

Minutes

February 9, 2021

City of Canby Bike and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attending: Mindy Montecucco, Mike Hemelstrand, Cliff Ash, Britt Ash, Russ Heinemann, Kevin Claggett, Bruce Parker, Calvin LeSueur, Jeff Springer, Greg Parker, Scott Trexler, Lupita Zamora

Call to order: 6:33 PM

Approve minutes: Minutes for the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Introductions: Scott Trexler- guest from Molalla River Watch, Advisory Committee for the MFR
Lupita Zamora--volunteering with outreach, Lupita will help us reach a broader demographic-
graduated OSU in 6/2020 Public Health degree. Jeff Springer- our newest committee member, welcome!

New Business: None

MFR: Update from Calvin

-- Ryan Farncomb from Parametrix will give an update in a couple of weeks regarding the MFR development plan. Findings will be shared with at the SAC as well as via another public online open house and newsletter fact sheet. The majority of respondents to the recent survey were white and over 60.--The Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting invite was sent - Feb. 26 at 9:00am.

--The ODOT Community Paths grant was submitted, a copy was sent to our committee. \$150,000 grant to continue to refine our project design. Funds will be awarded in late spring or summer of 2021.

--Molalla River Watch gave some valuable input (ecological insights/education), which was forwarded to the committee through Calvin.

Cleaning the Traverso section:

--Per Scott, a SOLVE cleanup with Molalla River Watch is not finalized but a date is set. They're hashing out the logistics. He'll pass on to the board the idea of doing a SOLVE cleanup on the Traverso section of the MFR, and for the river in that area.

--Calvin: Last week we received 3 letters from concerned property owners, including the Canby Rod and Gun Club.

--Russ: we should dispel misconceptions. Trash is a legit concern, and we should emphasize clean up and trash prevention efforts.

--Mindy: educate the trail users on the importance of respecting the surrounding properties. How should we do that?

--Kevin: Signage (do it soon). Address dogs off leash, staying off the surrounding properties, we need trail heads before people develop their own. Trailhead off of 13th and Elisha or

Macksburg? Parking should be away from where the concerned citizens reside. Need to provide adequate parking before users start parking where they shouldn't. Pit toilet? Garbage cans.

--Accessing the river, especially in summer, has been a problem. Could talk to Jerry Nelzen about signage (per Greg) and Porta-Potties.

--Kevin sent Mindy a good example of signage (no parking, trailhead access, etc.). Mindy will pass it on to Jerry

--Consider dog poop baggies and garbage cans.

--Mindy: Need for signage and public education about how to be responsible trail users and good neighbors to adjacent property owners and farmers.

MFR Funding

—Calvin - National Parks grant-- The grant doesn't give money, gives technical assistance. They help facilitate community meetings, formation of non-profit Friends groups. This is the National Parks RTCA grant. *Bruce and Mindy will work on application due in early March.*

--Kevin is willing to organize a "Friends of MFR," which could potentially become a nonprofit

--Russ: He wrote Steph Noll learn about how to structure a Friends of MFR. She sent an example (Friends of Gateway Green, whose leader, Linda, volunteered to have a meeting with him and anyone else who would like to attend). He also has more examples of "Friends" for other trails. *Russ and Mindy and Kevin will try to set it up for Friday afternoon with Linda.*

--Greg- a 501c3 is not part of the city. There's a memo of understanding between public works and the board of the 501c3. There is the option of doing one through the city, which would have city indemnification. Notify the city, have someone responsible for a sign up sheet. Less opportunities for fundraising, and it would be under the auspices of the city. A nonprofit is more powerful for raising money- grants, fundraisers.

--Mindy- Should there be a local Canby chapter of Molalla River Watch? *Russ will get more info from some of the other groups to see what they've found successful. Scott will reach out to Molalla River Watch and get us in touch with their resources.*

Calvin reminds us that Friends groups can address and help to fund ongoing maintenance.

--Outreach, Calvin and Mindy could present at a Rotary meeting or a Bridging Cultures meeting.

--Lupita manages a Facebook page for her job. We can create one for the MFR project, and call it "Friends of the Molalla Forest Road." possibly...TBD. This could raise awareness and encourage responsible use of the trail. Bruce suggested reaching out to mayor of Vernonia, other trails and how they've benefited the community.

--Britt and Lupita will be meeting to discuss this, and greater outreach to our LatinX and younger community members.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2021

Adjourn: Bruce moved to adjourn, second by Russ. Vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.