



Board of Directors Meeting
Southwest Allen County Schools Administration Building

Wednesday March 23, 2005
7:00pm

Board Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Reecer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Coplen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gail Herendeen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark O'Shaughnessy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Kennedy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Krisher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Debbie Probst
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Jellison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Ferguson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Art Mandelbaum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gregg Walbridge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Fitch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Zielke

Also in attendance:

No guests

- I. For approval-Gail
 - a. Minutes of 2-23-05 Board Meeting approved

- II. Treasurer Report-Jane
 - a. Additional contributions have come in from open houses. Total generated from those parties: \$31,000
 - b. Total available funds: \$72,113
 - c. Approved: pay invoice for booklet printing (Copy solutions)
 - d. Thanks to Jane for all the time it takes to do these entries and thank you notes!

- III. Old Business-Stephanie
 - a. ANT Logo Shirt orders: order will arrive in aprox. 3 weeks
 - b. Roster: [Steph](#) will e-mail roster to all board members to fill in the holes
 - c. Project Management process: this involves documentation to track projects. Gregg suggested a program to do this.

- IV. New Business-Lynn
 - a. Large, verbal right of way donation received
 1. Debbie Probst made these announcements: Gary Probst has donated the land for the path from Vera Cruz North to SR14. In addition, the he will donate the property along Eggeman Road (this accounts for approx 2/3 of Eggeman).
 2. Debbie's Mother in law (Katie Probst) will donate the right-of-way along her property on Covington Road. This donation can add to the amount needed for our TE grant.
 3. BIG thanks to Debbie
 4. ([Debbie and Leslie](#)) will work together to see if we can do some press on this donation.
 - b. New volunteer recruits
 1. Although we have some great new recruits, we still need more!
 2. Debbie will be our Volunteer Coordinator
 3. Henry Najdeski (Attorney) will head up right-of-way volunteer efforts. Art will help him as well.
 4. Grant writers – two new volunteers have joined in this area.
 - c. Bond discussion
 1. Barbara Krisher: she can not do another bond since she just did one. Scott Miller feels this may not be well received considering reaction to annexation.
 2. Lynn's plan: get through the annexation. Wait until we get some trails built and reconsider in possibly in phase 2.
 - d. No other new business from the board

V. Fundraising Report-Bill

a. Grassroots-events, neighborhood assns

1. Open Houses: six have raised a total of \$31,000
2. Covington Plaza: will give a % of sales to the trails. Zesto is interested.
3. Event at Freelands: Sept. 9 or 16 for event. Committee will meet with Freelands to see if they have idea in terms of ticket price.
4. We have a school representative to keep the communication open via schools.
5. Dodge Ball tournament: Susie and Connor O'Shaughnessy have put together a tournament (Monday March 28th) at Woodside MS. Kids pay to play; there is an entrance fee, t-shirts sales. We get 100% of concession profits.
6. Bike-a-thon June 4th.
 - i. John Fyfe, Scott, Judy are working on the bike ride that will be via public invitation.
 - ii. Goal will be for BIG turn out vs. hard core fundraising.

b. Corporate

1. The general feeling is that medical practices will not be making contributions from a practice as a whole. The key may be to go through the wives. May need a person to head up this category.
2. 44 of the 100 corporations on that initial list have been contacted. Only 1 has been a definite "NO". Approx \$23,500 has been collected with no additional outstanding commitments.
3. Limits seem to be manpower at this point.
4. Property donations via Probst will most likely make a big impact on corporate fundriaiing.
5. \$250,000 will be available for gift from Lutheran for Community Related activities This may happen as soon as 30-60 days. Bill thinks we may have a shot at this.
6. Lutheran: good chance they may put in trails on their own properties. This would be a great example for Waterfield and Verizon. There may also be an opportunity for a trail head at Lutheran.

c. Foundations/Grants

1. Have received funds from Lincoln, Time Corner, Ronald Repka Foundation. Will re-submit for FW Community Foundation.
2. (all) Does anyone have contacts on these boards?: Olive B. Cole, ME Raker, Howard Arnold, McMillen, English Bonter Mitchell. We're submitting grant applications and it always helps to know people.

d. Government:

1. Federal: Lynn has a copy of Eli's grant application if anyone needs it.
2. State
3. County
4. City
5. Township
6. SACS
7. Utilities: Jim Eitsert will be thinking about the possibilities/options for ANT
8. Developers: Orrin Session. No new news to report.

