

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2020
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Jonathan DeKock
Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Bob Goldsmith, Lisa Ankers

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the January 3 meeting were approved as written.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc reported that he had finalized the new submission and sent it to ConsCom in preparation for the hearing, which is now scheduled for Thursday February 13.

Open Space & Recreation Plan:

Marc reported that David Freedman had decided not to add parcels of less than 10 acres to the Open Space rankings. There were no objections.

Marc presented a draft of the Trails Committee Initiatives, the new seven-year plan to be included in the next OS&RP. The committee reviewed this in some detail, providing suggestions for changes to each item. Marc will revise based on this input and distribute for final review prior to submitting to the OS&RP Committee ahead of the March 1 deadline.

Trekker Award:

Lisa Ankers was presented with Trekker Award No. 44. She had completed all of the trails with her dog Junior, except where dogs are prohibited. She remarked that it had been a very enjoyable experience, having embarked on the project last summer while unemployed. Her favorite trail was the West Tophet / Heartbreak Ridge loop in Great Brook.

Annual Report:

Steve reported that he had almost completed a draft of the Annual Report. Once he has received the financial information from Marc, he will circulate the draft report for review and comment.

Greenough Land Project:

Jonathan reported that he had visited the site on January 28, along with Warren Lyman of the Land Stewards and two representatives from the National Park Service (River Stewardship Council grant) to review their suggestion for a river view platform. Jonathan thought that the proposal was feasible, but noted that the \$1,500 grant would not cover the cost, so the NPS people suggested applying for another grant next year to cover that. Jonathan will include this work in the main ConsCom filing. He also reported that he has received a Memorandum of Understanding from the River Stewardship Council and that the work covered by the grant, which includes the

new boardwalk, trail repair, two benches and repair of existing boardwalks, needs to be completed by the end of the summer.

New Business:

Boardwalk Repair:

Roy reported that he had created an online spreadsheet checklist for a boardwalk inventory, to be filled in with relevant information to help plan repair schedules.

Moonlight Walk:

Steve reported that the Moonlight Walk on January 11 had been very successful, with 28 attendees, unexpectedly good weather and actual moonlight.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve cleared trees on the Woodward Land and Malcolm Meadows.
Roy cleared trees from the Davis Corridor and Rodgers Rd connector.
Bob Goldsmith cleared a tree at Greenough.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for March 6.