

MINUTES

Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board of Directors July 9, 2008, 5:30-6:30p

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

Present: Jan Axelson, Jon Becker, Sheri Harper, Muriel Simms

Absent: Dorothy Wheeler, Don Hammes, Dick Walker, Aaron Stephenson

Guest: none

SECRETARY REPORT - Jan

1. Review/approve May board minutes. Muriel moved to approve the minutes of June 11 with Don's correction previously emailed to Board members. Sheri seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. Correspondence - see below.

TREASURER REPORT - Aaron

1. Monthly balance update. Aaron sent a summary report via email to Board members.
2. Expenditure requests: forthcoming purchases, expenses, etc. - no discussion

OLD BUSINESS

1. Voyageur canoes outing debrief; 2009 date/reservation discussion – The event went well. A signup sheet would be helpful next time. We will request to do it again next year during Take a Stake in the Lakes week.
2. Outings update (incl. R Birmingham paddle tour of Indian mounds, OCT). - Aaron. Tabled til next time.
3. Board general liability insurance update - Jon. We have a binder and are waiting for the policy.
4. Grants update – Jan. The grant was approved. We need to submit a form to receive an advance.

Jan moved to accept the grant. Muriel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Jan will draft a letter accepting the grant and will review the materials before sending the agreement. Jon will begin work on the first Northside News ad, which the grant will pay for.

5. Farmer's Market JUN 28 debrief; tabling update - Aaron and Don tabled downtown on June 28, Jan and Jim did the Northside market on June 29, and Sheri did the Northside market on July 6.

July 20 is "Water Days" at the Northside market, and we've been asked to participate. Sheri and Muriel will handle it.

6. 2008/09 Board director recruitment update - Jon. No update.
7. Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership meeting report – Jon. The technical committee is now underway.

8. CPI update. Jon. No progress on Natural Heritage Land Trust assessment of Wheeler Triangle. Jon and Muriel will meet with Dennis Tiziani Friday.
9. Northside Planning Council update - Muriel - There is some question about whether the northside neighborhood plan addresses environmental issues. Muriel will follow up on it.
10. CARPC update - Jon - The group will seek funding for staff, etc. They support appealing the USA approval for Subarea 1 to the DNR. Jon will pursue this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Arts/culture update – Sheri, Dick, Jon (Carolyn Gantner, Mario Quintana). Tentative meeting on Aug. 15 to discuss Cherokee Marsh art show and related events.
2. Lake levels city ordinance update/discussion - Jan - The Parks Commissioners are voting on the resolution tonight.
3. Membership renewal/recruitment - all - Sheri - Aug 17, Sunday, 11-6, is the Triangle Ethnic Fest. Sheri has a volunteer to table for us. There is no charge. We can sell Macy's Shop for a Cause coupon books for \$5 each and keep the entire amount. We can pick the books up anytime. They're good for 20% off on one day in Sept. Muriel moved to participate in the Shop for a Cause books. Jan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. Board meeting planning, remainder of 2008/09 (meet in AUG?, library reservations, annual, etc.) – Jon - We'll schedule an August meeting and cancel if we have no business. Our annual meeting will be on Jan. 17, 2009, 10 am to noon.
5. Wisconsin Wetlands Association awards. Jan will nominate the Parks Division for their work on shoreline restoration in the marsh. Jon will look into nominating the City of Madison for the Cherokee land purchases.

ADJOURN

6:30 Dane County Friends Group picnic potluck & meeting. No additional participants were present for this meeting, so we adjourned.

7:30 Cherokee Marsh restoration tour: hike, guided by Russ Hefty. Cancelled.

FUTURE FOCM BOARD MEETINGS, 2008/09 (tbc)

SEP 10, OCT 8, NOV 12, DEC 10, JAN 7 (WEDNESDAYS) 5:30-7:30pm

FOCM MEMBERS & BOARD ANNUAL MEETINGS

JAN 17 (SAT) 10a-12n

LOCATION OF ALL MEETINGS: Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST:

- OCT 10 Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership / UW Nelson Institute Conference
- OCT ?? FOCM Paddle Outing (R Birmingham Native American mounds)
- OCT ?? Cherokee Marsh art exhibition at WPCRC?