Crozet Trails Crew

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2016 , 6 pm

La Joya, Crozet, VA

*Present: Jessica, Clover, David, Terri, Steve, Teri, Joe, Colleen, Jan, Dan*

1. Building
   1. Mowing & trimming – CCC was mowed on June 11 from Westhall to Western Ridge, including the woods at Nicolet. We could not get down to the Park. We still need to weedeat at bottom of Fairwinds, also around bench, also where we rerouted the trail. Wood from old bridge is still lying there, and needs to be moved. This wood will be put over riprap in Foothill Crossing. A gator would be helpful—Dan has one, could we borrow?
   2. Dan announced that ACPR got final access to Shifflett Field (yay!), so trail now goes from Westhall to Western Ridge till you hit the Cobal’s property, and includes a trail to Parkside Village. This is considered a primitive class A trail, allowing them to drive a small maintenance vehicle over it. Dan showed the zoning map amendment. No more temporary easement for 5K. Do we need to clean up trash on lower Westhall trail?
   3. Weeds are bad at radio building– in front of bldg & along fence This will be an early morning midweek workday on Wed, June 29. Meet at radio bldg at 8:30 am.
   4. Still need to mulch along dog park. Also shovel & rake to clean up trail. There is a muddy area near dog park, which might be a good place for wood from LB bridge. Dan needs to ask Jimbo when we can use the Gator to move the wood.
   5. In the proffer for West Lake, there will be a culvert where Eastern Ave. crosses the trail (yay!). Riverbend Developer is planning to buy the Daly property; easement is still an issue. Stanley Martin has come forward to ask what we need, because home buyers want a walkable community. Jeremy (of SM) offered equipment and money to build trail through it. Exciting news, kudos to SM!,
   6. Jeremy also talked about Chesterfield Crossing, will work with us to connect it as well as Old Trail
   7. There is new leadership & staff at Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority. LH Basin is sediment is the deposit location for all of Crozet. Has to be dredged every 14 years.
   8. Steve: could we develop an Informal timeline / vision for website?
2. Planning:
   1. Need trail signs along Connector Trail – Dan wants to have unique names to ID sections of trail. Below sign should be arrows to Crozet Park, Western Ridge, parking. Mini maps & CTC emblem on each one. County staff will put them together, and CTC will install.
   2. 2nd bridge below dog park – Phil will send out workday plans when he gets back in town.
3. Other
   1. - Starr Hill event on June 25 (11am-7pm) – Jess will help Joe & Colleen set up. Volunteers should go to the Will Call booth to get ticket. We have tent, 8’ table, 2 folding chairs, tee shirts ($20 donation required), bling/swag, trail maps, dog leashes. Must park far away, and we need parking passes. Our main goal is to get new volunteers.
   2. Ideas were shared on how to recruit more new volunteers:
      1. give out business cards when we meet people on the trail.
      2. Formalize to call and meet recent joiners, take them out –> personal touch
      3. regular social at Pro Re Nata
      4. Sandwich board announcing workdays at Square or Crozet Park.
      5. Welcome letter (Clover will draft)
   3. Dan met with Caroline Bertrand about WAHS internships. GIS / CAD students – may standardize designs, map & collect data. Eventually Dan would like a formal application, recognition for interns, and community service credit. Should adults also fill out an online application assessing skills & interests? HS students could make a treasure hunt for middle schoolers. We could start a Moms group and/or tap into the home school community. CTC could plan a presentation at the library in the fall. Needs to be fun, interactive. Clover and Teri will talk to Hayley.
   4. Tom Tom festival – the Gift Economy. Tap into passions. – Dan wants focused conversation on how to recruit volunteers.
   5. Ask Tim Dodson of Cville Tomorrow (WAHS graduate) to do an article on CTC and the trail system
   6. July 2- Parade and festival (beer truck!)- As many folks as possible! – Line up at about 4:30. Will have gator, water bottles, Janet gave us candy, Teri will get more. Give out cups at beer tent.
   7. John Brauner bench at Lickinghole – Jess has designed plaque with Carolyn, group approved purchasing from Gropen, 2” x 6” for $95 as a one-time memorial since John was a Crew member. We decided not to offer memorial plaques as donation, in order to keep the bridge plaques special.
   8. Re-print of Connect Crozet T-shirts (brown ones) – Jessica will finish soon. Only sponsors are Alb Co Parks, Crozet Running, & Nonstop Landscaping.
   9. We need to start planning for CTC 5k race on October 8th – no Pat & Janet this year. 6th year, a lot is standardized. Need someone to own the prize setup and registration. Two groups: planning committee & staffing the event. WAHS football team & other interns? Some interested in sports events management. Ask Caroline? Need 20-24 sponsors @ $60/per sponsor for tee shirt listing. Also ask for prize at same time. Subcommittee includes Teri, Terri, Clover, Colleen, John Anderson, invite Janet & Pat to tell us how they did it and pass the torch.

Next workdays: - Saturday July 16 – weedeat/ mow in Westhall, meet at 8:30 am.

Maybe midweek (Phil will contact) : Wednesdays June 29 (weed @ radio bldg.), July 6 (weed/trim trail around dog park), and July 13; maybe Thursday 21

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 28th