Minutes of the Meeting: September 1, 2022

Board members present: Brian Wetcher, JoAnn York-Gilmore, Kit Gerwels

Staff present: Bob Vaux, Steve Phillips, Darby Jordan

Guests: Ellie Kravets

Meeting held in person and via Zoom and called to order at 6:05PM

Minutes: August minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Public Comments:
None

ACFL Dams Update:
Still ongoing, no updated information.

Water Quality:
Bob shared that the team is still regularly testing and all results are within normal and safe recreational limits. There has been no sickness in any pets reported. Bob also shared that Heart Lake will be treated soon for Milfoil and Yellow Flag Iris. There are signs posted now as well as additional signs put up at the time of treatment by the company doing the work.

Friends of the Forest Update:
Ellie was in attendance for Asa. She said planning is in full swing for their fall fundraiser to be held on November 5th. Ellie also shared that the Trail Ambassador program had its last weekend over Labor Day weekend, and they are compiling information to be reported soon. The Friends are working toward a tighter partnership with Transition Fidalgo. Transition Fidalgo has the inhouse expertise scientifically and the Friends will assist with the organizational support. Ellie classified herself as a rouge CC'er and will keep everyone in the loop with emails and information on all topics.

Parks Commission Report:
Jo-Ann reported on the August meeting of the Parks Commission. The Community Youth Center is in the early stages of funding, partnerships and trades. The Skate Parks continues to progress with the preliminary design done and talk of adding a pump track. The Parks Board spoke about the possibility of moving the crosswalk for safety of the users. The Rotary will be in attendance at the next Parks meeting to present their designs and ideas for the Cap Sante view point.
Jonn gave a quick update on the Tommy Thompson trestle fire that occurred on August 30th. There are no details on the investigation yet. The last fire

occurred on October 15th, 2009 and was reopened on June 17th, 2010, however due to the changes in permitting and regulations, the trestle is not expected to reopen that fast this time. At this time, bicyclists are being asked to use highway 20 to bypass the trestle.

ACFL Trail Committee Report:
Bob reported that Bruce Rustad has done some work on trail #118 near the gate to the wolf habitat. He has taken a 40 foot section and reduced it to an efficient 20 feet, returning 20 feet to the forest. This has been an ongoing project and all permits were obtained.

Staff Reports:

Steve had nothing to add to his written report. He did express again a huge thanks to our seasonal staff. They were an absolutely amazing crew to work with this summer!

Bob spoke about a tough interaction with a homeowner in the Parkside neighborhood regarding a tree they had topped in the buffer between their yard and the forest land, the NGPE. Kit is on the HOA board for that neighborhood and suggested a reminder be sent by the HOA to all residents. Parkside was the first development to have these easements or setbacks.

Other Business:

Bob reminded everyone about the Summer volunteer work party hosted by the Friends and parks staff. This will be on September 10th and will be on trail #132. It was recommended by the Board to City Council to close this trail and that will be the project.

Adjourn at 7:07pm

Respectfully Submitted by Darby Jordan