

KRTC Board Meeting – Monday, April 16, 2007
4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street

Present: Keith Lovan (Chair), Dixie Moore (Secretary), Phyllis Hasbrouck, Ben Woodard, Cindy Deitz (Board Member), Cheryl Wyatt (Board Member), Steve Wyatt (Board Member), Griff Baute, Lynda Wilson (Board Member, representing Little Mount Trails Commission, Mt. Sterling), April Haight (DBRT)

Persons not members of KRTC: Brad Flowers (free lance writer) Ginny Grulke (Executive Director, Kentucky Horse Council)

1. In lieu of consensus items the calendar from the website was reviewed.
2. Treasurer's report – accept treasurer's report. At the end of March approximately \$21,000 was in the stewardship fund and \$8250 in checking. Income was \$2305.00 for March (New memberships, renewals and other contributions); expenses were \$388.60
3. Ben Woodard presented some ideas that he and several others in an ad hoc corporate sponsorship committee were working on. (Ben, Larry Ridenour, George Ely, Dixie Moore and Steve Wyatt).
3. A discussion about a booth at the July 4th Lexington Festival was held. The festival falls on a Wed. The Secretary volunteered to poll via email the listserv for volunteers. The listserv will also be canvassed for volunteers for Arbor Day on April 28. Griff Baute said he would help recruit volunteers perhaps from BCC. There is a push to make the parade more "green." Brief discussion of having an entry. No action taken.
4. Update from the Website. Dixie Moore and Boyd Shearer continue to make small adjustments to the site. Comment was made that it is easier to find things.
4. Display board – It was moved, seconded and approved to spend up to \$250 to update the map for the big board. Dixie Moore brought up that a list of the current corporate sponsorships should be attached to the board. Lynda Wilson asked to be in the rotation to get the big board to show in Mt. Sterling. April Haight asked for a display board for the Tour De Knobs. One of the display boards will be at Lexmark Earth Day, 4/18/07. KRTC received a nice thank you from the Coalition Share Fest 2007 for our display.
9. Keith Lovan gave an update for the Brighton East Rail Trail Dedication. The following are sponsors for the event. Whitaker Bank, Homewood Suites by Hilton/Hamburg, Ryan's Grill, Buffet, and Bakery (Formerly Fire Mountain Grill), Starbuck's Coffee, Cosi's, Pedal Power, Pedal the Planet, Schellers Fitness and Cycling and Cave Run Bike Shop.
12. Keith Lovan asked for a nomination committee to be formed. As a first step Cheryl Wyatt said she would poll the current officers and board members to see who would like to continue to serve in their current position.

13. Cheryl Wyatt presented a proposal to the board concerning a national program, Safe Routes to School, directed at increasing walking and bicycling to schools for kids. She explained that in KY, those federal funds are processed through the SRTS coordinator in the Office of Special Programs of the Transportation Cabinet. In order to help this federal program succeed and be renewed, a national partnership was created by Bikes Belong www.bikesbelong.org and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Nine states, including KY were chosen to benefit and participate in the SRTS National Partnership. Applications from the states for a part time State Network Organizer have been solicited.

Cheryl has asked the board to sponsor her application as the State Network Organizer from KY. KRTC will not have to provide office support since Cheryl will work from her home and Bikes Belong will cover approved expenses and receive her reports. KRTC would provide Bikes Belong with documentation of 501©3 status and allow its name to be associated with the project. Wyatt would be designated the “contractor” from KRTC. The board approved the proposal through email vote and the application was submitted by the April 12th deadline. Applicants will be notified after April 20th.

The State Network project will link existing advocacy and government leaders associated with health, bicycle, pedestrian, youth, education, and smart growth to ensure that the SRTS federal program succeeds and the funding is spent on viable projects. The website for the program is www.saferoutespartnership.org

15. Fayette Alliance – Keith Lovan received a letter from the Fayette Alliance a non profit organization in Lexington that is proposing a greenbelt around the urban service boundary. The letter explained that the organization is supporting a buffer zone to separate the Urban Service Boundary from the Rural Service Area. This buffer zone would serve as a separation from the developed area of Fayette County from the undeveloped areas and surrounding farm land. In the letter, Fayette Alliance was promoting the idea a trail within this boundary as a way for to build support for protecting the rural countryside in and around Lexington. Keith stated that rail trails within Fayette County would also serve the same purpose and that we should seek their support.

16. Ginny Grulke, Executive Director, of the Kentucky Horse Council spoke about goal of wanting to develop trails, find commonalities, problems with maintenance and the necessity of building trails properly so horses can use them without damage. They have an n active trails committee. They plan to have a three day course in November on how to build trails for horses, or multi use trails that would include horses. . Mark Riter will be the speaker. She spoke about how Knott County is developing 40,000 acres into an area for horse trails, to promote tourism in the county. She indicated that the KY Recreational Trail Authority, which is now in the tourism department, might be an agency that KRTC would want to interface with. The main interest of the KY Recreational Trail Authority is ATV’s. She mentioned Debbie Spencer as a person who is good at grant writing.

17. Lynda Wilson showed us a map of the proposed area for trails in Montgomery County following the bypass and the old CSX. The map was a prepared by Greg Gilvin and showed much detail.

18. April Haight reported that DBRT in Rowan County is collecting easements.