



Board of Directors Meeting
Southwest Allen County Schools Administration Building

Wednesday April 27, 2005
7:00-8:00pm

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debbie Probst
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Jellison	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Ferguson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art Mandelbaum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gregg Walbridge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Schmitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Fitch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Zielke

I. For approval-Gail

- a. Minutes of 3-23-05 Board Meeting - approved

II. Treasurer Report-Jane

- a. Financial report – \$86,500 in bank.
- b. Money Market account has been opened so we can earn interest.
- c. For Approval
 1. Bonar Bill - Gregg approved
 2. ANT embroidered shirts – bill approved
- d. BKD will prepare the tax returns that are needed for many grant applications. This will most likely be a partial donation.
- e. Donations:
 1. Stocks: Two individuals are interested in donating stocks to ANT – tower will convert to cash and deposit.
 2. Bond: individual is interested in donating series E bonds. Jane is handling both.
 3. Matching gift: Johnson & Johnson will match the donations of their employees.
 4. Centennial wireless has pledged \$3500 over 3 years
 5. AEP will do some kind of donation – not sure what amount

III. Old Business-Stephanie

- a. ANT shirts have arrived. We have a few extra. (all) Please get shirts from Steph.
- b. Roster – updated with ANT Role, name, address, all contact info. Stephanie has done this roster.
- c. Project Management process – Steph has developed a chart that could be used by all committees. She has also developed a lead sheet for Tow Path Trail that can be used for other projects. (all) Send your comments to her.

IV. New Business

- a. Donor Recognition – Steph has put together a variety of ideas including benches, bike racks, kiosks, bollards, mile markers. Dwight Jewett suggests donor can maintain their recognition marker.
- b. Trail Head
 1. Location will be in Indian Trails Park between the walking trail and the entrance to the park, near the first parking lot.

2. ANT will hire Ferguson Advertising to design a trail head that can be used at the park and possibly other locations.
3. Board's input on trail-head:

Location:

In Indian Trails park: west of the walking path and east of the entrance road. South of the sidewalk along Aboite Center Road and North of the 1st gravel parking lot (on your left).

Shape & Size

something circular with benches and bike racks, trash cans....something with a fair amount of space.

Close proximity with parking area (which will be asphalted and made slightly larger than it currently is)

Central structure

something with a roof

Coordinate roof with the pavilion at TRJ (green standing seam roof).

Same roof to be used for picnic shelter (to be constructed this summer).

big name (Aboite Trails) on whatever the structure may be

Name should be easily seen from road

Have some height on sign or structure with name

coordinate – not compete - with Indian tails sign

light at night – uplight from ground

Materials

earthy and attractive

maintenance free materials

landscape beds that need a min. amount of weekly maintenance

Kiosk

double sided (or triple sided so it can be seen from many directions)

allow for posting notices, maps, etc. behind plexiglass locked doors

Other things to Include

Benches

Bike racks

Drinking fountain

Trash cans

c. Signage

1. Stephanie now has her own 12x12 cream & red stop sign made of plastic wood. Bob feels size is good. Cost: \$90/sign + \$117 + maintenance.
2. (Bob) will take sign to the city sign maker to get a bid. There may be an issue with sign stealing and getting them made through the city may be easier when it comes to replacing stolen signs.

d. Intersection issues

1. "Cross Alert Systems" are an option for places where recreational paths cross roads without good visibility. Cost \$18,000.
2. Bob suggest that things need to be standard throughout the entire system and this is too expensive. (Bob) will look into push button systems.

e. Trail marking –

1. line down middle: decision was made to wait on stripes for now.
2. line across trail alerting of intersection: (Gregg) will take care of wide white stripe at stop area and will also look into cross walks.

