

KRTC Board Meeting Minutes
4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street
Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Present: Keith Lovan, Dixie Moore, Kris and Eddie Farrey, Phyllis Hasbrouck, Steve Wyatt, Cindy Deitz, Glenn Proudfoot.

1. Call to Order:

2. Consensus Items - no consensus items reported. The secretary directed board members to the website where information now is routinely posted. 3. Treasurers Report - no report was received in time for the meeting. Joe Bramer will be resigning as Treasurer. Dave Kjelby will be assuming the Treasurer's duties.

4. Old Business:

A. Web Site Update - Dixie and Boyd Shearer to meet to update the information on the website now that the conference has past. Suggestion was made to put reference to the 15 mile Adkisson Owensboro Green Belt on the website and in list of greenways. 3 segments totaling 8 miles are completed. <http://www.owensboro.org/page.php/Greenbelt/home.html>

B. Display Board - Eddie Farrey volunteered to get estimates on getting a second display board since the current display board is being widely used.

C. Corporate Sponsorships - the new Finance Chair will follow up.

D. 2006 Conference Results

1. 62 people attended the 2006 Conference "Building Trails for A Healthier Kentucky"; a very good synergistic meeting with lots of optimism for the future of railtrails. See Recap article on the website. <http://www.kyrailtrail.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=103>

2. Keith Lovan to send the KY Transportation Cabinet an invoice for \$1500 so they can send KRTC their contribution.

3. Suggestion for next year's conference is to have the Friday Happy Hour open to all KRTC Members and RT supporters to mix and mingle.

4. Keith Lovan to find out who can manipulate Walter Begley's DVD tape of the Dawkins Trip so that it fits a format for the website. He also made a tape of the conference that hopefully will be available.

E. Richmond and Madison County Rails to Trails Meeting. Kris and Eddie Farrey reported on their initial meetings. 14 people are on the steering committee. See write-up on website. Next meeting to be 3/23/06. They are talking about forming local nonprofit to further railtrails/greenways in the county. Richmond has applied for TE funds for a beginning greenway/railtrail, Berea has plans for bike paths and Richmond is beginning to.

<http://www.kyrailtrail.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=100>

5. New Business

1. Nomination Committee - Nomination Committee to meet and bring back a slate for the March meeting. Volunteers to be on the committee, Kristen Farrey, Keith Lovan, Cheryl Wyatt

2. Dixie Moore proposed that KRTC equip the website to take credit/debit cards for convenience and ease. She, the treasurer and Boyd Shearer will look into this.

3. Steve Wyatt reported that Wild Oats has a promotional event "Wooden Nickel" listing KRTC as a beneficiary beginning March 1st thru September. . If customers carry their own bag they

can get a credit which the store will donate. More information needs to be obtained to pass on to the members.

4. Keith Lovan to follow up with Pedal the Planet and Pedal Power re: large newspaper ads and corporate sponsorships.

5. Dixie Moore reported on the preparations for the Lex Big Sandy Workshop. CEU's for local officials and Landscape Architects will be requested. The question is whether the conference will be technical enough for full credit for landscape architects. The challenge award of \$300 from Dr. Proudfoot will be announced at that workshop. The Lexington Big Sandy Cycling Relay is scheduled for July 22 with the rain date of August 9th.

6. Steve Wyatt reported that with the loss of Paula Nye as Bike/Ped Coordinator for the state that the position has not been filled and apparently is going to be shared among other personnel with other duties and thus become a part time position. This is seen as a weakening of the position. Steve had written letters to the Cabinet in support of the bike/ped position. Lynn Soporowski, Lynn.Soporowski@ky.gov, and Brent Sweger, Brent.Sweger@ky.gov, in the Dept of Transportation are the people he suggested to contact about bike/ped issues. It was moved and second that KRTC should write a letter to the Dept. of Transportation asking for the position to be strengthened. Keith Lovan to follow up.

Lisa Brownwell pointed out in an email after the meeting that the original ISTEA legislation in 1991 required that each state have a state bike/ped coordinator in order to be eligible to get ISTEA funds. It appears that this has not changed.

"Each State is required to fund a Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position in its State Department of Transportation to promote and facilitate the increased use of nonmotorized transportation, including developing facilities for the use of pedestrians and bicyclists and public educational, promotional, and safety programs for using such facilities. Funds such as the CMAQ or STP may be used for the Federal share of the cost of these positions. In most States, the Coordinator position is a full-time position with sufficient responsibility to deal effectively with other agencies, State offices, and divisions within the State DOT."

7. KAPA (KY Chapter for Planning Association). KRTC has been a member for several years. Discussion of whether or not to pay annual dues (\$25) or sponsorship (\$100). Consensus was to pay the annual dues and consider having a booth at their conference.

8. Eddie Farrey brought information on the KY Wildlife Management areas (WMA's) that have abandoned rail corridors. Several Kentucky Wildlife Management Areas have abandoned rail corridors inside their boundaries. The WMAs that have rail beds are Ballard, KY State Ridge Forrest, Pioneer, Fishtrap, Beaver Creek, Clark River, and Peabody. He suggested that KRTC start a dialogue with the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Division (FWD) to convert the rail beds into railtrails. The consensus of the meeting was to encourage Eddie in this dialogue and to plan to hike the rail bed on the Peabody WMA in April. .

Eddie explained that it would be easier dealing with one government agency that is also the land owner then working with several city and county agencies and many local land owners. Rail trails fit the stated mission of the WMA by creating recreational opportunities on this land for the general public.

Peabody WMA has an annual user fee of \$12.50 that would generate income for the KY FWD and appears to have the greatest potential to create a rail trail. Peabody is located in Muhlenberg County which has a successful rail trail story. Suggested was starting a dialog between local trail users and the local WMA manager to build a railtrail on the Peabody WMA.

Suggested was that KRTC contact the Muhlenberg railtrail group to determine a Saturday in

April to hike the railbed on the Peabody WMA and to see first hand if there is good potential to build a railtrail on Peabody. Important is to determine if a WMA RT can be connected to the existing trail

KRTC would have to determine if there are any KRTC members in the counties of the other WMA's. Regina Hall said her office would be interested in Fishtrap WMA if we found the potential to build a trail on that recreational area. It would be easier if local KRTC members could work with local WMA managers. A future step would be to survey KRTC members to determine who would pay the annual fee on Peabody to ride a fifteen mile trail.

9. Cindy Deitz brought information on the Get Fit KY Workshop, March 17th 9-2, in Western KY put on by the Green River District Health Department. Sue Fowler and Judge Kirtley are active in the planning. More information will soon be put out.