



Board of Directors Meeting  
October 26, 2006  
7:00 pm -9:30 pm  
Jorgensen YMCA

**Notes about the minutes.**

The pre-meeting updates remain in black. Additional notes from the meeting have been added in blue.

**In attendance:**

<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 Repka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Ferguson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art Mandelbaum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gregg Walbridge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Schmitt	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Zielke

**I. Special (surprise) announcement**

- Mr. and Mrs. Vann (representing the Vann Family Foundation) were present when Lynn announced their donation of \$140,000.
- This donation is considered to be key in future fundraising efforts.

**II. For approval-Gail**

- Minutes of 9-21-05 Board Meeting approved

**III. Guests in attendance:**

- **Elizabeth White:** New Administrative Assistant
- 2 Speakers:
  - **Lori Keys**, Indy Greenways Project Manager-prospective candidate for ANT Executive Director Position.
    - Lori presented, via PowerPoint, key areas in which she has gained experience in during her over 4 years with Indy Greenways.
  - **Leslie Kitch**, chair of trailhead committee, volunteer from Bruce Ewing Landscaping, presented the design for the trailhead at Indian Trails Park.
    - (Stephanie) Leslie Kitch will make presentation on status of trailhead project; approval from board will be requested (approval given) so that project can proceed.
    - All board member should e-mail comments/concerns to Leslie at [lesliekitch@earthlink.net](mailto:lesliekitch@earthlink.net)
    - Cost of landscaping is estimated at \$14,500-16,000 (this includes grass, boulders, plants/trees). Leslie has offered to contact suppliers for plant donations.

- ✦ Cost of benches, bike rack, pavers is NOT included in this landscape estimate.
- ✦ Cost of concrete and structure is not known. Weigand has offered to donate this.
- ✦ Needed: itemized plan with estimated costs. This can then be used to show donors how their money can be used (ie, if future trailheads are constructed, we could use this plan each time). For this trailhead, board will need an estimate of expense, after all in-kind donations have been secured.

#### IV. Announcements:

- **Total \$ raised to date:** \$592,166 (less \$62,500 to Greenway Cons.) Updated figure, including Vann donation:  $\frac{3}{4}$  million dollars.
- **Total miles of trails:** 3+ miles (includes the following):
  - W. Hamilton and Covington mile along Covington Elementary and Woodside Middle Schools
  - Aboite Center half mile along Homestead HS and freshman academy, fire-station, VanHoozen Park to Eggeman Rd.
  - Homestead Rd. half mile along Summit MS
  - Indian Trails Park loop-1.3 mile
  - Lutheran Hospital Loop-.2 mile start of campus wide trail
- **Treasury report:** Jane
  - New Gifts to Date: Lutheran Hospital Circuit Pledge program has raised \$59,150 to date with 18 individuals or physician groups pledging \$3000 or more; 9 physicians or groups pledging less than \$3000.
  - Cash on hand as of 10/18/05 \$375,111 less committed funds to SWAC and Engineering studies not yet paid of approximately \$60,000.
  - Jane will hand-out Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss Statement at the meeting
- **New Donors:** Jane
  - Summit Radiology, PC \$5,000
  - Journal Gazette Foundation \$5,000
  - Radiation Oncology Assoc. \$3,000
  - Stumps \$1,000
  - Monogram Shoppe \$100
  - Tower Bank (confirmed with letter \$5,000 pledge over 2 yrs beginning 2006)
  - Various individuals participating in Lutheran Hospital Circuit Pledge program
- **PR:** Leslie

- Recruiting grassroots PR committee to develop plan for distribution of materials to local stores, churches, schools, retail, etc.
- Benefit of the Month – health/fitness. Will send release to local outlets, placed in e-newsletter next week.
- E-newsletter in progress (Lynn Hersberger). Set for distro. Nov. 1st –
- **Fundraising report:** Bill
  - Will distribute hand-out at meeting
- (Elizabeth White) Joey Didier is the new scheduling contact at the Jorgensen YMCA while Shawnette Byer-Metsger is out on maternity leave...please update your contact information 432-8953x214 and is available 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- (Lynn) Marla Irving came out here for lunch and a tour of all of our trails! Went very well.

