

Friends of Manchac Greenway

Meeting Agenda

June 30, 2021

2:00 P.M Bec's at the Lake

Friends of Manchac Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Greg Maurin, Frank Neelis, Galen Schum, Glenn Glaub, James Sparacello (Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Dept)

- I. Meeting called to order by Greg Maurin
- II. Minutes from last meeting were approved
- III. Open issues
 - a) Marketing – Ben continues to work on this and there have not been any new developments since our last meeting. Ben will update the group at the next meeting.
 - b) Issues regarding the low road were discussed and including possibility of converting the original 51 to a dedicated bike path. Za indicated that it would be good to do an inventory of the road and determine the number and length of bridges needed. Discussed litter on the road especially furniture and building materials. Za will notify authorities and have the objects removed.
 - c) The benefit bike ride was discussed, and everyone expressed how much fun was had by all and wanted to thank George for all his work on this. Attendance was lower than hoped but the weather was a factor. We would like to discuss how we can get online registration to include payment of fees. Hopefully we can have another ride in the fall.
 - d) Frank discussed the LANERR project and presented a draft letter of support for a letter to be sent to local officials and organizations encouraging them to complete letters of support to be sent to Dr. Robert Twilley. Attendees reviewed the draft and approved it. Frank and Ben will get together on next steps.
 - e) Za discussed update on Sunset Park erosion issues and stated that he, Kerry Brignac, Rene Pastorek with St. John Parish, and council person Robert Arcurri met at the park to review the issues and Rene will proceed with applying for a permit to make corrections to the shoreline. Once permits are granted Kerry will identify appropriate fill for the parish to install on the shoreline to prevent further erosion. Permit acquisition may take six months or longer.
 - f) Financial Report: Galen presented the financial report for May 2021. There were no expenditures and one deposit of \$251.00 from a benefit put on by Gnarly Barley Brewery of Hammond. A letter of appreciation was sent to the company. Balance at the end of May was \$13,092.63. June report will reflect proceeds from the bike ride of \$340 plus new member and renewal fees as well as a corporate sponsorship by Middendorf's restaurant.
- IV. New business
 - a) There was discussion of grass cutting at the Ruddock mini park and Kerry made a proposal to Za at a very reasonable price. Za will follow up with Kerry and proceed.
 - b) James and Glenn of the Delta 7 motorcycle club (they assisted with escort on the recent bike ride) discussed an organization Transport Ministry which they operate. Transport Ministry responds following disasters by transporting donated supplies to areas of need. Most recently they transported needed supplies to the Lake Charles area following the two hurricanes last year. They initially used pickups and trailers but found this was inadequate for their needs and bought a tractor trailer and secured a donation of a trailer and are now able to transport donations more efficiently.
 - c) Manchac Greenway Facebook page: It was discussed that it would be a good idea to change the administrative password to ensure that a consistent message that is consistent with FMG goals is presented on social media. I was asked to contact George to have this done.
 - d) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 29 at 2 pm at a place to be determined.
 - e) HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Adjournment