

**OAKLAND COUNTY  
TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL (OTAC)  
November 15, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kristen Myers at 9:03 a.m. in the commission room of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission's administration building.

**PRESENT:**

Kristen Myers, Kristen Wiltfang, Joe Figa, Merle Richmond, Bruce Austin, Susie Sulla, Richie Sulla, Caryn Robinson, Brittany Bird, Todd Scott, Melissa Prowse, Kristen Bennett, Jeff Edwards, Amy Murray, Heather McAtee, Jacy Garrison

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Todd Scott, supported by Kristen Bennett, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2006 OTAC meeting. The motion passed on voice vote.

**TRAIL NETWORK UPDATE:**

- Paint Creek Trail representative Kristen Myers reported that they will be interviewing 18 consulting firms for consideration to complete a boundary survey of the trail. The survey is scheduled to be done this winter.
- Amy Murray reported that the Polly Ann Trail is receiving user feedback regarding the trail and that Orion Township is working on resurfacing a 2 mile portion of the trail.
- Clinton River Trail representative Bruce Austin reported that Rochester Hill's millage passed and the funds will allow them to proceed with resurfacing the last portion of the trail.
- Woodward Corridor Trail representative Todd Scott is assisting with the development of a non-motorized transportation plan for the City of Royal Oak.

**MDOT NON-MOTORIZED COMMITTEE UPDATE – Jeff Edwards**

MDOT Metro Region representative Jeff Edwards gave a brief presentation on the Metro Region Non-Motorized Advisory Committee. Two representatives from each county (typically a representative from Parks and one from the Department of Public Works) serve on the committee.

The committee's first goal was to put the various non-motorized plans together to formulate one plan and to include the guidelines used for developing these non-motorized transportation plans.

The second goal has been the I-275 bike path revitalization. This trail is in poor condition and needs an asset management study done. After the first of the year this study/analysis/inventory will begin. Requests for recommendations and/or input regarding this project will be welcomed.

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### **OTAC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The 2005 Goals and Objectives were reviewed and comments received. It was suggested that this document become part of the OTAC Trails Master Plan document and include a work plan.

An OTAC Trails Master Plan committee was formed (Kristen Myers, Amy Murray, Larry Falardeau, Melissa Prowse, Kristen Wiltfang) and will begin meeting the first of the year. The following suggestions will be considered for incorporation into the work plan for OTAC goals and objectives:

- Boiler plate options for trail projects
- A video/presentation available for local communities regarding OTAC offerings
- Inventory of work products available
- Resource guide for funding
- An "introduction packet" of OTAC services for new trail groups
- Collection of the existing trails history

### **TRAIL COORDINATOR'S REPORT – MELISSA PROWSE**

OTAC Trail Coordinator Melissa Prowse attended the Designing Healthy Livable Communities Conference, a Michigan Recreation and Parks Association trailways committee meeting, and a GLS Greenlinks open house. A brief review of each event was given and materials from these events are available upon request.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Todd Scott reported that Proposition 1 passed protecting monies designated for parks/trails.

Senate bill 924 is not yet passed, but needs to be to allow for State park motor vehicle permits to be sold.

### **PATHWAYS FOR PEOPLE TRAILER**

Melissa Prowse shared a 2-minute trailer titled: Pathways for People. The full documentary on trails and greenways in southeast Michigan will be completed by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in the spring of 2007.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Dan Harrison of MMBA was recognized as an REI Steward of the Environment and as a result of that award MMBA has received a check in the amount of \$20,000. MMBA will use it to set up an endowment fund.
- On February 11 MMBA will be hosting their annual Expo at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006** in the commission room of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation administration building.

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The meeting was moved to 10:00 a.m. so that a holiday luncheon may be held immediately following.

*- Melissa Prowse, OCPR*