### III. Discussion/Vote: Summarize discussion, state plan & action on a certain item

- **Executive Director Position**
  - (Stephanie) Executive Director Study Committee will present job description and have discussion on questions/concerns about hiring an executive director. **After much discussion, the board approved the job description and the salary range, stated in the job description, \$45,000-52,000.**
  - Approval for study committee to offer job to Indy Greenways candidate if this particular job description is approved. **The board approved the committee to offer Lori Keys \$45,000 (can offer up to \$48,000) plus \$500 for moving expenses.**
  - **Allocating funds for this salary:** there was much discussion regarding the use of previously donated funds to pay this salary. Sharon Repka & boys, the Reecers and the Ronald Repka Foundation will send a letter to ANT, stating their donation could fund this salary. That will provide approximately 6 months of salary and will allow ANT to secure new donor(s) to fund the remaining portion of the salary. The board is sensitive not to use funds that were solicited on the basis that nearly the entire donation would be used for trails.
  - **Office space:** if/when this position is filled, a committee will be needed coordinate the build-out. The board feels there may be a conflict of interest if ANT were to pay for the build-out of Dr. Reecer's office space. This committee would work to secure donations for this build-out, office furniture, etc. Another option is for the board to do the physical work with donated supplies. This generated some excitement by the board.
- **Trailhead**
  - Design: Approval needed on trail-head design presented by Leslie Kitch
  - Approval needed for Maintenance plan: **Gail proposed placing \$50,000 in endowment with Fort Wayne Community Foundation. FWCF would match up to \$10,000. 5% yield would generate \$3,000 which would cover the estimated annual trailhead maintenance.**

- ✦ Board did not approve this; did not want to “tie up” that much money.
  - ✦ Since no approval, will need to budget \$3,000 annually (recommendation is to double this number).
  - ✦ For future discussion/vote: May need to revisit the idea of slowly establishing an endowment by dedicating a certain percentage of all new donations.
- **Donor recognition levels:** Approval of donor recognition levels-no vote, just general discussion/ok never finalized. No formal approval was done. Board members are to review these levels.
- **D’Andrea property:** Approval needed to make offer for \$75k.
  - (Lynn) spoke to the nephew of the D’Andrea heirs. He said we just need to make them an offer. I want to offer them \$75,000: \$25K from ANT, \$25 from Greenway Consortium which they agreed to and Bob said he thinks he can get us \$25k from the city. Board approved making offer of \$50,000 for this property via letter of intent, contingent on a survey of the property. The D’Andrea family will have no name recognition after purchase of the property. (\$50,000 is justified for the land in that IF we would build trail on the free land that borders this property, ANT would need to spend at least \$50,000 to build a bridge. The bridge on the D’Andrea property is sufficient if the trail is on that land).
- **Bills:** (Jane) Approval given to pay Wayne Asphalt \$9,418 for the Homestead Road trail. Apparently no in-kind donation was made.

**IV. Roundtable:** Summarize the status of each area/department. This includes general information that is not really an announcement or in need of board discussion.

- President, Lynn;
  - **Exec. Director:** Several of us hosted prospective Exec. Director candidate Lori Keys for a visit earlier this month. We did not interview Lori but just introduced her to a number of ANT board and committee members and got to know her a bit. This went very well.
  - **Housekeeping:**
    - ✦ I get a number of leads on things each week that I send to the appropriate person. I really need everyone to get back to me and let me know that you have followed up on that lead, call. I have given my word to someone that they will be contacted and need to know that it hasn’t fallen through the cracks and was handled. Thank you.
    - ✦ If you need to get information to or from someone else in the organization, please use the roster and contact them directly. This would really help me with the amount of email and phone calls I am receiving.

- . **Parkview Foundation:** met with board president. Interested in possibly funding portion of towpath trail. Keep confidential. Will be meeting with her again on this.
- . **MSTKD:** Sharon and I meet with MSTKD. They have agreed to engineer a segment of trail in-kind.
- . **Greenway Consortium:** Met with George DeRoche President of Greenway Consortium regarding D'Andrea property. He plans to step down at the end of the year. Having difficulty filling board with enough enthusiastic volunteer help.
- . **City:** Met with Dawn Ritchie. Requested that she try to get some of the Mayor's trails dollars not used for matches this year to put toward trail construction- not to wait to receive TEA grants to spend the \$500K per year the Mayor allotted. Keep the momentum going and build trails-with our without the help of our state and federal governments.
- . **County:** Still no county MOU. Had good meeting with commissions and Sharon and they said they would sign this month but no word yet. [Just prior to tonight's board meeting, Art outlined, via e-mail, the County's unacceptable changes in the MOU. These are changes that ANT will not accept.](#)
  - ✦ [Sharon outlined 3 approaches we could take with the County and the MOU. The decision was made to go with ii.](#)
    - i. [Continue with negotiations and patiently let the process happen](#)
    - ii. [Walk away from the Commissioners and the MOU for a while. Focus on what we can do with trails within the city. Rely on public input to pressure the commissioners as we make progress in other areas.](#)
    - iii. [There is another option that was not disclosed at this meeting.](#)
  - ✦ [Bill feels it is time for the Vanns, Mac Parker and some ANT members to sit down and see if there are key contacts that could be made with the Commissioners.](#)
  - ✦ [FYI: Commissioners are up for election next year, primaries in the spring.](#)
- . **Lutheran:** if I told in great detail exactly how much trouble they are going to, to support our mission and build a trail loop on their campus, you would think I was exaggerating. It's amazing. Met with 3 from INDOT and 2 from Lutheran regarding some problems they are encountering putting in this trail. They have put in about .2 of a mile thus far and starting on more. Lutheran physician campaign in progress. [Raised \\$60,000 to date.](#)
- . **Vann Family Foundation:** met with them again this week. Gave them a list of choices of specific parts of our effort that they could give toward, at their request. Decision expected one week from now. (possibly by board meeting!) [see Special Announcement, section I of the minutes.](#)

