

TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 2002
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Dan Navarre, Dan Duncan, Chris Doozan, Mike Hartner, Bill Stark, Bret Rasegan, Todd Scott, Kristen Wiltfang, Todd Kauffman, Dot Lalone, Amy Murray, Brian Blaesing, Ken Hudak, Merle Richmond, Megan Wiswesser, Ralph Richard, Sue Julian, Pam Kirbach, Daniel Stencil, Joe Figa, Dr. Christine Vogt

MINUTES:

It was moved, supported, and carried to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2002 meeting, as written.

POSITION REVIEW:

Ralph Richard reported on the status of the trails coordinator position, noting the job description is at Oakland County Personnel for review and approval.

MSU TRAIL PROGRAM:

Dr. Christine Vogt, professor at Michigan State University, explained about the two-year study her department recently completed on the Pere Marquette Trail. It provides research on who is using the trails and for what purpose. Dr. Vogt also showed a video that was completed on the trail; the video will be available as a resource opportunity throughout the communities in the state.

Dr. Vogt also noted that a grant has been written for a second study. Three trail systems will be the focus of this next study, which is planned to get underway in a few months. Anyone with recreation master plans or other information on their trails can send it to Dr. Vogt for consideration for inclusion in this study. Focus of the upcoming study will be to provide a comprehensive view of the benefits of a trail system and to estimate benchmarks for trail managers to use to better design, construct, and manage trails.

Other reports her department has available:

- Users
- Residents and businesses near the rail-trail
- Recreation master plan
- Tourists
- Overview of use estimation by trail managers

Reports are available at the following website address:
www.prr.msu.edu/trails/pere_marquette_rail.htm

SELECTION OF INTERIM TAC CHAIRPERSON:

Nominations were accepted for Amy Murray, Chris Doozan, and Dan Navarre to serve as interim TAC chairperson for six months beginning January, 2003.

It was moved, supported, and carried to elect Chris Doozan as the interim TAC chairperson for six months beginning January, 2003.

It was moved, supported, and carried to elect Dan Navarre as vice chair for six months beginning January, 2003 and as second interim TAC chairperson for six months beginning July, 2003.

STUDY COMMITTEES:

Meeting attendees signed up to serve on at least one of the four subcommittees - mapping, funding, marketing/partnerships, and technical support.

The mapping and technical support committees, plus the funding and marketing/partnerships committees are scheduled to meet together an hour before the next general TAC meeting. Committees will be asked to discuss direction, tasks, and responsibilities for review at the general meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

No comments were made.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, in the commission room of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation administration office for the subcommittees, followed directly at 10 a.m. by the full TAC meeting.

Karen Kohn CPS/CAP