

## POA Trails Committee 2008 Annual Report

### *Committee Members:*

John Tidquist	Chairperson, January - April
Claire MacNeill	Chairperson, April - December; Vice-Chairperson, January - April
Judy Owens	Vice-Chairperson, April - December; Secretary, January - April
Dale Webb	Secretary, April - December
Jim Gifford	January - December
Steve Rittenmeyer	January - December
Marion Monk	April - December
Carolyn Minson	January - April
Carl Skoglund	January - April

### POA Board Liaison:

Jeff Atkins	January - December
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### Public Works Staff Representatives:

David Whitlow  
Randy Noles

### *Motions Made and Passed:*

May Steve Rittenmeyer made a motion to accept the proposal for the Friends of Hot Springs Village Trails. Motion carried unanimously.

Judy Owens moved to accept the 5 Year Plan for Trails as written. Motion carried unanimously.

August Judy Owens motioned to accept as written a proposal to the HSV Community Foundation requesting a grant for specific trail projects. The motion carried with one person objecting to certain language.

October Jim Gifford moved that the Committee support the new policy regarding inscriptions on Memorial Benches placed on the trails. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Gifford moved that the Committee invite representatives from the HSV Community Foundation to the next meeting to explain the process of creating endowments. The motion carried unanimously.

February Jim Gifford moved that the donors of future benches be given a choice of bench placement as per the surveys completed by the Committee in November. A different location can be negotiated with approval by the Committee and Public Works. The motion carried unanimously.

Judy Owens moved to accept the 2008 Annual Report. The motion carried unanimously.

John Tidquist moved to accept the Five Year Plan using no inflation figures. The motion carried unanimously.

***Other Items:***

- April Election of Trail Committee officers was held. Claire MacNeill was elected Committee Chairperson, Judy Owens was elected Vice Chairperson and Dale Webb was elected Secretary.
- Spring Trail Walks were held on many of the Village Trails on Tuesdays and Fridays during April.
- May The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Non-Walkers was held on May 9 on Cedar Creek Trail. Two sessions were held, a morning session for Village residents, including Good Sam residents, and an afternoon session for students from Jessieville School.
- June Jeff Atkins provided the committee with copies of the revised Article XII of the By-Laws.
- Trail Brochures were provided to the Board of Realtors for distribution to area realtors to be given to potential home buyers in the Village
- July A notice to promote the Friends of the Trails was placed in the Voice newspaper, a promo was done on KVRE radio and a new flyer was placed in trailhead boxes.
- The Coronado Center Trail was turned over to the Recreation Department at the request of Dave Johnston.
- The Trail Brochures were revised to include the extensions of Hernando trail and remove Coronado Center trail.
- August Dedication of the new Hernando Trail section was held on August 29.
- September Committee members and their spouses attended the Awards Banquet on September 5 in Little Rock to accept the Governor's Council on Fitness 2008 Leadership Award which was awarded to the Trails Committee and Hernando Trail.

The Village Walk for Cancer Research was held on Hernando Trail West on September 13 with about 250 walkers. Over \$25,000 was raised. This part of Hernando Trail suffered extensive damage from winds and rain just prior to the walk. Public Works quickly repaired the damage to ready the trail for the Cancer Walk.

Dale Webb provided committee members with new updated inserts for their Committee Member Manual. A new History of the Trails Manual was created and will be maintained and updated by the Secretary.

A proposal was written and sent to the HSV Community Foundation requesting a grant to help complete certain trail projects.

October The Trails Committee participated in the Village Health Fair on October 29. John Tidquist coordinated our presentation and several committee members staffed the booth during the day.

The Jessieville GPS Mapping Project which mapped all trails in the Village is now on a web site, . The students will keep the site updated with pictures when the committee sends them.

November The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Village Trails Day was held on November 8. Guided walks were held on Balboa Spillway and Hernando East. The Quachita Mountain hikers participated with a separate schedule and hiked more of the Village trails. Bikers were included in the walks and all Villagers were encouraged to use the trails during the weekend of Nov. 8 and 9. Surveys were conducted on all Village trails for the weekend with over 500 people marking the survey sheets.

John Tidquist and Carl Skoglund manned an exhibit booth at the National Trails Symposium in Little Rock on November 15.

Committee members completed a survey of their trails, marking the location of existing benches and suggested locations for future benches. These maps will be kept by the Secretary.

January Judy Owens presented the First Edition of the Friends of Hot Springs Village Trails Procedures and Trail Maintenance Guide to the Friends of the Trails that were present at the January 2009 Trails Committee meeting.

***Accomplishments:***

August The Arkansas Governor's Council on Fitness 2008 Leadership Award was awarded to the Trails Committee and Hernando Trail.

The extension of Hernando Trail between Equestre and Ponce West was completed.

October The Jessieville GPS Mapping Project was complete and a web site created.

***Sub-committees:***

Five Year Plan Update Committee (2008 submission) - Claire MacNeill, Chairperson, Jim Gifford, John Tidquist, Steve Rittenmeyer, Judy Owens, Jeff Atkins and Randy Noles.

Joint Magellan Beaver Dam/Audubon Society Committee - John Tidquist, Judy Owens, Steve Rittenmeyer and Dale Webb.

HSV Community Foundation Proposal - Claire MacNeill, Judy Owens, John Tidquist, and Randy Noles.

Trails Brochure Revision - Steve Rittenmeyer, Marion Monk, John Tidquist.

Five Year Plan Update Committee (2009 submission) - Marion Monk, Chairperson, Claire MacNeill and Dale Webb.

All these things were accomplished through exceptional teamwork of the Committee, the POA Public Works Department, and the POA Staff. We are very appreciative of the work that the Public Works Department personnel accomplish to maintain our trails in their outstanding condition for the good of all of Hot Springs Village.

Claire MacNeill  
Chairperson