

MINUTES

Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board of Directors 13 AUG 2008, 5:30-7p
Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

Present: Present: Jan Axelson, Jon Becker, Don Hammes, Sheri Harper, Muriel Simms, Aaron Stephenson, Dorothy Wheeler; Absent: Dick Walker (excused)

AGENDA REVIEW - Jon

SECRETARY REPORT - Jan

1. JUL board minutes: approved.
2. Correspondence - none

TREASURER REPORT - Aaron

1. Monthly balance update: \$6184.93
2. We received a letter from Acuity insurance requesting a proxy vote. Unanimous approval to grant the proxy vote.
2. Expenditure requests - none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Voyageur canoes outing debrief; 2009 date/reservation discussion –Aaron –
Aaron will reserve the canoes for next year on Friday evening during the Lake Mendota week of Take a Stake in the Lakes.
2. Outings update (incl. R Birmingham paddle tour of mounds, OCT); Voyageur canoes w/YLLP OCT 10? – Aaron; Jon – The voyageur canoes are reserved for Oct. 9,10,11. Details to be determined.
3. Wisconsin Wetlands Association award nomination update-
Jan – The nomination has been sent.
4. Tabling update; OCT 10 YLLP conference/tabling – Aaron, Sheri; Jon.
Don reports that we can use the DNR's wetland display any time. The Northside Planning Council's 15th anniversary is also on Oct 10. Sheri and Aaron will discuss tabling plans.
5. 2008/09 Board director recruitment update – Jon, Muriel.
Jon spoke with Ann and Steve Pryor, who will attend our Sept meeting. Dana Erlandsen has also expressed interest.
6. Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership update – Don, Jon.
Jon shared info about YLLP partner budget plans, including related draft Dane County FY09 proposals. Support staff for YLLP process likely will be hired soon through DNR, and a website put up.
7. CPI update – Muriel
Muriel - no news. Jon is contacting Tom Gilbert about appealing CARPC's approval of developing Subarea 1.
8. Northside Planning Council update –
Muriel didn't attend the July meeting. Muriel wrote a personal letter to Tim Carlisle, Northside Planning Council Chair, expressing concern that the brochure about north-side issues didn't address environmental concerns except for a mention of "water quality." In response, Tim suggested becoming more involved with the steering committee and City planning department. Muriel will compose a version of her letter to send on FOCM's behalf.
9. CARPC Coalition update – Jon, Don
CARPC hasn't been meeting on USAs since July. The Environmental Coalition is monitoring various CARPC-related projects in progress in other parts of the county. The Coalition is seeking funding for staff/programs.
10. Arts/culture ad hoc committee update – Sheri, Dick, Jon –
Jon is working with the Northside Artists Group for their show in October and beyond. We need to talk to Carolyn Gantner about possibly offering a prize (\$50 value) for the best artwork and providing a map (Aaron) that keys photos to locations.
Sheri - Triangle Ethnic Fest is August 17, 11-6. Sheri will have someone to staff our table but other volunteers would be welcome. Let Sheri know.
11. City of Madison Lake Level Review resolution update – Jan.
The Common Council passed the resolution unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2008/09 Goals: 6-month progress check; confirm/redistribute director roles/responsibilities –
Deferred to next meeting.
2. DNR Grant
 - o 501c3 Application – Jan (Dana Erlandsen)
 - Narrative – Jan
Jan – Dana has the writeup from Jan. Jon and Aaron are working on the financial data.
 - Conflict of Interest Policy – Jon
Jon is looking for one to use, as recommended by Dana.
 - Financials – Jan, Jon, Sheri (see: www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/grants/Forms/RiverFinAdmin.pdf)
Sheri has agreed to be grant financial manager.
 - Grant Hours/rates - Dick has agreed to be grant labor report manager. Each person working on grant needs to provide hours/rate to Dick by email.
(see: www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/grants/Forms/Worksheet.pdf)
 - o Northside News infomercials – Jon
Jon - in progress.
 - o Brochure –
Don will take charge of new design and will try to have a design for approval at Sept.'s meeting.
 - o Friends/Marsh display materials upgrade-Muriel, Jan.
Jan found a source for a display board and will talk to Aaron about doing a map (this may be printed as a banner, for use during upcoming art exhibition).
 - o Telephone / number –
Jon will obtain a number at \$5/month from vumber.com.
 - o NHLT Strategic Planning (Land Use oriented) – Jon
Jon will talk to Jim Welsh this fall.
 - o Aaron will transfer the grant money to a new bank account.
3. Membership renewal/recruitment – all
 - Renewal plan/strategies – defer to Sept.
 - Lit drops/s? - deferred.
 - Other ideas
4. Dane Co. Lakes & Watershed Commission: Request for Letter of Support for application to DNR for grant- Jon –
Muriel moved to approve, Jan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Funder: Invitation to submit request for funding for Friends of Cherokee Marsh.
Jon reports that we should think about a “wish list” for funds.
6. Stopping the loss - Don passed out a brochure with info on wetland preservation.
See last page for board-member authorizations for budget items in the DNR grant.

ADJOURN (to pizza at Benvenutos)

Respectfully submitted

Jan Axelson