



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal / Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 3-13-14

Time Meeting Started: 12:00pm

Time Meeting Ended: 1:05

Members		Also Attended	
Jim Schuneman- Chairman	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Dave Hahne- IDNR	P		
Brian Tribley- Firehouse Ministries	P		
Tim Wilson – RF Tourism	P		
Dave Blanton - RRDA	P		
John Larson	P		
Mike Sterba	A		
Larry Spinka	A		
Tim Keller	A		
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order	Meeting called to order at 12:00pm in the Rock Falls Council Chambers	Meeting Begins 12:00pm
2. Approve Minutes	Minutes were reviewed and accepted by the committee	Minutes Approved
3. Unfinished Business	Alderman Schuneman explained that the committee has presented their report to the city council. He mentioned that we do currently have leases with the IDNR for various sections of the canal. He stated that we should keep the lease of the Arduini boat ramp separate due to it not being a utility lease, and dredging work to be done	Committee recommends that that the Mayor and IDNR begin talks for lease and annexation.
4. New Business a. Identification of trails (three)	Alderman Schuneman explained the 3 trails. They were identified on the computer monitor for the committee. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Riverfront Trail 2. Former Railroad Trail 3. Hennepin Canal Trail Assuming that annexation will occur Alderman Schuneman would like to focus on the Hennepin Canal trail. He explained that the Railroad trail will at some point be excavated for the installation of a new sewer main. There was much discussion about what to do with the end of this trail.	A map will be created before the next meeting dividing the Hennepin Canal Trail into sections to plan projects, and focus areas.
b. Begin Discussion of the committee's 5 year plan	The Committee would like to make a list of projects. These will be discussed, and their priorities will be determined. Some of the projects discussed today were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ramps to connect Linville Crossing to the Hennepin Canal Trail 2. Wood repairs, and painting od Linville Crossing 3. Street marking, and signage of the Rail Road Trail from the end of the soft trail south of Dixon Avenue, north to East second 	Committee members will bring a list of their ideas to the next meeting. Pastor Brian Tribley was named the committee's volunteer coordinator, and he will oversee, and give direction to individuals, and groups who are volunteering for trails projects, as well as other community improvements.

	<p>Street.</p> <p>4. Removal of trees and shrubs from the old telegraph poles between Linville Crossing, and the Industrial Park Bridge.</p> <p>5. Addition of telegraph poles from the IDNR, Kiosk, and designation of a canal “historic area” between Linville Crossing, and the Industrial Park Bridge.</p>	
c. RRDA Meeting Times	The RRDA meets on the 3 rd Monday of the month. Dave Blanton gave a summary of the RRDA annual report. The next meeting of the RRDA is March 17 th , 2014 in the North end meeting room of City Hall.	No Action
5. Committee member items	Mr. Tribley stated that the Canal trail does have a lot of benches, but he believes that more picnic tables could be useful he suggested placing them at Dixon Ave. Days Inn Centennial Park	No Action

Committee Chairman