

Minutes of Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group

June 16, 2011

The Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group met at 6:00 PM Thursday June 16, 2011 at The Byron City Hall at 680 Byron Main Court NE Byron, MN 55920 507 775-3400

In attendance were: Dick Leonard – DCTA, Joel Wagar – MnDNR, Dave Rossman & John Dinusson – BPAC Members, and Milo Bjerke & Wife – Land Owners.

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. RASC has a very good selection of our minutes and study materials on their website.

Trail Planning: We continued our discussion of the Stagecoach Trail through Kalmar Township. MnDNR has scheduled the following three Open House Events for the Master Plan. All will be at 4:30 PM. Look for upcoming announcements:

- July 12th in Owatonna.
- July 20th in Mantorville. County Court House
- July 21st in Byron, City Hall

We 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. The public is viewing the study maps and giving comments to committee members. We discussed contacting the Horse Club members for their interest and a possible presentation to their group.

DCTA: The Dodge County Engineer is currently preparing preliminary plans, profiles and cross-sections for the segment from Mantorville to the Olmsted County Line. The initial drawings show what is feasible, ROW needs and meeting design standards. This review has resulted in moving portions of the trail alignment. He is also looking at a segment in Olmsted County along County Road 5 from Dodge County Road 16 south to the bridge over the Zumbro River.

A similar study is needed along a possible route along the west and north edges of Oxbow Park. This is 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 possibly require additional ROW

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, consisting of the Open House Program.

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.

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Chair of Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group