VI. Recognition as it relates to fundraising

a. [Stephanie](#) will research this and present a proposal to the board for approval at the next meeting

1. trail head with donors listed by some area of giving plus trail markers. Need to avoid vandalism-prone items and maintenance free things.
2. Barbara has land we can use at Indian Trails Park – fairly close to Aboite Center Road. We could even do a temporary trail head. Barbara suggested this could be an eagle scout project. Barbara may be able to fund part of it.

VII. General Comment on Fundraising

- a. Art raises the point that stating we have raised \$100,000 out of 3 million doesn't sound so great. However, we have done a tremendous amount in terms of the project as a whole (what others have committed to, land donated, etc).

- b. (Lynn) We'll have a "**Where we are today**" section in our agenda so we're all on the same page in terms of accurately reporting all the success of this project thus far.

VIII. Public Relations Report-Leslie

- a. Promotional Materials
 1. Bill made some specific suggestions for the next revision
 2. Bill suggested we make announcements to publications favored by minorities.
- b. Media
- c. Leslie is scheduling Lynn & others for various Association presentations ie: Homebuilders, Visitors, Corp. Council, Chamber, Optimists, Rotary-other suggestions?
- d. Press releases: Leslie has some ready to go. One features what the kids have raised, Bike About Aboite, donations.
- e. Newsletter for March to be sent to e-mail list and association presidents. (all) Please forward this on as you can.
- f. Leslie needs a production person – someone to make copies and such.

IX. Construction/Engineering Report-Gregg

- a. W. Hamilton/Covington-SACS Trail and extensions: May 21 is tentative date (weather dependent)
- b. TEA Grant Trail-Covington and Homestead Rd (from 24 to school property).
- c. Eggeman, Aboite, Homestead Trails: Gregg has revised Bonar quote estimates. Gregg is asking for bids to include in-kind donations. Should have something back in 2 weeks or so.
- d. The board feels these are the next priorities: Eggeman, Covington, Scott

X. Township Government Report-Barbara

- a. Township trail progress: trail across front of VanHoozen park and down to Woodside should be done by July 4th. Most likely not able to complete before the June 4th Bike About Aboite event. Orrin will talk to Gregg about these trails.
- b. Barbara will need to do some trail marking (in front of fire station) and possibly a stop sign. Steph will provide Barb with marking information so we can have consistency.
- c. Barb will put big colored ANT map in her entry.

XI. County Government Report-Mike

- a. Memorandum of Understanding: Art, Mike and Lynn will work on this document and will present to board for next meeting.
- b. New Ordinance related to sidewalks in the public right of way:
 1. History: in the late 70's and ordinance was in place so that sidewalks were to be placed on both sides of street. Waivers have been granted over the last 15 years so they don't have to do it.
 2. County did not have a sidewalk ordinance – until last week, ordinance was put into place. Lack of consistency on this waiver issue has builders fairly upset. Big issue for ANT is frontage of developments... this ordinance may still not assure us this will happen.

XII. City Government Report-Bob Kennedy

- a. Fire Station trails: Sept/Oct. trails should be complete. Leslie will work with City's PR person to promote these trails.
- b. City participation in TEA Grant match: city will match \$150,000 and we'll have a letter from the mayor soon.

XIII. Next Meeting scheduled

Monday, March 28

Dodge Ball Tournament to benefit ANT
Woodside Middle School

Board Meeting
April 27, 2005
SAC Administration Building
7:00 pm

Save these dates

June 4
Bike About Aboite

Sept. 9 or 16
Event at Freelands