

**Friends of the Clinton River Trail
Steering Committee Meeting, July 28, 2009
Auburn Hills Community Center**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fred Phillips, Shirley Mullin, Dan Keifer, John Hensler, John Zalewski, Ron Vogt, Claudia Filler

Reported by: Claudia Filler

Dan Keifer chaired the meeting.

Donations

- Dan reported that the donations have been coming in to the new P.O. box. Fred will deliver the checks to Mark Pompetzki.

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“Look and Feel” Project

- Fred e-mailed the draft Look & Feel RFP to all Alliance members. He has received written support from Rochester, Rochester Hills, Sylvan Lake and Oakland County. John Balint of Pontiac has indicated verbal support.
- It was decided that the Steering Committee should formally vote on issuing the RFP at the August meeting. A “save the date” notice will be sent out reminding members of this important meeting.
- Fred will e-mail the final version of the RFP to Steering Committee members.

Trail Update:

Pontiac:

- Claudia reported on the meeting she and Dan had with John Balint and Allan Schneck of Pontiac to discuss the following construction projects:
 - Telegraph Road Bridge: Pontiac will schedule a Grade Inspection with MDOT prior to December 2009. The project is on schedule for a March '10 letting with start of construction 45 days after the contract is signed.
 - Phase III: Pontiac expects to submit a grant application for property acquisition in April '10. Claudia will contact Leah Groya of Wade Trim to schedule a walk-through of the route and alternate(s) for Pontiac officials and FCRT Steering Committee members.
 - Phase II: Construction will be delayed until September due to the Woodward Dream Cruise and Arts Beats & Eats.

Rochester:

- Rochester approved a trail route modification under the Rochester Road bridge from Diversion St. eastward to accommodate a development that will soon begin construction. Dan will contact City Manager James Vettrano to arrange for officials to attend the next FCRT Steering Committee meeting to discuss how the changes will affect the CRT.

Bench Donation: Dan reported that Rita McGowan has made a donation for a bench in memory of her husband. Dan will work with Mrs. McGowan to choose a location.

Events & Activities

Fall Classic Ride

- Claudia reported that we have 3 committed \$500 sponsors: UPS, DTE, and Letica Corporation. The deadline for commitment letters is July 31.
- John Hensler reported that the on-line registration is now open. The web site is www.bikereg.com/fcrt. There is a link from the FCRT home page.
- John will send a "Save the Date" announcement on the listserve.
- John will get a quote from Vistaprint for t-shirts.
- Brochures will be ready by the next meeting. Melinda, John, Debbie and Claudia will meet before the brochures are printed.
- Fred plans to purchase larger, more permanent signs showing the one-way distances of 2.5, 5, 10, and 20 miles for the Fall Classic route. The longer distances will involve use of the Macomb Orchard Trail. Dan will ask John Tarantino for maps.
- John and Fred will arrange for printing ¼ sheets showing the routes.

Business Cards: John showed a sample of the business cards with the FCRT logo. John will place the order for those who have contacted him. The cards will be sent to each individual's home. Members can pay John the \$31 cost at the next meeting.

OTAC: Twelve people at the last OTAC meeting asked for copies of the latest FCRT newsletter. John Hensler will send each of them the pdf link.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., Auburn Hills Community Center.