

KRTC Board Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street  
Monday, July 17, 2006

Present: Keith Lovan (Chair), Robin Reams, George Ely, David Kjelby, Lynda Wilson, Dixie Moore, Eddie Farrey Phyllis Hasbrouck, Cheryl D. Wyatt, Steve Wyatt, Cindy Deitz, Larry Ridenour

1. Consensus Items
2. Treasurers Report: High Points: Total Assets including money in Money Market, \$23,688.02, Net income for the past month 1775.00, expenses 1513.75.

Old Business:

3. Web Site Update: Several members voiced that it was difficult to use find information on the website, particularly past minutes and asked for a site map or a search function.
4. Display board. Eddie Farrey presented information and quotes on display boards, 8 by 8 (\$1800, would fit inside the tent we use) and 8 by 10 ft (\$2500) which has a front and back 4 panel. Both have a case that converts into making a table. Questions were if you could ship the unit/s easily to for possible setup in distant parts of the state and how much the units weighed. Eddie Farrey explained that Corman is a local distributor and the units are made elsewhere.
  - a. The motion was made to proceed and to have Cindy Deitz and Eddie Farrey make decision as to the final choice and to purchase a display board for amount not to exceed \$2500. For possible shipping they were advised to keep the box in which it was received. It was noted that our first and current display had 50% of the purchase price paid by the Lexington Visitors and Convention Bureau , David Lord, Director. Suggestion was made to solicit a corporate sponsor for the display and possibly have the display sit in their store or office space when not in use.
5. Two separate motions were made and passed by consensus. The first was that the Madison County Greenway Group would be represented on the KRT Council with a Representative. The second motion was that Gail Kulp serve as their representative.
6. Phyllis Hasbrouck reported that she has not been successful in contacting Pamela Moore. She is to get more information and ask Pamela Moore to develop the proposal more. Lynda Wilson said that the quilt project was started by Rural Development to improve tourism in the smaller counties.
7. Dixie Moore reported on upcoming plans for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> relay. See consensus agenda.
8. Larry Ridenour presented a proposal to develop a regional plan and meet with people county by county along the Lexington Big Sandy. He is to prepare a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission in October 2006 for funding of a feasibility study. He is asking for reimbursable expenses for mileage and postage and compensation of \$30/hour. The position of interim rail trail coordinator was approved by the Council with the amount for his time and expenses not to exceed \$2700. Time and mileage to be documented and a monthly update provided. .

9. Larry Ridenour provided a summary of the activities in Clark County. The group is prepared to nominate and elected officers. Jon Walker has agreed serve as President for one year and Tim Cooper Sec/Treasurer. While technically still the Bluegrass Rails Trail Foundation it has evolved to be representative of only one county, the foundation effectively will be split up with the assets distributed among the three counties. . The question arose as to what mechanism is best for local RT support in Fayette County, a subcommittee of KRTC or some other form. . Larry expressed that he would like to see a regional nonprofit for the Lexington Big Sandy.

New Business:

10. Lynda Wilson requested start up money for the Little Mount Trails Commission to become a nonprofit so they can receive donations which will then be tax deductible. The Council voted to give the Little Mount Trails Commission \$500 for start up expenses. Eddie Farrey for the Madison County group and Linda Wilson for the Little Mount Trails Commission will meet with Bill Gorton to develop the applications for nonprofit status. Keith Lovan to help coordinate the meetings. They (Montgomery County) have received \$100,000 in grant money for railtrail project.

11. There is to be a Volunteer Fair August 5 at Farmers Market, 9-12. KRTC was asked to do a booth in front of Fifth Third Bank with a \$25.00 charge. No interest was expressed by the group at this time.

12. UK Volunteer Fair Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 11-12. Larry Ridenour said that he would attend and showcase what KRTC is doing.

