

Pubic Hearing Minutes
February 29, 2008 9:00 a.m.
IDNR Bikeway Applications 2008

The meeting was called to session by Anna Heavner, Grants Coordinator of the Metro East Park and recreation District at 9:00 a.m. This public hearing was held by the Metro East Park and Recreation District (MEPRD) to discuss and solicit comments concerning pending applications to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), for Illinois Bicycle Path Grant funds.

This hearing was publicized and scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 29, 2008, at the office of the Metro East Park and Recreation District, 104 United Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. This hearing was open to the public. Anna Heavner announced that Bryan Werner, Planner for MEPRD, Bill Baudendistel, Engineer with Juneau and Associates and Paul Homann, Engineer with TWM were also present.

Anna Heavner began the meeting briefly describing the following trails under consideration by the district for submittal: Eagle Points Trail Phase II and Malcolm Martin Memorial Trail Phase I.

Anna Heavner discussed the first application is for the Eagle Points Trail Phase II which consists of a 1.2 mile trail segment on Chouteau Island. In addition, we will provide a rustic style shelter for visitors at the northern tip of the island. The second application will cover the Malcolm Martin Memorial Trail Phase 1. This will connect the Malcolm Martin Memorial Park in East St. Louis to the Historic Eads Bridge. This trail segment will be .37 miles, and will provide a safer trail route for pedestrians along the St. Louis River Front. In a future phase a pedestrian bridge will be added over the at grade railroad crossing.

Paul Homann with TWM explained that the Malcolm Martin Memorial Trail is 1975 feet long approximately and will consist of 10 foot concrete bike path with shoulders on each side. There will be an "at grade" crossing across the railroad. There are three tracks that will be crossed at this area. The trail will run from the Eads Bridge to the Malcolm Martin Memorial Park, ultimately connecting the regional bikeway system to the park.

Bill Baudendistel discussed the Eagle Points Trail Phase II which is a 1.2 mile segment on Chouteau Island. The trail alignment follows the "future segment" as identified in the Phase I application submitted last year. There is a section between the parking area just South of Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge and the start of the Eagle Points Trail Phase II that currently will be a multi use segment. Eventually there are plans to construct a trail that will connect both segments. The surface of the trail is bituminous over an aggregate base and there will be a rustic style shelter at the northern most end of the island to serve as a trail head equipped with bike racks, benches and an information center.

No public in attendance. Anna Heavner adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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