

Center Grove Trails, Inc.

Regular Monthly Meeting on April 8, 2008
7PM, White River Library

Attendees:

Forest Chambers	Roy Carlsgaard		
Matt Douglass*	Jeremy Pell		
Pat Sherman*	Kim Crame*		
Anita Knowles*			

* CGT Directors

Meeting Minutes:

Opened meeting - 4 board members present, 3 regular members

Previous Meeting Minutes - Meeting Minutes of 2/25/2008 were presented. *No formal approval documented, Kim will need to review during meeting on May 20.*

Safe Routes to Schools Grant (SRTS) –

- Anita reviewed acknowledgement from Center Grove School Corp that the closing of West Grove Elementary is pending and therefore the SRTS grant received for a trail connecting West Grove to the Wakefield Subdivision will need to be forfeited. Alternative proposals for the SRTS grant were discussed as a possible way to retain the current grant or to receive a new grant next year.
- Applications for the next SRTS grants are due May 31. There are only two school board meetings before the deadline. *Anita will contact school corp. to add the SRTS grant to the agenda of an upcoming meeting, possibly as early as next week.*

Tax Exempt Status -

- 1023 Application was mailed about two weeks ago, waiting word from the IRS that application has been approved. (NOTE: On May 5, Anita received a letter from the IRS that the tax exempt status of CGT had been finalized - more to come at next meeting!).

Recap of Field Trip to Carmel on Monon (March 15) -

Approximately 12 people participated in the field trip. Ron Carter, Executive Director for Greenways Foundation led the field trip. The field trip consisted of a review of the new Monon Community Center and a walk along a stretch of the Monon Trail which connects the Community Center to the Arts District in Carmel. The group witnessed lots of exciting developments along the trail including a new Carmel Concert Hall.

Community Outreach -

National Trail Day (June 7th)

- This year's slogan is "Join Us on the Trail".
- CGT is planning to host another walk to raise awareness for trails on June 7th.
- Considering using same route as last year but increasing the publicity and expanding the participation.
- May invite bike groups, CG Cross Country Team, and/or a radio station.
- Discussed having a Fire Truck / EMT at the walk.

5K Walk / Run

- Discussed the idea of planning a walk / run possibly in the fall.
- Josh Kendall may be available to assist with race coordination.

CGT Merchandise

- Discussed purchasing decals, water bottles, t-shirts to help promote CGT.

Strawberry Festival (June 13)

- CGT planning to host a booth at the Strawberry Festival again this year.

Meeting Adjourned - Kim made motion to adjourn, Anita seconded motion. Meeting adjourned.

Italics = Action item to be transferred to CGT Action Tracking List.

Next meeting is: May 20, 2008 (Tuesday) - All meetings are scheduled at 7pm at the White River Library.

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