13. August 21<sup>st</sup>, Keith Lovan will meet with UK students to cut honeysuckle on the Brighton East.

14. Bluegrass Community Foundation Community Grant Proposals for \$5000 and \$2500 are due. They focus quality of life for underserved populations. Cindy Deitz and the Madison County Group to check for possibility of funding a RT related project.

15. Helen Siewers has volunteered to organize a trip to the Virginia Creeper and will encourage people from the counties of the Dawkins Line (Johnson, Breathitt and Magoffin) to attend. TBA

16. Dave Kjelby, the treasurer, pointed out that in this meeting the Council has voted to spend in \$5700, approximately \_ of the total assets of the Council. He said fund raising should be our next priority.

16. Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 21, 2006

Consensus Agenda , 7/17/2006

1. Relay plans. Councilman Jay McChord and Sandy Shafer, Mayor Isaac, and possibly Sen. Chandler plan to attend the send off. Joe Bowen will be somewhere in the relay. A group of The Todds Rd Stumblers plan to show for the opening and a horseback rider is also expected. Eastern Hill Saddle Club will be on the corridor east of Olive Hill about same time as cyclists. Cyclists from Etown plan to attend. . Pyllis Hasbrock, Bll Fortune,

George Ely and Cindy Deitz plan to assist in the morning and Cindy has volunteered to drive a SAG vehicle. Have asked George to be KRTC spokesperson and emcee. Dixie will also be driving a sag vehicle. 5 welcome relay riders signs were made and distributed along the route. Newspaper, TV and radio stations were contacted. Mt. Sterling newspaper and the Ashland paper are writing stories. After the relay will send out krtc clips to riders and other participants from the names on the waiver sheets. Weather predicted: mostly cloudy, 75 degrees, 20% chance of rain. Great biking weather.

#### Lead Relay Riders

From Lexington – Tim Terry, Marea Matthews, Brigit Starr, Steve Liner, Patrick Wesolosky

From Pine Grove – Robin Reams, Jim Hilke

From Winchester – ones from Lexington

From Mt. Sterling to Salt Lick – Morgan McIlwain, David Moore

Salt Lick to Grahn - Steele Hinton, Gordon Towell, Jim Gullet, John Haight

Grahn to Rush – Ashland Cycling Enthusiasts in two stages, one for hybrids around the bridges and then road bikes from Hitchens to Rush

#### 2. Helen Siewers reports:

Report from Bowling Green: A breakthrough this year for Greenways-related funding.

\$368K in TE funds for joint application by Bowling Green and WKU for shared use path between main campus and south campus. Future plans for shared use path through main campus to downtown.

\$196K in Safe Routes to School funds for bike/ped safety at five elementary schools, plus sidewalks and other infrastructure improvements.

\$50K in Recreational Trails Program funds for maintenance of new properties in the Greenways system.

\$4K from Preservation Services Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for engineering study and interpretation of cultural resources along future Portage RR rail-trail.

\$300K in Bowling Green's F07 Capital Improvement Plan for Greenway construction.

\$200K in Bowling Green's F07 Capital Improvement Plan for new sidewalk construction (a first!).

TOTAL: \$1.118M . Wish us luck in executing all of this!

3. On July 11<sup>th</sup> Keith Lovan, Cindy Deitz, Dixie Moore met with Knox Van Nagell and Parke Carter, Chase Bank Representative to discuss the next phase of the Brighton East. Knox explained that the corridor on her family's farm, Brookfield, is a wildlife sanctuary; they use the corridor to move cattle. Keith to talk to Tim Dewitt and Margaret Graves of the Bluegrass Conservancy about what restrictions are in place.

4. On June 27, 2006, the Partnership for a Fit Kentucky held an Obesity Strategic Planning Session for the Hazard Region, which consists of Breathitt, Floyd, Lee, Leslie,

Letcher, Magoffin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, and Wolf counties. The focus of the organization is on building healthy nutrition and physical environments in five venues: Schools, Family and Communities, Worksites, Built Environment and Healthcare. Rails-to-Trails is an ideal addition to the built environment. The plans for a trail within the Hazard region was discussed with everyone agreeing that trails offer an excellent opportunity for physical activity. Committees were formed to represent each of the venues and will meet quarterly throughout the year to discuss activities in each of the communities represented.

