

T77T Minutes

January 14, 2013
Lake Shore City Hall

Committee Members Attending: Teri Hastings, Steve Sundstrom, John Poston, John Ingleman, Susan Amacher, Ron Faust, Gayle Momchilovich
Attending from SEH: Matt Reid and Greg Kimman

Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the October 11th meeting were approved.

Legacy Funding:

- Matt gave an update on why the Legacy Funding from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment grant application was not funded. Only \$7,490,000 was awarded state wide although there were a total of \$49,000,000 in grant applications.
- Because the match requirement and the maximum grant limitation were lifted, more money went to fewer projects.
- Trails that are completing their last segments seemed to get a higher priority, as did regional trails.
- Heidi Peper is seeking feedback from the granting committee; none has been given so far.
- Matt did not know who is on the review committee. He was tasked with finding out who was on the the Legacy Grant award selection committee.
- He did agree that making sure our political representatives are aware of our project and supportive might help with state grants in the future.
- Legacy Funding is from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment passed by Minnesota voters in 2008; 14.25 per cent of the sales taxes collected goes into the parks and trails.
- Legacy Funding is awarded on a one year cycle; T77T will reapply in the fall.

Other funding sources: Matt discussed other sources of funding.

- Federal Trail Grant Program: \$150,000 max, 100% match, application due at the end of February
- MN Local Regional Trails Program through the DNR: \$250,000 max, 100% match, application due at the end of March. These two could offset each other's matches. If only one of the two were awarded, the City would have to pay the whole match for that one. After discussion it was decided to apply to each for \$150,000. Some or all of the City's match would come from penalty money the City has on hand.
- Federal Transportation Grant Program: This one pays 80% of construction expense but is currently hung up in Congressional politics.
- Cass County Fund 73 could also be approached again. Teri was tasked with contacting Comm. Gaalswyk regarding Fund 73 information.
- Matt was tasked with asking Heidi to email the T77T with further details on the Federal and MN grants.

- Ryan Amacher again expressed confidence that money could come from other foundations. He said this would work through connections with Lake Shore residents, if they can be identified.

The T77T agreed that we recommend to the City Council that we go forward with \$150,000 applications to both the Federal and State granting programs with a \$150,000 maximum possible match from the City.

Phase 2, the center section of the trail from Sherwood Forest to Bar Harbor presumably will have to be built on right of way next to the road, as a widened shoulder would be more feasible than a separated trail, and residents on the west side of the road were strongly opposed to routing the trail along their rear property lines. Adding a bike lane on the shoulder could be incorporated into proposed County improvements of the road. This could happen even before Phase 1 is completed below Sherwood Forest. It was again stressed that these improvements will not take out the undulations that give Interlachen Road its character in Lake Shore.

The T77T requested that the City ask the County to advance work on CSAH 77 so that it could be completed sooner rather than later, and significant savings could be gained by widening the shoulder at the same time as the rest of the road improvements are done.

Next Meeting: The date will be set after the City Council meets on January 28th. Heidi Peper will be asked to explain the granting process to the City Council at that meeting.

Adjourned at 2:55 PM