

TRAILS COMMITTEE
2006 Annual Report

Committee Members:

Jim Gifford – Chairperson, January – December
Russ Nooyen – Vice Chairperson, January – April
John Tidquist – Vice Chairperson, May – December
Claire MacNeill – Secretary, January – December
Carolyn Minson – January – December
Carl Skoglund - January – December
Harry Thomas – January – December

POA Board Liaison:

Ginna Watson – January – April
Greta Wolfe – May – December

Public Works Staff Representatives:

Randy Noles
David Whitlow

Motions Made and Passed:

- February John Tidquist made a motion to schedule Trails Committee monthly meetings on the Tuesday before regular POA Board of Directors meetings. Motion passed 3 to 1.
- March Carolyn Minson made a motion to approve the 2005 Trails Committee Annual Report as presented at the February committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- John Tidquist made a motion to support the Audubon Society’s proposal to construct a bird blind for nature observers at the designated location on the Magellan Beaver Dam Trail. Motion passed unanimously.
- July Carolyn Minson moved that we establish a policy to limit the use of the Trail Info boxes to items specifically related to trail information or to promote events that actually use the trails. Committee approval is required.
- November Carolyn Minson made a motion to accept the Trails Committee written proposal with the stated corrections for presentation to the Joint Trails-Golf Working Committee. Motion approved unanimously.

Other Items:

- January New mile markers were installed on Hernando Trail.
- Hand railings were installed on Hernando Trail at the large culvert crossing near Minorca Road.
- A tracking log was instituted as a way to monitor maintenance needs and repairs on the trails and has been a great tool.
- March The Trail Committee's 5 Year Plan 2006 – 2010 was presented to the POA Board of Directors at the work session on March 1. It was approved by the Board at their meeting on March 15.
- The 2006 revision of the Trails Brochure was published and available at the POA office. The revisions make this brochure the best yet.
- The 2005 Trails Committee annual Report was approved as presented at the February committee meeting.
- April Spring Trail Walks were held on many of the Village trails on Tuesday and Fridays during April.
- The 3rd Annual Walk for Non-Walkers was held on April 11 on Cedar Creek Trail. Two sessions were held, the morning session for Village residents and the afternoon session for the handicapped students from Jessieville School.
- Election of Trail Committee officers was held. Jim Gifford was re-elected Committee Chairperson, John Tidquist was elected Vice Chairperson, and Claire MacNeill was re-elected Secretary.
- May Greta Wolfe returned as our POA Board liaison, replacing Ginna Watson.
- The three phase extension of the Hernando Trail from Good Sam to Danville Road was completed. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the third phase of the project was held on May 24 at the Danville Road parking area.
- June Two representatives from the Village Natural Resources Committee presented a report on the Comprehensive Plan for Tree Thinning on Common Property at the Trails Committee meeting.
- September The Village Walk for Cancer Research was held on Hernando Trail on September 9. A record number of walkers registered for the Walk and

over \$20,000 was raised for The Arkansas Center for Cancer Research at UAMS.

Clearing began for the Ponce to Ponce extension of Hernando Trail. The Joint Trails – Golf Working Committee was established to investigate ways to eliminate dangerous golf cart traffic on DeSoto Boulevard, particularly in the east end of the Village. Jim Gifford, John Tidquist and Carl Skoglund were appointed as the Trails Committee representatives.

- October The Trails Committee participated in the Village Health Fair on October 25. John Tidquist coordinated our presentation and several committee members manned the booth during the day.
- November The 4th Annual Village Trails Day was held on November 11. Guided walks were held at 9 A.M. on the Balboa Spillway Trail and at 1 P.M. on Hernando Trail starting at the Danville Road parking area. The Ouachita Mountain Hikers participated with a separate schedule and hiked more of the Village trails. Numerous bicyclers also participated.
- December Russ Nooyen submitted his resignation from the Trails Committee effective this month. A search for a replacement is underway. New construction on the Hernando Trail Ponce to Ponce extension was not completed in December but is approximately 50% complete.
- January 2007 Jessieville High School students have begun a GPS Mapping Project on the Village trails. A preliminary report was presented to the Trails Committee at the January meeting. This will eventually translate into updated maps in our Trails Brochure.

Extensive work was done on the Magellan Beaver Dam Trail to permanently eliminate the water problem in the bridge area of the trail. Several large drainage pipes were installed to redirect the water flow.

Accomplishments

The Trail Committee 5 Year Plan 2006-2010 was presented and accepted by the POA Board of Directors in March.

The three phase extension of the Hernando Trail from Good Sam to Danville Road was completed in May. Work began on the next extension from Ponce to Ponce with a projected completion in early 2007.

Sub-committees:

Joint Trails-Golf Working Committee – Jim Gifford, John Tidquist and Carl Skoglund.