

# Minutes of Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group

May 19, 2011

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The Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group met at 6:00 PM Thursday May 19, 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, \_\_\_\_\_ – DCTA, Steve Hennessey – MnDNR, Dave Rossman & John Dinusson – BPAC Members, Milo Bjerke – Land Owner.

**General Committee Business:** ROCOG still has a vacancy on the BPAC committee and applications are available from Muhammad Khan at the County Planning Department. There is still a need for more citizens and land owners on our study group.

**Trail Planning:** We continued our discussion of the Stagecoach Trail through Kalmar Township. The Master Plan is still being reviewed by the Mn-DNR staff and no new comments were received this past month. It is very close to final acceptance by the Mn-DNR. They asked the study group if two Open House meetings would be sufficient. We requested that one be held in Olmsted County to draw more local support such as the RED Team and area land owners. We felt that these types of folks would not travel to Dodge County to attend an Open House. The Open House held in Byron would draw more local attention to the study. The Mn-DNR would like to schedule only two Open House Meetings to save on staff time and travel expenses MN-DNR intends to send 6 to 7 Mn-DNR staff members to the open houses events in order to respond to the detailed quests that usually arise. The Byron City Hall is available for an open house if it is scheduled on our regular scheduled meeting night.

Byron officials have encouraged the new trail to be close to Byron with a possible connection to Kasson then to Mantorville.

Steve discussed the recent tour taken along the west and north edges of Oxbow Park. He felt that this was a very attractive route and that the east exit down to CR 105 looked feasible but would require some landings to meet the H/C portion of the design. This would possible require additional ROW.

Dave S discussed the display of the study area map at three local businesses. The businesses are Otto's Bakery, The Bear's Den, and the City Hall. He has received several phone calls from folks that saw the maps and inquired about the study.

**DCTA:** \_\_\_\_ discussed the County's efforts on studying the alignment and grades of the segment east of Mantorville to the Olmsted County Line. Some of this alignment close to Mantorville may not meet the trail profile requirements and an alternate alignment may be needed.

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 **6-17-2011 at 6:00 PM.**

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Watch for the announcement of the Open House for the Master Plan.
2. Invite other interested parties to attend the Open House events.

Prepared by David Rossman

Chair of Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group