

COMOTA Agenda 1.26.22

Topic	News	Action Items
Introductions	Lelande, Nate S, Andy, LeAnn, Dylan, Sarah, Josh S., Angela, Ben N., Josh A, Guillermo	
Approval of Agenda		1. Approved
Election of Board Officers	1. President – Lelande Rehard 2. Vice President – Nate Smith 3. Treasurer – Andy Schuette 4. Secretary – Angela Peterson	
Amending the Bylaws for Officer Terms	5. Amend bylaws to create 3-year terms for officers.	1. Table until next meeting in two mos.
Rhett's Trail Head Committee	6. Funding Update a. Park Sales tax b. VU Foundation donation \$249k c. Frank Morris Memorial Trust – adding \$270k to Rhett's trailhead i. They will cover the gaps in the Park Sales tax and VU Foundation donation ii. \$125k donation to Gans NICA course, etc. iii. \$75k Stephens Lake Park Trailhead 7. Council Presentation during Feb. Meeting - a. 8. Field trip with Parks Staff during Feb.8 or 22 to STL. a. Check out Kinetic bike park b. Bluffview Park in STL County to check out flow trail project 9. Searching for Planning Firm a. TBD	
Gans Creek Recreation Area NICA Update	1. Funding Update 2. Planning Update	
Finger Lakes Update	1. Progress update a. Stay tuned for work in events March 2. Rogue Hoes have arrived! a. 30+ 3. Finger Lakes volunteer hours are logged on Better Impact 4. Mark Twain National Forest has log books	1. Nate and Ben to sort volunteer hours for Finger Lakes
Eagle Bluff's Conservation Area	1. River trail rehab update 2. Mid – Feb ; stay tuned for work events 3. 5-mile trail rehabilitation work along the river	

Strategic Planning	1. COMOTA has accomplished many of its goals laid out during our first annual meeting at Walt's in 2019. With funding in place for priority projects and funding available for new projects we need to reengage our members and our partners to chart a path for the next 3 years. 2. Josh Adams: Northwest Arkansas Trail Blazers – Aaron Rushing (Lead) potential consultant 3. Angela Peterson: Involving other trail groups like Dirt Dames 4. Sarah Jones: It would be nice to have COMOTA assist w/ onboarding volunteers, connecting with them to make sure they follow through, and find out where or how they would like to volunteer, etc. Consider a position devoted to volunteer engagement e.g. Volunteer Coordinator 5. Crowd sourcing opportunities: Race coordinators, Dirt Dames, etc. 6. Combine events and social functions to gather input 7. Consider Massive Maintenance Mayhem	1. Form a Strategic Plan committee. a. 1-2 officers b. 1-2 Board Members: i. Dylan ii. Andrea Earlywine c. 1-2 outside of board i. MJ ii. Josh Adams 2. "Send the first email in response. Get volunteer response back. Find out what they want to do. Get them to a volunteer training meeting. Pair them with other volunteers. 3. Pair with projects they want to do 4. I will send a couple emails of what we are expecting Steve to do"
MU Cycling Partnership	1. MU Cycling with working with MU Rec Services to make the trails on MU property more legitimate. These trails have existed in a gray area as the club and MU have changed over the years. MU Cycling is requesting that it can communicate to MU Rec Services that COMOTA is an official partner and steward of MU Cycling trails. 2. Rec center is now in charge of land MU cycling uses 3. Propose for partnership w/ COMOTA for quality in continuity and more experienced trail builders 4. Are those trails open to public use? It is just like the rest of campus. More to come. If it is restricted to public, then COMOTA and MU Cycling partnership may be more advisory	1. Investigate if official partnership with MU Cycling and authorize COMOTA President to write a letter to MU Rec Services communicating COMOTA's partnership with MU Cycling and willingness to support work MU Cycling trails.
Fundraising & Website Update	1. Como Gives campaign ended with \$8,540 raised. Close to our \$10,000 goal. 2. COMOTA received a \$1,000 Community Foundation Grant. 3. COMOTA received a contribution from the Kukla Foundation	1. Program ideas for VU Foundation Funding

	4. VU Foundation has encouraged COMOTA to consider their annual call for proposals. First time requests are generally for \$10,000. a. Program funding b. Program ideas i. ? 5. Frank Morris Trust	
Treasurers Report	1. \$257,850 in bank account currently 2. \$16,520 after we receive CoMoGives funds 3. Taxes due 5/15/22 4. Finalizing state tax exemption	
Meeting Frequency	1. Every 2 months while there are so many projects. Would like help make meetings shorter too. 2. Monday nights will not work for Sarah Jones	
Trail Steward Updates	1. Rhett's 2. Rock Bridge/3 Creeks a. February chain saw work – stay tuned b. Closing trail 2/6 c. Take down trees – Gans Creek nature area 3. MTNF 4. Grindstone 5. Other Areas	
Adjournment		1. MOU w/ State Parks and COMOTA