

Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee Meeting July 23rd, 2020

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July 23rd, 2020

9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails Commission Host

WebEx

Updates and Announcements

Next Meeting: October 22nd 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Meeting Host: Department of Natural Resources

Meeting Location: WebEx

Action Items

- DNR staff will post the approved June 25th meeting minutes onto the PTLAC Website
- PTLAC members should plan to sign up for their desired subcommittee by emailing Margaret no later than July 30th

Minutes

Members: Andrea Christoffer, Cecily Harris, Heather Stirratt, Jason Hanson (absent), Jim Shoberg, Jon Oyanagi, Les Ollila, Louise Segreto (absent), Margot Imdieke-Cross (absent), Matthew Lindaman, May Yang, Pat Stieg, Pete Royer, Poppy Potter, Randy Sorensen, Sumbal Mahmud, Tim Mitchell.

Liaisons: Emmett Mullin, Renee Mattson, Tom Ryan (absent), Erika Rivers, Laura Preus

Staff: Gratia Joice & Margaret Krueger

Introductions and Welcome

May Yang led the introductions and opened the meeting. A special thanks to everyone for their patience in using WebEx today.

Alternate Chair Selection

The PTLAC will vote today to select the alternate chair. The role of the alternate chair is to support the PTLAC by filling in in the event that the chair is unavailable. The candidates for alternate chair are Pat Stieg, Pete Royer, and Cecily Harris. Each candidate introduced themselves & gave a quick summary of why they are interested in this role. Next May Yang opened up the floor & put it to a vote.

With a majority of the votes, Pete Royer has been elected as the Alternate Chair for 2020. Congratulations, Pete!

Continuing Conversations on Racism in Public Spaces

May opened the floor to the PTLAC & asked members: What topics are you interested in when discussing racism in outdoor spaces?

Discussion Summary:

- Inviting members of the public to share their stories that wouldn't otherwise have a seat at the table

- Legislatively, the PTLAC's role is to champion the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan by providing recommendations to enhance promotion, coordination, and accountability throughout implementation of the plan.
 - How can the PTLAC initiate real action & create an interface with the three agencies when we are charged with this mission?
 - Examining what other outdoor organizations do to reach out to minority groups is the first step
 - Researching these methodologies & trying to duplicate those practices within our policy is key
- Given our current roles within the PTLAC, how can we meaningfully initiate change when our role is positioned to provide guidance, but not necessarily implementation?
- Researching what people of color are experiencing in outdoor spaces is important
- Hearing regularly from the three implementing agencies to make their systems more equitable would be valuable
- What are other agencies around the state doing to make their systems more equitable?
- Creating a stronger connection between the 10 Implementing Agencies in the Met Council with the PTLAC would be highly valuable
 - Agencies are doing a lot of work to address systemic racism, but how can they learn from each other to do better?
- When the 25 year Legacy Plan was developed, the four pillars were outlined:
 - "Taking Care of What We Have", and "Acquiring Lands, Creating Opportunities" are the two pillars that receive the largest proportionate share of Legacy funds
 - "Connecting People & the Outdoors" and "Coordination Among Partners" are pillars that receive a smaller proportion of the Legacy funding
 - Directly addressing systemic racism within the 25-year plan is something the PTLAC should explore
 - There continues to be a lot of interest in strengthening accomplishments reporting on the four pillars.

Funding Workgroup Updates

Context of the Funding Workgroup

Laura Preus began by describing the context of the legislatively mandated Funding Workgroup, which is tasked with negotiating a consensus recommendation on the Parks and Trails Legacy funding distribution between the three implementing agencies. The PTLAC is tasked with effectively consulting with the Funding Workgroup on this recommendation. In October of 2019, the PTLAC had an extensive conversation regarding the process of this consensus recommendation. Bob Bierscheid, the former chair of the PTLAC, attended the first Funding Workgroup Meeting in January of 2020. At the beginning of this negotiation process, he provided the funding workgroup insights and feedback from the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee. In response to COVID 19, the Funding Workgroup has agreed to extend the deadline for the consensus recommendation to August 15th & the Funding Workgroup are currently in active negotiations.

