

Walk! Bike! Brockport

Minutes: October 14, 2010

Present: Ray Duncan, Bill Andrews, Norm Frisch, Lucille Ribble, Nancy Washer

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm

Main Street Reconstruction: Ray Duncan

Bill Andrews was also at the meeting representing Historic Preservation
Flashy crosswalks, curb outs, roundabout are all in the plan
i.e. all our recommendations

Scott Sullivan is the engineer in charge
went over the plans with Sullivan
should be completed by 2011

have benches, artwork
continuing to work on gateways
will there be a meridian near the trestle?

Bill Andrews: traffic is slowed by having trees along the road
they will replace and add trees once they're done

Ray Duncan: Brockport looks sharp as a result of our projects
trees are due to Margay Blackman

Lucille Ribble: nice article about Margay and the tree board by Doug Hickerson

Norm Frisch: signs indicated Main Street will be closed for a while

Bill Andrews: resurfacing and recurbing right now

Grant programs relevant to WBB!!! Projects: Bill Andrews

Two handouts/programs:

Parks and Trails Capacity-Building Grants for Groups

up to \$3000 for non-profits who are working to build and maintain trails
covers activities not covered by existing grants

skills, processes, and resources the group needs to survive
the Brockport Development Corp would have to be our fiscal agent
organization and start-up, consultants, equipment—a huge long list
not for general fund, capital costs, trail development, giveaways, and other things

Ray Duncan: should we talk to Pete Randazzo about his trail?
or does something jump out that we could use it for?

Bill Andrews: we could use it to put together a brochure
or to pay for a consultant to help us promote the trail

Ray Duncan: Is there a deadline?

Bill Andrews: not obvious on publication

Recreational Trails Program

latest round in this granting program
Town of Sweden has gotten two of them in the past

but remember the trolley line trail issue . . .

apparently between David Wagenhauser and Buddy Lester, but they're both gone, so maybe it will work now

Ray Duncan: would we run into the trolley trail issue again?

Should we give the information to Pete Randazzo?

Bill Andrews: It's probably something the town should apply for, with our help and support

Norm Frisch: who sponsors it?

Bill Andrews: US Dept of Transportation/Highway Administration from the gas tax

Ray Duncan: have you talked to the town?

Bill Andrews: not yet

Norm Frisch: Is there a cap on the award?

Bill Andrews: \$200,000

Norm Frisch: we could use it to connect the trail to the canal (i.e. expand the existing trail)

Ray Duncan: could I take these two brochures to Pete?

Bill Andrews: no, I'll take them to Jack Milner

note: the original plans were to connect the Sweden Town Park Trail to the canal

Santa Train: Ray Duncan

Requested volunteers to run this at the last two meetings

No one has volunteered—is this a sign?

will check with Barb and Joe Blosenhauer, Mike and Linda have done it, Ute and Ray have done it

lot of work, make \$400-600 from it

if we give it up, someone else will be willing to take it up

What would happen if we give it up?

What other options do we have for fundraisers?

And we're selling a lot of junk food—is this really appropriate?

Discussion

Nancy Washer: it seems like a lot of work for not a lot of money

Lucille Ribble: if there's construction going on, there may be less response to Santa Train

Ray Duncan: also it depends on the advertising for it

I'll send around an email to the effect that we're probably not going to do it unless someone wants to take over the organization of it.

Norm Frisch: that's probably it for us and Santa

Lucille Ribble: amazed by the numbers of people who ride on the train

Ray Duncan: We could focus on other fundraising

Norm Frisch: Mike did the auction

We resolve to drop the Santa Train fundraiser.

Winter Meeting Schedule: Ray Duncan

Ute and Ray Duncan will be in Cambodia, then Phoenix until April

do we need monthly meetings over the winter?

could we make more use of the internet?

we offer no winter activities
but some members (not present) like monthly meetings

Discussion

Norm Frisch: will you be in contact?

Ray Duncan: yes, by email

Norm Frisch: the individual subcommittees could meet

the fearless leader could send out periodic reports from Phoenix

Ray Duncan: we could request reports from individuals

Nancy Washer: we could have a facebook page (not completely a joke)

Norm Frisch: could have due dates for reports or regular reports

Bill Andrews: there's no need for a meeting if there's nothing to discuss

Nancy Washer: but if something comes up, then we could call a meeting

Norm Frisch: the person calling the meeting would chair the meeting

subcommittee chairs would have a responsibility to report to Ray on activities

We develop a new winter operating procedure—embrace the electronic age

Regular reports from subcommittee chairs to Ray

Meetings can be called between November and April for specific agenda items.

Person calling for a meeting, then chairs the meeting

Other business

Bill Andrews: Arts and Aesthetics has met and has agreed to undertake the rehab of the billboard near the railroad trestle

have a way to repair the wood frame, but working on possibilities for refreshing the painting

decide to wait until spring to work on it

Norm Frisch: there was a suggestion to take down the stuff that's hanging down

Bill Andrews: we will discuss that at the next meeting

Ray Duncan: Sullivan said they took down a couple of trees, it will make it more visible Alexandria Bay gateway again

Bill Andrews: is the Alexandria Bay Gateway on a state highway? DOT doesn't allow an archway over the roadway—it's a distraction

Ray Duncan: maybe something at the roundabout, can't do anything with the trestle

Norm Frisch: talked to Bob Ryan about putting a billboard on the south boundary of his property

Bill Andrews: it was to be a mural with the theme of diversity of Brockport

Norm Frisch: also thought about involving the school district: a tiled sort of thing did some sketch-ups

Ray Duncan: we have \$3000 in our general fund, we voted at the last meeting to devote \$2000 to the Gateway project after Main Street is done

Ray Duncan: Pete Randazzo reported that few attended the Health Lecture; perhaps we should wait a while to offer another one.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Next likely meeting will be in April