

Des Moines Area

Water Trails and Greenways Plan

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

MEETING MINUTES

8:00 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

Steering Committee Attendees

Chair Rick Tollakson, Hubbell Realty
Katie Fencil, Convention and Visitor Bureau
Jay Byers, Downtown Partnership
Kathryn Kunert, MidAmerican Energy
Mark Lagomarcino, Principal Financial
Carol Kersey, Central Iowa Paddlers
Dodd, DNR
Josh Gansen, DNR
Ted Weaver, Clive City Council Member
Tom Hadden, City of West Des Moines
Phil Delafield, City of Des Moines
Dave Wilwerding, City of Johnston
Dayne Magneson, US Corps – Saylorville
Lisa Hein, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Andrea Boulton, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Joe McGovern, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Jennifer Welch, Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District
Steve Roe, Raccoon River Watershed Coalition
Kenneth Danley, Des Moines Sail and Power Squadron
Tonya Logan, Des Moines Rowing Club

Advisory:

Dave DeGeus, Nature Conservancy

Non-Committee Members

Don McLaughlin
Pat Knueven

MPO Staff

Todd Ashby
Dylan Mullenix
Gunnar Olson
Tess Cody
Mike Armstrong
Teva Dawson

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:05.
2. The members voted to approve the agenda.
3. All those in attendance introduced themselves.
4. Staff presented an overview of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. See attached presentation.
5. Staff presented an overview of the 18 month planning process. See attached presentation.
 - A member asked why all of Red Rock was not included as well as flat water areas. Staff indicated detailed analysis would not be done for those areas but that adjacent uses to water trails would be considered as part of the planning process.

- A member asked who would own the plan once completed. MPO staff indicated it would be a product of the DNR's and would go through the MPO's decision making structure. Ultimately the MPO Policy Board would approve and adopt the plan and it would be up to the individual jurisdictions to implement the plan.
6. Staff provided a quick overview of state-wide water trails work. See attached presentation.
 7. The group broke into small groups to discuss guiding principles for the planning process and strategize how the planning process can insure implementation of the plan. See attached notes from the small group discussions.
 8. There were no other non-action items.
 9. Next Meeting Date: TBD
 10. The Steering Committee adjourned at 9:10