- VP, Sharon;
  - **Fundraising:** I have been helping Reed Miller with his fundraising efforts. We have added three new members to our team, Tom Kimbrough, Carlye Baenen and Anne Karr. Our focus is to complete at least 4 contacts per month and meet with our committee once a month to share progress. (We meet at Biaggi's). Please let Reed or myself know if you know anyone interested in assisting us or if you have a "hot" account we should be aware of.
  - **Government Relations:** I have a meeting on Monday with Ozzie Mitson with the Chamber of Commerce. I have met with The Alliance also. I plan on seeing Senator Lugar, Governor Daniels, Mike O'Loughlin with INDOT, Senator Long, Matt Bell, Jeff Espich, etc. I also work with Shaun Murray with the County Commissioners and Paul Lageman has been helpful also. If you have good contacts with these or other officials, please let me know.
  - **TE:** On Tuesday, Oct 25, I'll be spending the day in Portage, IN with Eli Samaan learning about applying for Transportation Enhancement Applications. (Don't be jealous.) We hope to have success with our '06 application.
  - **Amber Road:** Mike Fitch and I are in contact regarding the Aboite Center Road project and Amber Road widening. The Highway Department will conduct a public meeting regarding the Amber Road widening. It is our hope that a trail will be included when the road is widened.
- (Stephanie) **Stop signs** are almost complete; installation should happen soon; Barbara is coordinating installation of bollards and doing some crossing striping for safety
- (Gregg) Main items are finalization of Eggeman rd. through discussions with Gary Probst on location and the start of engineering by Land Plan Group on Scott Rd. And Liberty Mills.
- (Gregg) We have had an initial meeting with Barb on trailhead design and are finalizing design and funding with Weigand and Bruce Ewing for what will hopefully be spring start and early summer completion.

#### IV. **Calendar:**

- Event: Greenways Summit
  - Date: Nov. 3
  - Time: 9-12
  - Location: Psi Ote Barn behind Parks and Rec. on State Street
- Event: ANT Board meeting
  - Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2005
  - Time: 7:00 p.m.
  - Location: Jorgensen Family YMCA conference room
- Event: ANT Board meeting (IF NECESSARY, to wrap up year end items?)

Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Jorgensen Family YMCA conference room

## **The Campaign for Aboite Trails: Levels of Giving**

Donations as of October 14, 2005

### **Trailblazer \$100,000+**

Lutheran Hospital

### **Cyclist \$50,000- \$99,999**

English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation

Fort Wayne Community Foundation

### **In-line Skater \$25,000 - \$49,999**

Vera Bradley

Ronald G. Repka Foundation

PHP-Physician's Health Plan

### **Runner \$10,000 - \$24,999**

Time Corners Lions Club

Do it Best Hardware

Lincoln Financial Group Foundation

Pyromation, Inc.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott Karr

The Rogers Company

Oakmont Development Co. – In Kind

### **Jogger \$5,000 - \$9,999**

Signature Designs

Phillips Financial Service

Indiana Michigan Power

Ft. Wayne Physical Medicine, Dr. Mark Reecer

Dr. and Mrs. John Williams

BKD

Dr. and Mrs. Scott Miller

Omni Source

Tower Bank

Summit Radiology, PC

Journal Gazette Foundation, Inc.

### **Walker \$1,000 - \$4,999**

Ove W. Jorgenson Foundation

Centennial Wireless  
Homestead High School Students  
Ft. Wayne Cardiology  
Gilbert, Marcos & Merges  
Woodside Middle School Students  
Ft. Wayne Radiology, Dr. Kelly Ferrell  
Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Cooper  
Mr. and Mrs. John Bloom  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dehaven  
Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Wright  
Howard Arnold Foundation  
Aspen Bay Homes  
The Mimi and Ian Rolland Foundation  
Land Plan Group – In Kind  
Swiss Reinsurance Life and Health, North America  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMeekin  
Lassus Bros. Oil, Inc. Foundation  
Dr. and Mrs. David Stein  
Dr. and Mrs. John Ducker, Jr.  
Dr. John Crawford, City Council At-Large  
Dr. and Mrs. Rudy and Rhonda Kachmann  
Drs. Brad and Jean Schantz  
Drs. William and Mary Ellen Argus  
Steven and Laurie Orlow  
The Berning Family  
Drs. Jeffrey and Stacey Hudson  
Anonymous  
Dr. Pamela McCulloch in memory of Stephen Chaykowski  
Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Kelly  
Tom and Gail Herendeen  
Stephen and Barbara McMurray  
Kevin and Pamela Kelly  
Dr. and Mrs. Jim Stevens  
Stumps  
Dr. and Mrs. Mark O'Shaughnessy  
Michael and Mary Yurkanin  
Dr. Peter Hanley and Ms. Patti Hays  
Radiation Oncology Associates