

ORF Subcommittee Updates – April 8, 2024 meeting

Trails Completion

Running list of activities- for use in reporting committee activities to the rest of the Commission
(via Michele Rohrbach)

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The Project Team met 3/12/2024 to discuss outcomes of the design charette.

Meeting outcomes include:

- Next steps for evaluating the alternatives and which alternatives
- Establish website for the project – but need to wait until pertinent property owners contacted

Talking to private property owners

- KLJ identifies property owners and sends out the names to ORF / RFF members to see who knows who. David Varner can provide info regarding specific properties under conservation easement.

GVIC Canal Maintenance Road

- Would support trail easement on private property on south side
- Would also support some shared use on a future north road where the sewer easement line is going into. Would still need to

Decided to evaluate trail segment alternatives rather than full trail alternatives (Trail Segment 1a, 1b, 1c, etc.) because there are multiple potential alternatives for each segment.

Decided not to proceed with a public meeting until after more information is gathered and conversations with specific property owners have initiated. (We don't want them to find out for the first time that their property is being considered for feasibility in a public meeting.)

Marketing, Education & Partnerships

Marketing, Education, Partnership March 11, 2024 Meeting Notes

In Attendance - Stefanie, George, Jane, Nicole via phone, Michele

Inspirations:

Michele said the Foundation was invited to apply for an Xcel Foundation grant in the amount of \$20,000. The Foundation decided to apply on behalf of the Confluence Center. She thinks

invited because of Jamie. She added that Xcel donated money for Jamie's 2023 volunteer hours. She will keep the group posted on status of grant.

David C. talked about the recent trail meeting and that GVIC representatives were in attendance. Reps stated they are not in favor of canal bank trails.

Updates:

Oral History Project - Nicole stated the project is in the editing phase. She is waiting in the last group. Michele stated she has heard back from the last group of people. Kurt isn't able to participate until after ski season so it looks like the project will have to wait until then. She has schedule availability for everyone else and will work with Nicole on getting something set up.

Social Media - George continues to post announcements about ORF rides, and Arnett Sign Celebration - March 28th - George asked attendees to take pictures, reposts partners announcements and will post the CRCS info once Michele shares that info.

Creating a partnership with CMU Mass Media department - Jamie unable to attend.

Meeting Topics:

Trail Sign and Etiquette/Slow Your Roll Project - Jane said still needs large GIS maps. Michele has requested them twice. She will contact Chris again.

George said one UTC member plans to attend the next ORF meeting and will bring their priority list (noted the list isn't available to the public).

Michele will contact Lou about getting a meeting set up. George and Jane to attend if available.

Videography PSAs to talk about trail etiquette. Get to TV stations for PSAs. See if the Daily Sentinel would do an article. Michele would like to include it in her next e-newsletter. Check with Nicole to see if she knows of a student that would be interested in doing the video to have for their portfolio.

Ongoing/Monthly Bike Rides - George said there is a Saint Patrick's Day ride on Saturday. Sarah and her husband will lead and sweep one route. He and Jane will lead the other to Corn Lake. Michele will pick up Case for Support to have available at the picnic shelter at Dos Rios.

Sarah is looking for help on April 27th, National Trails Day. See email below:

On Mar 5, 2024, at 11:08 AM, Sarah Brooks <sarah.brooks@mesacounty.us> wrote:

Hi All,

Just an update on this event. I am going to host this event through Mesa County RTPO, but in terms of the free materials I listed RTPO, City of GJ, and ORF as the community partners. I plan to lead a ride starting from Lincoln Park at 10:00 AM on 4/27 through town and over to the Riverfront Trail and eventually back to Lincoln Park. I have not yet finalized the route, but will send the info as I do get it finalized. The thought of starting and ending at Lincoln Park is to incorporate Southwest Arbor Fest. I will coordinate with George and the City in terms of social media communications and I have already created a FB event, and have included ORF and a joint host in the FB event page, link below. Henry and I plan to mark the route with the free yard signs and roadway adhesive they send. Let me know if anyone wants to join the ride on April 27.

<https://fb.me/e/8oTAz3BjK>

May is Bike to Work month. Chris Brown is doing a ride for kids on May 18th. ORF could participate or do something separately.

George talked about adding walks now that the weather is getting nicer. Michele would like to have a calendar of the rides/walks on the website since many people do follow social media.

George will be out of town for Southwest Arbor Fest so he will give Sarah the banner to take after Saturday's event.

Other Business:

Grand Valley River Fest - Michele asked if everyone read Kate Ramsay's email. They had and think ORF should participate. Michele will send out a sign-up sheet for both Southwest Arbor Fest and River Fest.

Awards Given at Concert Series - George asked if there were any nominations to date. Michele said she hasn't received any. Everyone said they'd think about names. David C. talked about the fish program at Palisade High School. Discussed type of award to be given. Michele reminded the group that ORF doesn't have anything in its budget so would need to ask RFF for funds. George said he could come up with something in his garage. Michele mentioned the smaller rocks George gave her. She will check with Carlson Memorial to see if they sandblast the ORF logo on them. Jane said she can get Michele lots of rocks (Michele to email her template of size she is looking for).

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm