

## MINUTES St. Croix Bike & Ped Trails Coalition Board of Directors

Via Zoom – January 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

*Agenda Items Added After Publication are in Italics*

**CALL TO ORDER** – Kyle Lindstrom, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at ~ 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Board members present were Mark Gherty, Susan Heuiser, Pam Kaiser, Kyle Lindstrom, and Paul McGinnis. Dave Mandel and Mark Vanasse were absent as was Alternate Andrew Lamers. Also present were Ben Heuiser, Janet Lindstrom and Tim Witzmann.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Discussion regarding additional items added to the agenda after publication resulted in a **motion** (Gherty, McGinnis) to adopt the agenda with two additional items for discussion. **Carried** with no opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. Janet Lindstrom reported she is doing research on T-Shirts and bike jerseys at a local Hudson business that has the Coalition logo already in place. There will be options for various kinds of apparel. An initial purchase of multiple pieces of apparel will have a lower price/piece when ordered as a group than additional single items ordered at a later date will have. She will report details soon.

Kaiser reported on her attendance at the Open House for Eckert Blufflands Park recently held by St. Croix County. She reported a nice array of story boards and information available to attendees, positive responses from attendees, and helpful answers to questions by County staff. Suggestions are still being taken from the public. The next step in the plan approval process is the Public Hearing on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Community Development Committee.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – November 10, 2021 – A **motion** (Gherty, McGinnis) to approve the November 10, 2022, minutes as presented. **Carried** with no opposition.

**REPORTS** - from subcommittees and/or individuals about information gathered for the Board of Directors Communications Committee – Witzmann indicated items discussed at the Communications Committee meeting were largely included in the Items for discussion. Kaiser indicated a friend had inquired about possible open seats on the Committee. A Zoom meeting will be set up for a small group of Coalition members to visit with Kaiser’s friend before she attends a meeting.

Financial Report – Susan Heuiser reviewed the December Financial report in Vanasse’s absence. In depth discussion was held about money availability in various categories as the 2021 yearly financial report is prepared.

Healthier Together -McGinnis reported there is a meeting of stakeholders in February finalizing topics for emphasis and/or action in the coming year.

Hwy 64 Trail Corridor Committee – Susan Heuiser indicated this group would meet in the spring to discuss the activity along the corridor with TAP grant applications and other construction along the corridor.

Pathway – Susan Heuiser reported the next meeting will likely be in February. There is trail signage placement in the Doar Prairie/Sather Nature Center area planned for the spring 2022. In addition, a trail along County A as it approaches the intersection of Business 64 will be completed in 2022 providing a trail along the west side of the City to improve nonmotorized vehicle safety along that corridor.

Beyond the Loop- Signage correction to the trail in the Doar Prairie/Sather Nature Center be completed in the spring.

Others that may be available -No other reports were presented.

**ITEMS** for discussion and/or action

1. Approval of the 2021 Financial Report – Following discussion of the December Financial report (See above in Reports), a **motion** (Gherty, Kaiser) to approve the 2021 Financial Report. **Carried** with no opposition.

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2. January Fat Tire Event in New Richmond – Kaiser reported she is signed up to volunteer on all three days of the event. No specifics yet from the organizers but she will forward information when it comes.
3. Status of TAP Grant Applications in the County – Janet Lindstrom indicated final touches are being put on the Town of St. Joseph's TAP grant application to connect along Town road Rights of Way and easements to the Town Line between the Town of St. Joseph and the Town of Somerset. Tim Witzman then reported the Town of Somerset is preparing a TAP grant application for the Landing Hill area of the Town largely along abandoned WisDOT Right of Way between County V and VV. Both these pieces are part of a coordinated effort by the Towns of St. Joseph and Somerset as well as the Village of Somerset to complete the trail length from the St. Croix Crossing Loop Trail to the communities of Somerset.
4. Loop Trail Trailhead Event – A list of possible participants, partners and sponsors for this proposed activity was discussed. Consensus was to determine how much assistance other organizers were willing to provide before actively pursuing this event. Other possible events that have been delayed by the pandemic were also considered regarding their viability to reach people. Further scheduled meetings with proposed partners will attempt to clarify roles for this event in the next few weeks for consideration at February's meeting.
5. Status of Lake Mallalieu Project – Gherty reported on the latest steps taken by the local units of government involved in the project (City of Hudson, Village of North Hudson and St. Croix County) to facilitate action on the property. Officials from the three bodies will meet to discuss the next steps.
6. Marketing Proposal for the Coalition – Several members of the Board took the newly created informational material to share in communities and organizations where marketing material is available for people to view and pick up.
7. Empty Seats on Committees and Board – General consensus from the Communications Committee was to take careful consideration into the spring about open seats on the Board and Committees. The Board generally agreed but also will talk to individuals who may be interested in the interim.
8. Memorial for André Johnson – Discussion held was about the kind and location of an appropriate memorial for André to be created with donations made to the Coalition in his memory. No decision was made and inquiries about various options will be made for further discussion.
9. Set next meeting date – February 9, 2022 – The **next meeting** was set for **February 9, 2022**.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD of DIRECTORS AGENDA** – Status of TAP Grant applications, Loop Trail Event, Lake Mallalieu Project, Coalition Marketing Material Distribution, Empty Seats on the Board and Committees, Memorial to André Johnson.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT COALITION AGENDA** – None presented at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A **motion** (Gherty, Kaiser) to adjourn. **Carried** with no opposition at ~ 7:50 p.m.

Sincerely,

Susan Heuiser, Secretary