



Board of Directors Meeting
Southwest Allen County Schools Administration Building

Wednesday June 29, 2005 7:00-8:00pm

Board Members:

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

I. For approval-Gail

- a. Minutes of 5-25-05 Board Meeting approved

II. Announcement: Call Lynn's cell phone (vs. e-mail) for immediate business this summer.

III. Treasurer Report-Jane

- a. Financial report
 1. Jane opened money market account so we can earn some interest.
 2. BKD filed tax return for 2004
 3. Currently \$140,000 in bank but trail in front of Covington School has not been paid for (\$40,000). Art suggested we see "anticipated costs" on treasury reports (Jane).
 4. \$1500 has been paid for Director's and Liability Insurance for 1 year (through Hylant Group)
- b. Approval of outstanding bills over \$500.00 each
 1. Board approved the bill for \$4,000 (Engineering of Eggeman) after Gregg approves the billing.

IV. City Government Report-Bob

- a. Fire Station Trails to be done this summer
- b. Memorandum of Understanding with city: working on getting it adopted and should be done prior to 2006
- c. City Council & Park Bond: Council will meet next Tuesday regarding a \$10 million park bond (1.1 million for trails). Good chance it may be shot down. (Lynn & Gail) to write letter to council.
- d. Northwest Trails: getting resistance from LaCabreah regarding trail going in behind neighborhood. They have 200 names on a petition and Bob feels this may be taken quite seriously. (Sharon) to contact Mike Kelly to see if ANT could be of help in terms of educating the public. (Leslie) to add to web site a FAQ on the web site regarding crime (since this seems to be the issue with LaCabreah)
- e. Greenway Manager – the position will go before the park board in July to get the Greenway Manager under public works. That position would then report to Bob.
- f. Foster Park: park of River Greenway has been paved and some other changes are taking place.

V. Fundraising Report-Bill

- a. Grassroots: Bike About Aboite raised just under \$700
- b. Corporate
 1. New Levels of Giving/Donor Recognition: levels distributed. Bill proposes icons to go with each level of recognition.

2. Benches: it was the decision of the board that park benches, for recognition, should go only on public land. There are bump-outs planned on Eggeman, but benches will not be placed in front of any home.
3. (for next agenda): Can donations be “totaled” or “cumulative” over the course of the project? Discussion was tabled at this meeting.
4. Lutheran has proposed these trail markers along the “Fitness course”:

*Lutheran Hospital
(Picture of a big heart)
Heart Trail*

(Bill) will call Tom Miller to suggest the Board’s recommendation is that the trail name should be more general than “heart” as such a specific name may be a turn-off for other physicians who we hope will match Lutheran’s donation.

- c. Foundations/Grants
 1. English Bonter Mitchell has donated \$75,000 (to be split with city for Tow Path)
 2. TEA: still waiting word on this.
- d. Utilities: no updates
- e. Developers-Steininger Development has offered 3 acres near Engle Road that could help link with towpath and may provide parking/trailhead.

VI. Public Relations Report-Leslie

- a. Promotional Materials will be at central location at YMCA.
Note from Leslie: we have space (upstairs storage room) at the YMCA for shared marketing items. Take your garage-stored items over there any time. Ask the front desk to let you in to the locked room every time you use it. I will get a sign-up clipboard so we know who has what. It’s a good way for us to store community-used documents, signage, banners, etc. Please use it! It’s my hope this will eliminate a lot of the wasted time driving stuff around!
- b. Press Releases/Announcements: recently learned that the paper’s “policy” on company donations is they don’t print them because it’s “self-serving”. This may be why they didn’t pick up on the Lutheran Release.

VII. Legal Report-Art

- a. MOU: County Commissioners are resistant to MOU but hope remains. Meeting with them July 8th.
- b. Insurance: \$1500 has been paid for Director’s and Liability Insurance for 1 year (through Hylant Group)
- c. Non-discrimination policy revision adopted by the board.

VIII. Construction/Engineering Report-Gregg

- a. W. Hamilton/Covington-SACS Trail and extensions
 1. Vera Cruz will be done “Next week” per Thomas (Debbie talked to him)
 2. Covington School trail will be graded & seeded in the fall.
- b. Homestead/SACS Trail: Wayne to start on it soon.
- c. Aboite Center/Township Trail (Gregg) will talk with Barb about this.
- d. Eggeman Rd. trail: will soon go to bid with Design.
- e. Liberty Mills Road
- f. Scott Road: Working with A&Z (Eli’s company) for proposal for preliminary design for Scott Road (Covington to Hwy 14)
- g. Right of Way (Sharon): making personal contacts with some in opposition.
- h. (for next agenda): Signage/Trailheads-(Stephanie). The sign task force presented a report on their first meeting.

IX. Mike Fitch

- a. Mike has resigned from the ANT Board of Directors due to unfortunate technicalities. He feels it would not be wise for him to review plans and sit on our board. He gave such a nice resignation and pledges his continued support and interest in this project. The ANT Board thanks Mike for his support, knowledge, dedication, and interest in this project and we'll certainly welcome him back at any time.

X. Next Meeting scheduled

Tuesday, August 9th
7:00 PM
YMCA

Concerts in the Park
7:00 PM
Each Wednesday