Information Shared With the Funding Workgroup

Laura began by describing the materials & presentations given to the Funding Workgroup, which provide workgroup members with unique perspectives & consulting ideas from the PTLAC & its Liaisons.

1. Coordinating With Partners Presentation

- This presentation was given to the Funding Workgroup in an effort to provide context on how Coordination with Partners creates a seamless network of Parks and Trails through the work of the PTLAC.
- This presentation focuses on the work of the PTLAC & the implementing agencies including 25 Year Plan accountability, 10th Anniversary Regional Events, joint projects between agencies, research, & restoration evaluations.

2. Plain Language Comparison Tables on Shared Interests

- This table summarizes the inherent differences in each system's measurements & data between the Metropolitan Council, DNR, and GMRPTC
- Next this document outlines the shared tangible & intangible interests with each implementing agency
 - i. Tangible Interests
 1. Big, tangible outcomes that make a long-term difference
 2. Balanced approaches
 3. Benefit for all Minnesotans
 4. Supplement not supplant
 5. Funding distribution amounts
 - ii. Intangible Interests
 1. Consensus recommendations
 2. Collaboration for better parks & trails outcomes
 3. Sense of fairness for meeting needs
 4. Greater funding predictability & planning
 5. Using effective data & information

3. PTLAC Consulting on Shared Interests

- The Funding Workgroup members recently took a survey to categorize & prioritize these shared interests
- The PTLAC is invited to take this online survey & consult on the prioritization of these shared interests
- This information from the PTLAC's perspectives on shared interests will be used by the Funding Workgroup members at the next workgroup meeting
- Laura Preus will send this online survey out to PTLAC members, and follow up with necessary reminders

Subcommittee Overview & Work Plans for Next PTLAC Meeting

The following is a summary of the PTLAC's subcommittees and their respective goals. These work plans will be updated & changed as necessary. PTLAC members should plan to sign up for their desired subcommittee by emailing Margaret Krueger no later than July 30th. Individual work planning sessions for each subcommittee will take place sometime in August outside of the regularly scheduled PTLAC meetings. This information will continue to be updated at the October PTLAC meeting.

Benchmarks Subcommittee:

Purpose:

1. Develop a work plan for the Benchmarks Subcommittee within Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.
2. Develop a system for prioritization, review, and evaluation of the goals outlined in the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan.
3. Defining shared outcomes is a significant part of work in 2019.

Communication Subcommittee/ Dialogue with Implementing Agencies

Purpose:

1. Use committee insights for how Legacy Funds are implemented
2. Communicate internally among implementing agencies

Governance Subcommittee

Purpose: The purpose of the governance subcommittee is to develop and review the charter to keep it current and address impromptu governance issues for:

1. Advisory Committee role (job description).
2. Advisory Committee Charter Business Rationale/Context Development.
3. Membership and designation (number of members, description of expertise required, and or groups to be represented in order to achieve a fairly balanced membership.
4. Define & dismantle instances of systemic racism within the PTLAC's charter & the 25-Year Plan

Inclusion Subcommittee:

Purpose:

1. Development of youth and adult partnerships in collaboration with convening sponsors of the Legacy Advisory Committee.
2. Opportunities for new accessibility efforts to take place across parks and trails of state and regional significance.
3. Opportunities for improving our connections to communities of color and other underrepresented groups in the outdoors.
4. Healthcare partnerships and coordination on “park prescription” concepts.

Statewide Trails Workgroup:

Purpose:

1. Explore, discuss, and develop a “big vision” for bike trails statewide, and to connect corridors across jurisdictions.

2. Review past plans & update systems inventory

The meeting was adjourned.