

Minutes of Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group

February 17, 2011

The Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group met at 6:00 PM Thursday February 17, 2011 at The Byron City Hall at 680 Byron Main Court NE Byron, MN 55920 507 775-3400

In attendance were: Dave Sletten – Byron Park Board, Dick Leonard – DCTA, Joel Wagar – MnDNR, Dave Rossman – BPAC Members, Lou Kuhlman, and Mr. & Mrs. Milo Bjerke – Land Owners.

General Committee Business: ROCOG has a vacancy on the BPAC committee and applications are available from Muhammad Khan at the County Planning Department. The group has not received the minutes from the January meeting. We looked at the 3-month look ahead schedule and agreed to recontact the horse group and keep the public display boards up at least three months. We looked at the Minneapolis Tribune article on Bicycle safety and the DCTA article on bicycle art.

Trail Planning: We continued our discussion of the Stagecoach Trail through Kalmar Township. Joel reported the DNR staff will be coming to one of the next meetings to discuss the Master Plan. Their goal is to have the Master Plan done by March. We agreed that landowner contact should wait until after the Open House meeting and after the route alternatives are reduced in number. Dave R is to look for the address list, and find out if there is a mailing budget. We also discussed placing the trail study information on Facebook in an attempt to reach the younger folks.

Dave S contacted three local businesses and has permission to install a display of the study area map. Joel will provide the maps. The businesses are Otto's Bakery, The Bear's Den, and the City Hall. The Credit Union is also a possibility. He will need tripods for the display along with survey forms. Joel will provide the maps and have them mounted on pegboard. We also discussed contacting the Rochester Athletic Club for a possible display.

Joel met with the New Haven Township board to advise them of the study and had a good reception. Several study group members went with Joel W when he presented a trail study update to the Olmsted County Park Board.

DCTA: Dick mentioned the Parks & Trails "Day on the Hill" on March 16th. DCTA folks usually form a carpool and riders are welcome. They are proceeding with the assistance of the Dodge County Engineer on studying the alignment and grades of the segment east of Mantorville to the Olmsted County Line.

Look to the Action items for your assignments. Continue to review the routes discussed in the field. The next meeting will be at the Byron City Hall on **3-17-2011 at 6:00 PM.**

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Chair to send out January meeting minutes.
2. MK to rule on use of a Facebook website.
3. MK to provide 3 to 5 tripods.
4. Dave R & Joel to contact the horse group.
5. All – consider attending the "Day-On-The-Hill" event

Prepared by David Rossman

Chair of Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group