Greenbelt & Trails Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6:00 PM Crow's Nest (no hybrid)

Members Present:

Dean Dyson
Mary Ann Wagner
Tamra Ingwaldson
Sandy OHara-Nelson
Dan Richter
Janet Richter
Sue Klemp

Guests: Mike Berni, Terry Bruso and John Ingemi

It was moved by Sue K. and seconded by Sandy O. to accept the December 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Dan and Janet Richter have attended 3 straight months of committee meetings and therefore were eligible and agreed to become members of this committee.

2. Trails update – Dean

Dean reported that he and Dan R. have been trying to make maps of usable sizes of Lake Limerick roads marked so members could follow the roads and some trails for hiking around the community. John I. said and demonstrated that he had a program on his computer that can make copies of the Lake Limerick plot map of the desired sizes. This means this project can move forward. Thanks John.

3. Litter issues – Tam

Tamra reported that Adopt-a-Road litter pick-up program is ready to go and waiting for better weather. An article was put in the LLCC newsletter, that should be published soon, asking for volunteers to do the training and do the picking-up. Although the program working with the County on litter pick-up is along Mason Lake Road, it is hoped and expected that others will work at cleaning up litter along the streets inside the Lake Limerick community.

4. Dog Park – Dean

It was brought up to look at the dam area again as a possible spot for a dog park because it is centrally located, already fenced, would cost less. The main objection was having unleashed dogs coming together with walkers who may be afraid of dogs or that some dogs may be aggressive towards the walkers. Sandy O. was going to explore what it might take and cost to keep the walkers and dogs apart. (Note: Dan R. discovered the day after this meeting that there are Washington State regulations that prohibit a dog park like what is being proposed from

being with in 200 feet of a Salmon stream. This would rule out the dam area as being considered for a dog park.)

Dean reported that he canvassed 15 neighbors of the proposed dog park on the road of Tralee about their thoughts of having a dog park near their homes. 14 said that they had no objection and thought it was a great idea. One was against the idea because it would bring more noise and maybe parking problems to the area. Also, that the park may attract drug activity. If this area becomes a dog park, ways to keep any problems from happening need to be explored.

Dean reported that work, thanks to Terry B. and Dan & Janet R, has been going ahead on trying to find property lines on the Tralee properties. With this information then the design of the proposed dog park can go forward especially where the fences could be placed, and costs can be estimated for fences and other needs.

Terry B. said that he would work on signs for a dog park.

6. Develop a policy for cutting down trees in greenbelt

No work has been done on this topic this past month. Since there is no official LL policy for tree removal Dean will check with the CAM and staff to see what criteria they have been using in the past to determine which trees need to be cut down and if an arborist was needed to help determine this. Then a policy can be built on this.

Another topic that needs some work is the encroachment of members onto greenbelt areas.

Next meeting February 2nd at 6:00 PM in Crows Nest

Submitted by Dean Dyson