

Friends of the Cal-Sag Trail Minutes

FOCST Board Meeting

January 25, 2022

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7pm - 8pm

Call to Order: Steve at 7:00pm

Present: Dan, Bill, Julie, Karen, Steve, Peter, Gayle

- I. Minutes approval – Gayle
Dan moved; Karen seconded; all aye
- II. Treasurer Report – Brian No Report – Dan will check in with Brian
- III. Debbie lunch report – Julie.

Debbie, Julie, and Gayle met at Pekoe and Bean in Tinley Park to deliver the remarkable collage-like artwork that Julie created as a memento of Debbie's time as President of FOCST. It was nice to see Debbie, and she extended greetings to us. Debbie mentioned the Boat Tour that has been postponed several times due to COVID. She reminded us of the minimal deposit and suggested we discuss this event and make a decision. It will be on the February agenda. Debbie is still very interested in FOCST and already planning her bench celebration.

- IV. Trail construction progress report – Steve
Nothing new to report. The Marquette Greenway map shared on the FOCST Facebook page has many, many views.

- V. Bench update – Steve
Jeannette has the price for materials that Rick had given us. Steve asked her to verify if that price is in line with what she thinks. Steve asked if he and/or Brian can get into see benches to check them to see if the two bolt holes dimensions used to mount a plaque are in the

right place. Sally sent her template with what she wants on her plaque. She has not gotten back to us yet. Steve will consolidate the information and give it to Trophies Are Us in Dalton. Costs may have risen since we received an estimate.

VI. Progressive Bench event National Trails Day, June 4 2022 – Jim

Jim emailed he is ready to begin working on it, but needs details. We will set up committee meeting to work on this. Julie is suggesting 2/3/22 at the Blue Island Library at 6:00. Julie will get in touch with Jim. The committee is Jim, Steve, Julie, Karen, Brian, Gayle. Dan is on standby. Others?

VII. Board retreat - Who likes February? Can it be Zoom? With virus surge, we cannot meet in person for an extended length of time. Steve does have some things to start working on this year – benches. Steve will start a list of things to initiate this year for brainstorming and send it out to the board for additions.

VIII. New business – Dan

- A. Worth was awarded its loan to do bike path. The plan is a ramp on Harlem on west side to train bridge to parking lot. It will be put out for bid next month. Rich confirmed with engineer that they received grant.
- B. William Rice on has asked on FB for minutes to be posted on our FOCST website. Steve indicated he would do that.
- C. What is our role with the east end? Would Leslie Phemister, Transportation Planner, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, like to be a FOCST Board member? Maybe we, including Leslie, should meet with mayors on east end to just check in with them and bring them up-to-date. There is significant trail construction ahead. We could talk a little about the trail and the history. Maybe if Leslie is not interested, she can recommend someone or one of the mayors to be a board member. Peter said Southland Mayors' meetings would be a good place to get on the agenda.

IX. Next meeting 2/22/22, 7:00 – Place TBD

X. Adjourn!

Julie Moved; Bill seconded; all aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:33