

# **Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail**

## **Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 28, 2006**

- Meeting is called to order. Welcome guests.
- A motion is made by Dennis Tipsword to approve current meeting agenda and is seconded by Chuck Mabley.
- A motion is made by Marty Osborne and seconded by John Tarantino to accept the month of October minutes.
- President's report – Dennis mentioned how the newsletter seemed to spark some interest in regards to participation.
- Treasurer's report by Chuck Mabley for the month of October gives an end of month balance of \$6,050.13. John Tarantino makes a motion which is seconded by Marty Osborne to accept.
- Trail Commission Meeting (courtesy Chuck Mabley):
  - There will be no December meeting.
  - County has received several donations on behalf of the FMOT. These donations include the Ford Motor Company.
  - A request for a storm drain at 29 Mile and Van Dyke
  - Crumb says that yearly steel coating of trail, to help increase lifespan of trail, is being looked into.
  - In order to save money, the TC is looking into how to best maintain the trail.
  - The Apple Blossom Run will be held on April 21, 2007.
  - The feasibility of a trail connection between MetroBeach and Stoney Creek is being looked into.
  - Mile Markers are being installed in Phase I.
  - Phase II and Phase III will be worked on in spring.
  - Armada wants to create a park and link with the trail.
  - The FMOT is seen as the eyes and ears of the trail. They will also involve other non-profit groups.
  - The sheriff's department can present to the FMOT on involvement.
- Al Goetzinger, involved in the Armada parks and rec. dept, wanted to let the FMOT know that there is support for the trail in Armada and he wants to put together some general info. It was said that Al is working as an "ambassador" of the trail in Armada.
- Covered bridge report (Neil Kocsis):
  - The engineers did put in "knee braces" to get away from using metal trusses for aesthetics
  - The architect suggested different angles to make it more standard.
- Membership Update (courtesy Dave Rumohr)
  - There were 21 new or renewals following "warning" note.
  - The numbers kept the group alive for the beginning, but there is no need to "carry" anyone anymore. This will help in saving money on postage.
- Newsletter – (Big THANKS go to Lee Rumohr!)
  - The cost will be going up. Estimate on the printing cost is \$109.00.
  - Marty Osborne suggested checking with the county to see if they have access to less expensive printing costs. Dennis will talk to Anthony Casasanta.

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by Christine Hamilton  
FMOT Secretary*

- Next newsletter will go out in March possibly. We'll watch for the date on the opening of the trail and discuss next year.
- Future consideration of an electronic newsletter?
- The newsletter could be made available online, according to Neil Kocsis.
- Historian – Nothing to update.
- Activities and Events – We will discuss the 2007 events next year. Some possibilities will be in Richmond depending on the trail opening.
- The next meeting will be January 23, 2007. John Tarantino makes a motion to set up the next meeting date calendar at the January meeting. Marty Osborne seconds.
- We will count ballots next meeting.
- There will be future discussion about the involvement of the FMOT. The Trail Commission says that the FMOT is vital. One idea is to start a program to adopt a trail/mile. It doesn't look like we will be involved in maintenance. This will be a city responsibility. Maybe the FMOT can coordinate responsibility of service involvement such as schools.
- There was a complaint about the mile markers being off.
- Local bike groups have already started organizing weekly rides on the trail.
- Meeting adjourned. Motion made by Marty Osborne and seconded by Dave Rumohr.

*Next official meeting is Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at Camp Rotary.*

Attendance (\*Indicates board member)

David Rumohr\*  
 Lee Rumohr  
 Marty Osborne\*  
 Dennis Tipword\*  
 Chuck Mabley\*  
 John Tarantino\*  
 Al Goetzinger  
 Neil Kocsis  
 Martha Wolfe  
 Christine Hamilton\*