Crozet Trails Crew

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2015

La Joya, Crozet, VA

Present: Jessica, Pat, Janet, Bob D., Terri, David, Phil, Clover, Teri, Steve, Debbi, Jack, Linda, Alison, Bob S., Nikki, Dan

1. Introductions
   1. welcome new members!!
   2. Big group (17) – thanks to all who came out
2. 5K Debriefing

* Overall successful – yea! Trail route was enjoyable
* We will dedicate the Brown-Rosinski Bridge in the spring
* Water table was not notified race was over – Walkie talkies? – need someone to walk trail after race
* Move table for prize raffle, PA system closer
* Too much fruit, not enough water: need 5 cases water, 3 cases Gatorade
* Football players great, need a bridge over Stanley Martin riprap
* Registration went well, 111 registered runners, 132 incl kids, kids race wonderful
* Parking plan changed midstream, Festival staff kept changing, evolves
* Hazel was awesome

III. Building

1. Bridge at Crozet Park? Should we relocate if the drainage has changed?

* Not ready to decide
* When working this Saturday 11/7, think about where that should go
* Bridge will go near dog park, likely to be the dedicated one
* all others have been named except Western Ridge bridge
* Also need one over riprap In Foothill Crossing

1. Henley Hornets trail – extended discussion.

We need to extend the trail through a swampy area and jutting land, which current owners won't allow us to cross, in order to access 80 acres of hilly & wooded park land owned by Albemarle Co. Currently only access is by boat; emergency/fire road has no parking or vehicle access, must walk through someone’s property. We could build a 60-80’ boardwalk out over the lake around it with an interpretive sign. Water rises with heavy rain, so may need a floating boardwalk. Witcraft (sp?) has been asked to donate materials after we have a design, permits, etc. Rivanna Water + Army Corps of Engineers must be involved. Next step?

1. Dan: canoe/kayak landing ramp + trail while we develop pedestrian access – build from the inside out. This would also make fundraising easier. Since it's a drinking water resource, can't use treated lumber but metal or xx okay.
2. Jessica: design for boardwalk, observation deck, bridge over swamp, pier, and flagging trail through park. Need to engage neighbors, introduce to city staff. Will take time, so Dan’s approach is a good place to begin.
3. Creekside Trail – they have bridged the trail, we need to realign, continue up to road – good winter workday, Dec or Jan
4. Bollards? We have permission. Just to stop 4 wheelers? Police have stopped them. They can circumvent the bollards by driving through the creek
5. Also need stain on bridges to prevent decay, spring
6. Planning
   1. CTC needs to draft a letter to the RWSA in support of county parks & rec getting a dedicated trail easement in the Lickinghole Basin area. The RWSA owns it, but it is designed for sediment control. This would connect the Crozet Connector Trail to Lickinghole Basin and Shifflett property next to Westhall, and give Parks & Rec the right to build a bridge from Fox Chase to the greenway.
   2. We need to develop the upper trail at Mint Springs Park after Dan and Tucker flag it. Crozet Running is very much in favor. It leads to a rock outcropping with beautiful views, can see Crozet. All there is currently is the “Carlos Trail” – not sustainable. We have walked but not marked it. We need to go find a feasible route. We will need property line boundaries. Terri will put in parcel data from Ezri. Good for Jan/ Feb workday. We want a loop trail, which will require switchbacks.
7. Other
   1. We did not help with MS bike ride this year, but have been invited to a volunteer appreciation event Nov 11 at Doubletree Hilton 5:45-7:30
   2. Sk8 Crozet fundraiser thank you note from Adriane and Jan.
   3. Financial statement, balance over$ 8000, earned about $3000 from 5k
   4. There is an article on Crozet Tunnel in the current Shenandoah Living. Bob is trying to arrange a walking tour for us
8. Social plans
   1. Holiday party will be Dec. 5 at Janet & Pat’s house in Western Ridge – thanks!
   2. Starr Hill social - Nov. 22, 3 pm – there may be a charity beneficiary
   3. Snowshoe/Cass ski/hiking trip will be in late Jan. or early February – weekend – Greenbrier trail ( bring bike) – cost is about $70 for two nights

Next workdays

* 11/7 - Crozet Park, reroute trail near dog park
* 11/21 - walk Henley Hornets Trail, bring tape measures. 9-11 am Terri can lead

Next Meeting: **Thursday, January 7** (combination Dec/ Jan meeting)