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Regular Meeting

Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee

Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Hall
6:00 P.M.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen's Forum
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. January 10, 2018
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Update on 2018 Event Dates [ATTACHED]
- V. New Business
 - A. Individual Reporting of Committee Interests
 - B. Establish/Review Committee Mission Statement
 - C. Establish Subcommittees
- VI. Review Action Items
 - A. Committee Trail Hike: 2/17 at 10:00 am - YMCA/Windermere Trail
- VII. Adjournment

2018 TRAIL EVENTS

JANUARY

Wednesday, 1/31: "Snow Moon Night Walk" at the YMCA/Windermere Trail 7PM

-Pending on the interest of this walk, Lauren would potentially plan a couple more of these full moon walks throughout the year

FEBRUARY

Saturday, 2/17: "Trails Committee Walk" at the YMCA/Windermere Trail 10AM

-This will not be a publicized hike. I would rather hike as a committee and evaluate this trail and determine where it needs improvements. I wanted to include it on this list because we did talk about it on the minutes, and with the suggestion of seasonal hikes, I think it would be one less thing to have to worry about.

MARCH

Sunday, 3/25: "Spring Public Hike" at the West Rd Trail 10AM

-Spring this year is March 20th, as well as International Earth Day. Due to not knowing what the weather or the thaw on the ground will be like at this time, I am thinking making this hike at the West Rd Trail. It's a flat trail that isn't super muddy or located in the wetlands too much.

APRIL

Sunday, 4/22: "Earth Day" Event at the West Rd Trail 9AM-1PM

-The Boy Scouts showed interest in doing a cleanup as part of their community service. I think it would be more cost effective to do a land cleanup on the West Rd Trail. That way we aren't freezing in the river and they can help us get some areas under control at the entrance. If everything goes smoothly, I may see if they can make some nice flower beds to help with people seeing the entrance a little better.

MAY

Week of 5/6-5/12: "Wildflower Week"

-I think making a nice post on Facebook about what wildflowers are native to our area so people can try and plant some of their own would be okay

Wednesday, 5/16: "Love a Tree Day"

-We can probably get away with making a nice Facebook Post on this since it's in the middle of the week

Saturday, 5/19: "Hockanum River Clean-Up" at the YMCA/Windermere Trail 9AM-1PM

-Since Earth Day will be on West Rd, working on the other part of the river would give whoever is helping with the cleanup the opportunity to evaluate what trash is coming down river. In addition to this, if the water is still too cold to work in, we can do a land cleanup to the best of our ability on this trail.

JUNE

Saturday, 6/2: "Trails Day" at YMCA/Windermere Trail Time TBD

Saturday, 6/16: "Hockanum River Clean-Up" at the West Rd Trail 9AM-1PM

"Painted Turtle Release" (Following the river clean-up)

-The Boy Scouts showed interest in helping take part in this event. I think this will be a good day to show the community our hard work, and the benefit of learning a little bit about the turtle

JULY

Sunday, 7/8: "Summer Public Hike" at the Balanced Boulder Trail 10AM

-I know parking is scarce, but we haven't paid much attention to this trail and I think it's doable

Saturday, 7/21: "Hockanum River Clean-Up" at the YMCA/Windermere Trail 9AM-2PM

-This is the big one. The water will be ideal for river cleaning and it's a large span of river to take care of. We can most likely get a good handful of people helping community wise. We would have everyone meet up at the Pinney St Fields and then disperse from there.

AUGUST

Saturday, 8/18: "Hockanum River Clean-Up" at the West Rd Trail 9AM-1PM

-This will be the final cleanup of 2018. Ann Harford advised us last year to make sure we are out of the river by September due to the water getting colder.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 9/22: "Autumn Public Hike" at Sunset Hill 10AM

-This works out that the first day of fall *falls* on a Saturday. I wanted to switch the trails up and think although Sunset is shorter, not many people know about it and this would get some good exposure for those looking for a hillier trail.

OCTOBER

Saturday, 10/27: "Jack-O-Lantern Walk/Trunk-or-Treat" at Brookside Park Time TBD

-Even if this project is not complete, I think this would still be a great spot to do this event. We can get all the Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as Youth Services involved, maybe even the schools depending on the interest. I know the Fire Department does Trunk or Treat so maybe we can team up with them as well.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 11/17: "Take a Hike Day"

-We can easily do a Facebook Post for this day and have people comment their pictures of the hikes they took that day

DECEMBER

Saturday, 12/22: "Winter Public Hike" at the YMCA/Windermere Trail 10AM

-The first day of winter is the 21st. I know this is right before Christmas, but kids will be out of school and even if there's a little snow on the ground, this trail will be flat enough to hike comfortably.