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Beargrass Creek Alliance
Minutes for Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2019

The Beargrass Creek Alliance held a regular meeting on June 17, 2019, in the community room of the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center. The meeting started at 7 :00 p.m.

Officers present:

Dan Siebert, President
Ann Siebert, Treasurer
Jim St. Clair, Secretary

Also in attendance:

Ward Wilson, Executive Director of the Kentucky Waterways Alliance.
Linda Gugin
Tamara Sluss
Jessica Eggleston
Suzanne Hoehne
David Rummier

Recent Activities

On June 15 members of BCA planted a pollinator garden at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. Several members of the church also assisted.

Ward discussed the 27th annual Congress for New Urbanism (CNU), which met in Louisville June 12-15. One feature of the organization is the creation of a legacy project to be developed in the host city. The project for Louisville, which Suzanne is designing, will be on the South Fork of Beargrass Creek. Several members of BCA participated in a so-called Creek Crawl in April from which came a variety of ideas for improving the access, visibility, and sustainability of Beargrass Creek. The Creek Crawl received extensive coverage in LEO.

Future Projects

Ward also mentioned that Gill Holland is interested in involving BCA in his proposed depaving project on Logan Street basin. Holland has discussed his proposal with MSD and would be interested in having BCA involved.

Another potential project for BCA is assisting with a depaving project at Milewide Beer Co., 636 Barret Avenue. Louis Johnson of Graham Smith Urban Design firm is interested in a possible project to remove part of the parking lot surface at Milewide and planting trees. We would need a design meeting to develop a plan and also a fundraising effort. KWA could lead the grant-writing to raise the necessary money. He noted that our own physical labor could be counted as matching money. Ward has met with Tony Parrott of MSD regarding its mandate to do stream restoration.

Still in the works is a project with a non-profit organization called Trout Unlimited, which may provide \$1,000 to plant trees along Beargrass Creek.

Our summer clean-up will be Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30. Troy Eskridge (troy@louisvillekayakcompany.com) will be providing the kayaks. Interested members were asked to sign up; others who were not at the meeting should e-mail Troy. The launch will be from the Louisville Community Boathouse on River Road.

Other Business

David Rummier reported that the Jefferson County Agricultural Agency is providing rain barrels for \$25 per kit.

Linda Gugin has volunteered to help kick-start the Every Drop program. We need to determine if there are any pending requests for rain gardens. BCA has received a grant of \$750 that has been allocated to Every Drop.

The BCA potluck dinner will be July 15 at the Barringer Hill pavilion in Cherokee Park at 6:30 p.m. Suzanne Hoehne has volunteered to reserve the pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.