f. Other new business from the board - none

V. Fundraising Report-Lynn for Bill

a. Grassroots

1. Open House wrap-up: raised \$32,630+ and certainly increased awareness and excitement.

2. Covington Plaza:
 1. Garlands Art Galleries will donate 10% of proceeds to ANT on May 13 (5-7PM)
 2. In May, Jophiel's will donate a % of sales to ANT.
3. Bike About Aboite: June 4
 1. Community bike event
 2. Ft. Wayne bike club is involved. Family fun ride will be a 10 mile ride with half-way stop with snacks, drinks & entertainment. Community picnic in the park at noon. Tables with information (ANT, Little River Wetlands, etc). Live bands. Food vendors. Face painters. Yard Signs (promoting the event) will be placed around town. T-shirts and water bottles free with entry fee. Approaching grocery stores for in-kind donations. Jane will develop duplicate receipt.
 3. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND** and wear ANT shirts.
4. Earth Fest: May 12 – HHS Student Government will do Earth Fest last year raised \$4,000. This year it should be bigger. \$\$ will go to ANT
5. September 9: Fundraiser at Freelands
 1. many exciting things in the works for this event (Bradley Geoff Jewelers may donate 100 boxes of jewelry, each worth \$100. One box will have a big deal item. People will have chance to buy a box).
 2. May see about a bike donation.
- b. Corporate – still do not have enough people making calls. **(All)** please let us know of people who may be interested in helping.
 1. Lutheran Hospital
 1. Now our lead donor (\$150,000 has been pledged to do something along each side of the hospital. **This remains confidential** and details are not set. There may be another grant available to Lutheran and that money could then go to ANT as well.
 2. PHP will do something – not yet determined.
 3. Donor Recognition –
 1. so glad we didn't set it initially but now people are asking for it now. This must be ready to present for next board meeting. **(Lynn, Bill, Reed)**
 2. **(Gregg)** will come up with reasonable number of benches & bike racks for phase one. This will be used when structuring donor recognition.
- c. Foundations/Grants: many outstanding requests (\$750,000 was requested from EBM which stipulates we would split for tow path. \$50,000 from Community Foundation)
- d. Utilities –
 1. AEP: Jane working with AEP.
 2. NREMC – Scott has some contacts and they may sponsor a bridge over a ditch
- e. Developers – Vera Cruz **(Debbie)** will call Jeff Thomas to follow-up on his previous commitment.

VI. Public Relations Report-Stephanie for Leslie

- a. News Coverage – good press lately. Article/photo in A&A. Blurb in each paper. SW Shopper had article. Little River Wetlands has been mentioning ANT in their material.
- b. Seeking media support for “bike about Aboite”
- c. March newsletter went out. Will do these every other month

- d. Signs – will be moving them to keep up with current project.
- e. Speaking engagements – working on getting things booked for Lynn and other willing speakers.
- f. Ribbon Cutting
 - 1. (all) Tuesday, May 3rd at 4:30pm – Covington/West Hamilton Roads by elementary entrance. Bring bikes, strollers....wear ANT shirts. Please try to get friends/neighbors there. Invitations have gone out.
- g. Greenway Coalition meeting – tomorrow morning. Stephanie will present.
- h. Bike About Aboite support

VII. Construction/Engineering Report-Gregg meeting with Wayne asphalt

- a. W. Hamilton/Covington-SACS Trail and extensions
- b. TEA Grant Trail-Covington and Homestead Rds
- c. Eggeman, Aboite, Homestead Trails (known as the zig-zag)
 - 1. from a PR standpoint, this zig-zag is a really big deal.
 - 2. getting Eggeman done should help with TEA grant.
 - 3. Approx. cost of trail: \$100,000 for Eggeman
- d. Land Donations
 - 1. May 19 meeting at Scott's house with homeowners on Eggeman and those on Aboite Center Road down to Orrin's house. Henry will attend as well to discuss with homeowners. If they can't attend, Scott and Henry will go to their house.
 - 2. **Big issue:** if land is donated, will county will assume liability? Will county do maintenance? (Bob) will talk to Mike about the county's commitment (Memo of understanding is needed).

VIII. County Government Report-Mike not in attendance

IX. City Government Report-Bob Kennedy

- a. City participation in TEA Grant match: (Bob) said city will provide the \$150,000 match for TEA grant and letter of intent will be done soon.

X. Next Meeting scheduled for May 25

Mark you calendar!!

May 3

Tuesday

4:30pm

Ribbon Cutting

Covington/West Hamilton Roads by elementary entrance.

Bring bikes, strollers....wear ANT shirts.

Please try to get friends/neighbors there.

May 12

HHS Earth Day (Donated \$4000 last year to ANT!)

May 13

5:00-7:00 PM

Garlands Art Galleries

Covington Plaza

10% of proceeds benefit ANT

May ?

Jophiel's week to donate % of sales

May 19

meeting at Scott's house with landowners

May 25
7:00 pm
SACS building
Board Meeting

June 4
Bike About Aboite

Sept. 9
Freeland event