

LVRTC Meeting Minutes
February 11th 2009
Stone Grill Restaurant

Attending Committee Members: Danny Hale, Steve Larrabee, Jim Hill, Dave Polow, Zeke Zucker (Vice Chair & Acting Secretary), Red Goodman, Laird MacDowell (Chair)

Absent Committee Members: Mike O'Hara, Bethany **Remmers**, Dan Zucker, Mike Farmer

Other Attendees: Bryant Watson, **Alan Robertson**, Larry Donna (VTrans Rail), Ken Hoepfner, Jesse Hudson

Laird MacDowell called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report:

Due to their having been published so close to the meeting, it was decided to read the contents for all in attendance. Laird read the minutes aloud and the following corrections were made:

Mike O'Hara and Zeke Zucker were included as Attending Cte. Members

In Bryant Watson's Report, the last line was revised to read: Request for jurisdictional opinion has been completed and submitted to the District Environmental Coordinators.

In the LAC Report, the last item was revised to read: Larry Donna commented that he has received many complaints and has forwarded some to VAST and his superiors.

In the Friends Report, the words 'spoke for Red' after Dave Polow, were deleted

In Fundraising, the spelling of the coordinator's name was changed to read Hoepfner.

The revised Report was then accepted after being so moved By Dan Hale and Seconded by Dave Polow

Financial Report: None.

Dave Polow wondered why our Committee needs permission from VTrans to obtain funds. Bryant explained that it is because the money has already been obligated.

Bryant Watson's Report:

- We are still waiting on the Act 250 Jurisdictional Opinion
- 3 Requisitions have been submitted to VTrans, covering 5 VHB invoices and 4 from PPE&C.

- We currently have a total of Approximately \$179K of in-kind credit, which should cover the engineering and permitting as well as some of the initial construction.

Alan Robertson's Report:

- The 3 public meetings have been accomplished in Danville, Swanton and Morrisville.
- The next hearings on the 25% Conceptual Design are proposed for the middle of March, or later.
- VHB is reluctant but ready to go and waiting on the Act 250 decision.
- The standard for the trail surface is now to be 8' of Sta-mat with a 3' grass strip on either side.
- We are waiting on the Act 250 decision and working on clarification of matching vs. non-matching dollars.
- On Bridges: The responsibility status for the Fisher Covered Bridge was discussed and Scott Newman volunteered that it is his, but we are waiting on both historical and archeological reports on the structure.

More on historical bridges, there is a possibility that one or more could be moved from elsewhere to the LVRT corridor as a means of preserving them.

LAC Report: No report due to Bethany Remers absence

Friends Report:

David Polow reported that they haven't yet heard anything regarding the Enhancement Grant Submission.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

- Law Enforcement – Danny had nothing to report

Related Items:

* Bryant commented on a law enforcement effort, stating that a task force will be concentrating on the Ward Hill Road area this coming weekend.

* Larry Donna added that VTrans Rail has contracted the Caledonia Sheriff's Office to conduct patrols to enforce speed limits and curfew adherence, as well as to check for registration possession and DWI. These will be done at random times and locations. He said that setting this up was quite easily accomplished.

- Communications – Nothing to report but Red Goodman suggested that VAST send a press release regarding the recent law enforcement efforts

- **Maintenance** – No report due to Al Spitzer's absence

- **Policy & Development** – Nothing to Report

Fund Raising—

Ken Hoepfner reported that he sent out 45 new request letters for a total of 1,049. Of that total 111 have been rejected and responses have not yet been received for 938.

He said that he has been discussing with WPTZ the possibility of creating an advertising plan, featuring some 10 to 20 thirty-second spots.

Ken also suggested the possibility of participating in a Round-up Program.

New Business: There was none

A motion to adjourn was made by Red Goodman and seconded by Danny Hale.

Laird adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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