

Minutes

Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board of Directors

Wed., Sept 10, 2008, 5:30-7:30pm

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

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

Absent: Dorothy Wheeler(excused).

Guests: Nan Cheney, Daniel Gomez-Ibanez, Lesleigh Luttrell, Virginia Swisher

SECRETARY REPORT - Jan

1. Review/approve AUG board minutes.

Muriel moved to accept the minutes as corrected via email. Aaron seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence.

Jan has postal stamps available for any director who mails Friends correspondence.

TREASURER REPORT - Aaron

1. Monthly balance update.

Aaron made a \$.16 correction in the July statement. The correction had no effect on the balance. Our current balance is \$6185.44.

Dick moved to accept the treasurer's report. Sheri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aaron will soon open a new "linked" bank account for the DNR grant funds, then write a check from the new account to the master account, reimbursing for the check drafted from the master account to pay for initial brochure art design costs.

Aaron will open a new bank account for the grant funds.

2. Expenditure requests

Jon moved to authorize spending up to \$25 by Sheri to reserve space to host a table at the YLLP conference on Oct. 10. Don seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Outings: R. Birmingham paddle tour of mounds, OCT; Voyager canoes with Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership (YLLP) OCT 10 –

Jon – There is a YLLP conference planning session this Thursday. We will aim to do the mounds paddle on Sat., Oct 11. Aaron will make arrangements with Bob Birmingham and Susan Josheff, WI DNR.. The Voyager canoes are on reserve. Jan recommended taking reservations from people who want to paddle the Voyager canoes and volunteered to do so.

2. Tabling, including OCT 10 YLLP conference – Aaron, Sheri;

Sheri will organize YLLP tabling. Jan and Muriel are working on a display. Aaron is working on a map. If anyone wants to do a farmer's market, Sheri has the banner, and Muriel has the other tabling materials.

3. Northside Artists (NSAG) Cherokee Marsh Art Show –

Jon - Carolyn Gantner says that approximately 30 artists will have 2 entries each. Sheri is in charge of our committee to work with NSAG. Our participation can include:

Provide a display for use for the life of the show. (not assigned)

Key the artworks to a map (Aaron).

Present an award to the work that is voted to best represent the ecological values of the marsh, a prize of approximately \$50 value. Aaron will solicit donated gift certificates. Sheri will make a ballot that allows one vote per member of FOCM.

Provide a Powerpoint presentation on Jon's iBook if there is a volunteer to create the presentation.

Post-meeting Addendum from Jon:

- 1) OCT 6 (MON) Warner Park Community & Rec Center installation: 11a onward
- 2) NOV 3 (MON) WPCRC take down will begin in the afternoon

- 3) NOV 3 (MON) Lakeview Branch Library installation: afternoon and evening (viewing thru DEC, tbc)
- 4) NOV 15 (SAT) Meet the Artist reception (beverages and refreshments) at Lakeview Branch Library; w/comments by Friends of Cherokee Marsh and an award from FOCM for artwork best reflecting the ecological values of the marsh (by prior FOCM member vote).

The show opens October 10. The opening night reception has been moved to Lakeview Library, Nov 15, 1-3 pm.

4. Wisconsin Wetlands Association's 2008 Annual Membership Meeting and Wetlands Awards Presentation, Thursday, October 16, 6:30 - 9:30 PM, Visitor Center, UW-Madison Arboretum.

We're all invited. Madison Parks/Russ Hefty won the Enjoyment award for their work in Cherokee Marsh.

<http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/annualmeeting08.htm> - Jan

5. Triangle Ethnic Fest report – Sheri.

We had no income from Shop for a Cause.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Cherokee Park, Inc. –

Jon and Muriel met with CPI's Dennis Tiziani and construction manager Craig Makela. They discussed land availability and prices. Jon informed CPI that FOCM has appealed the USA application for Subarea 1.

7. Northside Planning Council –

Muriel attended the NPC picnic. Muriel sent letter to Linda Horvath (City Planning) about our concerns about considering environmental effects in the Northside economic plan.

8. CARPC Coalition –

Jon, Don. CARPC voted down the USA in Mazo but could reconsider it. An area in Mount Horeb is next. The Coalition is working on procedures such as improving access to documents and equal time at hearings.

9. Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership – Don, Jon.

The group is working on organizational structure and hiring a staff person.

10. DNR Lake Level Review – Jan.

Next week, Jan and Jon will tour the marsh with Russ Hefty, Brett Hulseley (Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission), and others to show the effects of lake levels on the marsh.

11. Natural Heritage Land Trust Strategic Planning (Land Use oriented) – Jon.

Talks are continuing. Prof. Steve Loheide has written a proposal to map springs via infrared photography.

12. Funder: Invitation to submit request for funding for Friends of Cherokee Marsh – Jon.

The funder would like our requests next week. Jon will talk to Si Widstrand (Madison Parks).

PROMOTION AND GROUP BUILDING

13. 2008/09 Board director recruitment –

Meeting attendees Lesleigh Lutrell and Nan Cheney have expressed interest in the board. Jon also spoke with Marcia Finger.

14. Brochure – Jon, Don.

Kristin Redmond of Cricket Design Works is designing the brochure. She will contribute \$600 in kind. We will pay \$360. Don will email us the design (w/new map, by Aaron) and provide time to comment or correct. Don will then contract with a printer. Jon will look into obtaining a grant from Cricket Design.

15. Display materials -

Muriel and Jan are working on a display. Aaron is working on display map, which may be designed for hanging as a grommeted banner, in consultation with Jan and Muriel.

16. Telephone number –

Jon is working on getting the new number working.

17. Non-profit application -

Jan has received the financial and other data to give to Dana Erlandsen, who will then complete her review and get back to us.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept Don's resignation as a non-voting director.

Aaron moved to accept. Jan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Don will continue as an advisor.

2. Membership renewal/recruitment – all Renewal plan/strategies Lit drops? Other ideas

Deferred. Jon will try to email a menu of options prior to OCT meeting.

3. 2008/09 Goals: 6-month progress check; confirm/redistribute director roles/responsibilities –

Jon requests emails about any goals we haven't addressed. Jan will email our goals to all directors.

4. Appoint a representative for lake-level meetings (beginning later this fall).

Jon reported a recent informal heads-up from DNR's Susan Josheff about a forthcoming formal invitation from DNR to provide a representative for a YLAG-like group that will consider Yahara lake levels, convening sometime after OCT 10 and working into 2009. Pending the formal invitation, at Jon's request Jan offered to represent FOCM, which was approved by the Board. In the meantime, Jon suggested considering formation of an ad hoc Lake Levels Committee, comprised of Jan, himself (as alternate) and Jim Hughes; Don indicated interest in participating. Jon also suggested consideration of formulation before OCT 10 of a 1-page Friends policy statement about water quality/quantity issues, including lake levels; he had started work on this some weeks ago, and will send a draft to the board later

in SEP. These ad hoc committee and policy proposals will be revisited at the board's OCT 8 meeting.

5. Tom Nowakowski emailed the Friends group to let us know he just approved a grant for the Friends of Cherokee Marsh group for future River planning. Recommended for us to stay linked w/ Cherokee and Token Creek groups for aligned group goals and planning. Potential networking option with Cherokee Marsh and Token Creek. Action item - coordinate a shared meeting later in 2008 for each group to provide 20 minute updates, then plan for 2009. - Jon.

Not discussed.

6. Sewage spill – Jan

Cami Peterson (DNR) has looked at the sewage spill and will ask the Sewage District to monitor the damage. Don suggested sending a letter from the Friends about the spill. Don and Jan will discuss how to handle it.

7. Habitat for Humanity - Muriel.

Houses are being built along Northport Dr. Muriel will follow up and get more information.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Axelson

FOCM MEETINGS 2008/09 (all at Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library)

BOARD: NOV 12, DEC 10, JAN 14 (2nd WED's, 5:30-7:30pm);

ANNUAL MEMBERS/BOARD: JAN 17 (SAT) 10a-12n

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST:

OCT 10 - NOV 14 "Art of the Marsh: Seeing Cherokee Marsh" NSAG exhibition (Warner Park Community & Rec. Center)

OCT 10 Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership / UW Nelson Institute Conference (8a-5p)

OCT 10 Northside Planning Council's 15th Anniversary Celebration at WPCRC (5 reception; 6-9p)

OCT 11 (not verified) FOCM Paddle Outing (R Birmingham Native American mounds)

NOV 6 thru DEC "Art of the Marsh: Seeing Cherokee Marsh" NSAG exhibition (Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library)

NOV 15 "Art of the Marsh: Seeing Cherokee Marsh" NSAG Meet the Artist Reception (Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library)