

MINUTES

Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board of Directors

June 11, 2008, 5:30-7:30pm

Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

Present: Jan Axelson, Jon Becker, Don Hammes, Sheri Harper, Muriel Simms, Aaron Stephenson, Dick Walker

Excused absence: Dorothy Wheeler

SECRETARY REPORT - Jan

- 1) Aaron moved and Muriel seconded approval of the May 21 minutes with a correction previously suggested by Don. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 2) Correspondence: The DNR has approved FOCM as a River Management Organization, which enables us to apply for grants.

TREASURER REPORT - Aaron

- 1) Our balance is \$1039.02. Jan moved and Sheri seconded approval of the monthly statement. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 2) proposed expenditures - none

OLD BUSINESS

1. CPI communications update

Jim Welsh (Natural Heritage Land Trust (NHLT)), Muriel, and Jon met with Dennis Tiziani (CPI) and Craig Makela (CPI builder). NHLT is researching land purchase. CPI will pay for appraisal of the Wheeler Triangle.

2. CARPC update

The CARPC vote on Subarea 1 is June 12. Jon will deliver our letter and speak. Don will also speak since Jon will be limited to just three minutes. FOCM supports annexing Subarea 1 to the City, but opposes the amendment to add subarea 1 to the CUSA. At the very least we would like CARPC to delay the decision on adding Subarea 1 to the CUSA so there will be adequate time to examine all concerns raised at the June 12th meeting.

3. Friends of the Yahara Headwaters meeting report

Jon attended their annual meeting. The group is focusing on the area from County HWY V to Windsor Rd.

4. Board general liability insurance

Muriel moved and the board unanimously approved to:

- 1) Re-authorize purchase of the insurance up to \$365.
- 2) Pay for one year.
- 3) Authorize Aaron to sign a FOCM check for the amount as decided in #2.
- 4) Authorize Jon to mail the check to Ansay with a letter asking Cathy Large to bind the insurance coverage desired by the board.

5. Grant applications update

Jan - No word yet on the grant approval.

6. 2008/09 Board director recruitment: update

Jon is continuing his efforts.

7. Northside Planning Council update

Muriel - NPC 's role re CPI development is to keep people informed.

On Oct 10, Mayor Dave will appear at NPC to discuss partnering with NPC on economic development. Muriel can convey our environmental concerns about development to the group and Mayor. Development is being encouraged in the triangle formed by First St., the airport, and Packers Ave.

8. Farmer's Market

Aaron - The Capitol Police have approved our application to table at the downtown farmers market. Our spot is on South Hamilton. We can start June 28.

Sheri, Don, Aaron will table on June 28. Aaron will buy or borrow a card table and get the materials from Muriel. Aaron will call to cancel each week we don't table.

Jan - On July 20, the Northside Farmers Market will have a Water Wonderland theme. Sheri will coordinate our appearances at the Northside Farmers Market.

9. Voyageur canoes event update

The poster is ready. Aaron will obtain beverages at a cost of up to \$30.

10. Take a Stake in the Lakes cleanup - June 14 and June 21

Don suggested sponsoring a clean up next year.

11. Friends of Friends meeting update

Aaron - Russ Hefty will lead our hike on July 9. There will be a potluck tailgate.

12. Bob Birmingham canoe tour of Indian mounds update

Aaron - Sat. Oct 18 was proposed. No confirmation from Bob yet.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Janet Battista has requested to be removed from our letterhead. FOCM will honor that request.

2. Wetland Restoration Act - Don

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is seeking signatures to support restoring wetland protections removed from the Clean Water Act. www.wisconsinwetlands.org has more info.

3. Reversing the loss - Don

Wisconsin Wetland Team consists of people from many environmental groups. At the request of the DNR, the Team has written a 5-year plan for reversing wetland loss in WI. The DNR has approved the plan, which will be released to the public soon.

4. Cherokee Marsh Management Plan - Don

The plan was written by the City Parks Division to support the CPI MOU. Jan will provide a link.

5. Map - Don

Aaron will create a map for us to refer to.

6. Art/Cultural Projects

Jon will investigate art projects. Dick and Sheri will help

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 9, 2008 (WED) 5:30-6:30pm

Location: Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park North Unit

Followed by Dane County Friends of Friends meeting and hike in the park

Rain location: Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library