5. 11.9 million in TE Funds awarded in KY through the Transportation Cabinet. Several greenway and trail related projects were funded. And at first glance it appears that more greenway and trail related projects were funded this year than in prior years. Information from <http://kytcnewsroom.ky.gov/News/6-30-06.htm>.

Among the projects were: Section of A.J. Jolly Bike Trail in **Campbell County**, **Fort Thomas Memorial Parkway Shared-use Path**, **Olive Hill C&O Depot Acquisition** to serve as a Visitor's Center and trailhead, **Owensboro Adkisson Greenbelt Trail** - Final Phase - Construction of remaining 5 miles (15 total) of the paved trail system that links the community, **Lexington Healthway Trail** - Construct 10 mile shared use trail around the Lexington Christian Academy and Shilito Park area , **Richmond US Hwy 25/421 Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Project** - Repair 624 linear ft. of brick sidewalk, conversion of old L&N rail corridor into a 1/2 mile trail, **Paducah Greenway Trails System** - Construct 11,636 ft. of trail along the Ohio River, **Mt. Sterling C&O Train Depot Restoration** - Stabilize structure, new plumbing & wiring, ADA access, depot will serve as a welcome center (student FBLA club project) Will serve as a trailhead for "Rails to Trails", **Bowling Green Community Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities** - Shared use paths connecting 8 schools, rec. facilities, neighborhoods and other community businesses and facilities

6. PROPOSAL for INTERIM TRAIL COORDINATOR  
for the LEXINGTON-BIG SANDY RAIL TRAIL  
for consideration by The Kentucky Rails to Trails Council  
submitted by Larry Rideour

A. Scope of Work

1. Meet with each County and City legislative body to present the proposal and obtain a resolution to be submitted with grant application and cost sharing.
2. Prepare the grant application for submission to Appalachian Regional Commission due in October, 2006.
3. Provide technical assistance and coordination on an as needed basis to trail advocates and organizations along the LBS corridor until the grant is approved or denied.

B. Compensation – itemized expenses up to \$2,700.

C. Usage Statistics for kyrailtrail.org - Last 12 Months  
<http://kyrailtrail.org/webstat/>

**Summary by Month**

Month	Daily Avg			Monthly Totals						
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
<b>Aug 2006</b>	4566	3651	2303	670	4470	1877823	14081	48379	76682	95895
<b>Jul 2006</b>	5596	4522	2444	711	6460	3166601	22063	75790	140212	173480
<b>Jun 2006</b>	4665	3760	2209	801	6181	2529989	24051	66299	112814	139965
<b>May 2006</b>	4313	3425	2050	676	6038	2245875	20968	63552	106189	133710
<b>Apr 2006</b>	4526	3539	2090	656	5652	2263997	19708	62715	106197	135795
<b>Mar 2006</b>	4293	3455	2205	756	5873	2281355	23466	68371	107108	133083
<b>Feb 2006</b>	3951	3123	1737	497	4552	1769564	13916	48657	87465	110637
<b>Jan 2006</b>	3420	2641	1494	423	3756	1751383	13129	46339	81871	106026
<b>Dec 2005</b>	2582	2106	1452	465	3876	1424495	14417	45032	65289	80061
<b>Nov 2005</b>	2751	2241	1535	466	3936	1449559	13990	46056	67239	82552
<b>Oct 2005</b>	3171	2592	1642	457	4242	1897951	14172	50921	80356	98303
<b>Sep 2005</b>	2912	2384	1413	461	4191	1327729	13839	42415	71536	87368
<b>Totals</b>						23986321	207800	664526	1102958	1376875