,

Agent, submitted the following estimate. Bentrup also noted receipt of \$12,000 in sponsorships. This accounts for is about 64% of the costs. Maps will be printed in about 3 weeks.

Project management, cover design, map revisions: \$5,5000; Printing 25,000 maps \$13,214.
Total: \$18,714.

- **Action:** *Bentrup moved approval of up to \$7,000 for trail map update and printing 25,000 copies. Hammer seconded, motion carried.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS – All

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 7 p.m., July 11, 2016 at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center.

Respectfully submitted,