

COMOTA Agenda 2.17.21

Topic	News	Action Items
Introductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Members 2. Gabe Huffington 3. AJ Campbell 	
Gabe Huffington, Parks Manager, City of Columbia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Park Sales Tax 2. Presentation: How COMOTA can work w/ parks to get projects on ballot (27 existing parks/projects) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rhett's Run Trailhead and bike park b. Gans Creek Rec shelter, playground, trailhead, etc. c. Battle Park Phase 2 potential for mtb trail, natural surface trail, etc. In design phase for Phase 1. d. Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Planning 3. 7 projects for new facility park development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Creek Ridge natural surface (NS) hiking trail in neighborhood park b. Gates Nature Area – concrete and possible NS trails w/ city council approval c. 200 acres of land – w/ stipulations; couple in their 80s want to donate acreage in northeast part of Columbia d. Grindstone Area – trail improvements e. Perche Creek Trail Phase 2 f. Bear Creek Trail Boardwalk – NS trail area possibly 	<input type="checkbox"/> Gabe to send us a survey; COMOTA can also send a letter of support
Rhett's Trail Head Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meeting at end of Jan. to discuss ideas for this space 2. How to get involved 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Message Schuette if you have any ideas for Cosmo
Gans Creek Recreation Area NICA Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parks and NICA to collaborate on a NICA course 2. They may reach out for volunteer labor if necessary 3. A trail building company and/or parks staff will likely be involved for most of the heavy work 4. Full race calendar planned for '21. Grasslands surveyed as potential NICA course for state championship; anticipate 1200-1500 people. Infrastructure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Ben Nagy if you're interested in being a NICA coach

	<p>considerations noted. NICA needs coaches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Potential for sports/tourism 6. Gans wilderness area is restricted to mtb; consider signage and removing connecting trail 	
MDC Agreement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AJ Campbell, Recreational Use Specialist 2. Authorize board chair to enter into a volunteer maintenance agreement with Missouri Department of Conservation 3. Unanimous vote for COMOTA to become official authorized volunteer group for most conservation areas in and around Boone County 4. Infrastructure Asset Management – there are more than 1k conservation areas; having a hard time maintaining MDC facilities 5. Solid partnership btw MDC and COMOTA for maintenance will help with future projects 	<input type="checkbox"/> Lelande to sign agreement and send to AJ
Finger Lakes Expansion Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ben Nagy submitted a map-plan for the addition of 1.5-2miles of trail 2. State parks to finalize plan, then flag course 3. COMOTA volunteers to help with trail work 4. Designate Asst. Trail Steward for Finger Lakes – Garner Sutterfield 5. Potential for hiking only trail <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We could build trail on island in middle of island; have back country camping potential b. Everything on east side of main road will be more for off-road vehicle trails 6. One of two off road vehicle parks in state system – so focus from state is prioritizing off-road vehicle trails 	
Fundraising & Website Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Como Gives campaign <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. It costs \$350 to sign up to participate; it will be up to us to market this opportunity to donate funds to our amazing cause 2. Frank Morris Memorial trustees <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nate and Katie met w/ Sarah b. Plan for completing proposal before presenting to the remainder of trustees 3. Donate button available on our COMOTA website 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Let Katie know if you find any grants to apply for

	4. Smile.amazon.com – Como Trail Association to select our organization so a percentage of all of your Amazon purchases will benefit COMOTA	
Board Approval to Sign Up for Comogives	1. Authorize COMOTA to sign up for Como Gives	
Changes to Bylaws	1. Approve board member expectations and term limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 6 hours of volunteering at work events b. Monetary donation – no minimum (or maximum 😊) 	
Treasurer’s Report	1. \$4391.58 in our account 2.	
Trail Steward Updates	1. Upcoming work events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stay tuned for more info as weather improves b. Anticipate additional honeysuckle events c. Another chainsaw class to be offered soon 	1. Reach out to Sarah Jones if you’re interested in signing up for chainsaw training; Sarah will send you videos prior to your training 2. If you’re interested in hosting a work day, then reach out to the trail steward for that area
Green Belt Land Trust	1. COMOTA has been given permission to begin trail construction at the Hinkson Nature Preserve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. About a mile of trail approved b. This will be open to bikes c. Stay tuned for work events 	