

Boyerne City to US 31 Non-Motorized Trail Committee Meeting  
Charlevoix Public Library, 7 PM September 20, 2010

Participants were welcomed by Dean Solomon, Facilitator. Members present: Mike Dow, Steve Agnew, Yolanda Waldie, Tom Scott, Connie Saltonstall, Jim Rudolph, Bill Henne and County Commissioner representatives Shirlene Tripp and Shirley Roloff.

Agenda for the evening:

Welcome

August Forum Recap

Next Steps:

- Additional Forums

- Recommendation's report

Member comments

Audience comments

Dean passed out copies of the Sept forum update, the Flip chart report, and the Evaluation summary.

In discussion of the August Forum, Bill Henne said it was clear that the detached trail had overwhelming support. Tom Scott and Dean said the information was not as definitive.

Connie Saltonstall said it was clear that the attached trail is not an option.

Jim Rudolph suggested we get a legal opinion about the road and easement issue.

Shirley Roloff said it looks like we recommend approach 3 (Combined Approach).

Issues of consensus: Approach 3, safety, entirely detached not workable, develop plan where trail would be and then talk to landowners, look at trail options, don't ignore creative options, and Clarify north side vs. south side of road.

We need to clarify the sources of funding and that this does not involve an additional tax.

Dean asked committee members to vote for Approach 1 or Approach 3.

Votes for Approach 1: Mike Dow, Connie Saltonstall, Jim Rudolph, Bill Henne

Votes for Approach 3: Steve Agnew, Yolanda Waldie, Bill Henne

Consensus Discussion for next steps:

- Develop tentative plan including engineering and talking with landowners

- Identify the approximately 10 trouble spots. Include staging and service areas. Identify advantages and disadvantages for north side versus south side of road and identify US 31 crossing

Member comments: At what point did they talk to landowners along the M-119 wheelway?

Audience Comment: Support for trail. Would like to see it a reality

- Lawson: She lived on trail in UP and it was a positive addition and it never cost her any tax or other expense

Submitted by Connie Saltonstall