

City of Cocoa

Sustainability Advisory Board

Minutes for Working Group

December 16th, 2020

Cocoa City Hall

6-8pm

Amendments made to Minutes at the March 4, 2021 meeting.

Chairman Riggs called to order at 6:15pm

Attendance:

Lorraine Koss

Jennifer Riggs

Josephine Shim

Linda Gombert

Marlene Weiss

Kristina Jackson

Discussion:

The group discussed the Mayor's challenge, possible ways to advertise it, and a possible date for a Mayor's walk around Clear Lake path with Lorraine Koss. Hours of operation for the Travis park trails, establishing a Friends of the Park group, looking at a date for volunteers to clean up the trail, especially invasives. Lorraine Koss is also going to talk to Sage about doing a Community Outreach for Police popcorn truck to pass out a flyer announcing the park trail hours. Kaylyn Palmer and Linda Gombert will look to set a date to have volunteers help clean up the trail and look at invasive plants. Marlene Weiss will look into the history of Travis park and Crystal Lake.

We were told to look over the Resilient Cocoa plan to look for redundancy in the plan.

Additions from Kristina Jackson on 1/19/21

12/16/2020

S.A.B. Meeting Overview

Ideas

Create a Friends of the Park for Travis Trails

Lorraine will contact Sage for Community Outreach for Police to have them bring popcorn truck and hand out fliers announcing opening of Travis Trails again and the hours

Jo talked met with Kathy about Mayor's challenge, sign up not good so far

Kristina will talk to Dan Cook at Travis Park about advertising Mayor's challenge and EFSC Cocoa campus

Mayor's Challenge is from Feb 6th to March 27th

Possible history walks

Possible have Kaylyn make a flyer to handout for open hours at Travis Trails? Needs to wait until more info available

Possibly put new programs and hours at Travis Park center

Marlene might be able to ask neighbors what hours they want trails open?

Where to put an announcement for new hours?

Possibly get a Friends of the Trails group to adopt the trails have their info for when needed

Addition to Minutes from Chairperson Riggs - 1/22/21

Hi Sustainability Board,

I'm making these additions to the minutes for December and sending out to make sure everyone is still on track. Please let me know **through Lori** if anything is missing or needs tweaking.

In making preparations for the Clearlake Trail Loop Opening we decided to divide and conquer as follows:

Christina: call Enchanted Forest and identify their maintenance processes and volunteer systems. Bottom line, how many man hours per year and miles of trail.

Linda Gombert: Assess the invasives along the Clearlake loop, and opportunities for native plantings with an end toward teaching gardens. Identify clean up work necessary prior to opening; estimate ongoing maintenance needs wrt tasks and likely man hours.

Marlene: reach out to people in the near neighborhoods to let them know what is going on and develop a list of interested/supporters; investigate a friends group (online) or a petition or just a contact list (numbers, names, emails, addresses); start to create outreach tool as you are able

Councilwoman Koss: coordinate city issues related to insurance/liability, ownership, and gate policy; ensure there is not going to be a problem keeping park open

organize. Popcorn truck?

Kaylyn: investigate opportunities to develop KBB trail series, and brainstorm ideas for getting the word out to the community to increase awareness of Clear

Jo: coordinate with Mayor Blake on increasing participation and performance in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge; explain our idea to combine the Challenge with opening Clearlake Loop to increase participation and PR/messaging for both