

## **EMG ExCom Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023**

### **Attendees:**

EMG ExCom: members: Ken Schechtman, Stephanie Todd, Caitlin Zera, Matt Self, Jean Nock

Non-ExCom members: Caroline Pufalt, Jim Rhodes

### **Approved September 2023 minutes**

#### **Treasurer's Report and Budget – Jim Rhodes**

- Provided treasurer report to ExCom members
- Five \$10,000 CD were purchased and are stored at the Chapter office.
- Net income from Festival of the Hills Income was \$16,390.02
- Working to recover \$867.61 in outing related expenses from National.

**Actions:** Jim will talk to Gretchen about timing to submit outings expenses and get reimbursed. Only expense expected by end of year is food for Current River Event.

- Jim to talk to John Feldman about submitting expenses.

#### **Sierra Scape and E-newsletter – Caitlin**

- Going to print the end of October.
- The newsletter committee is working on lay-out.
- E-newsletter was slightly delayed. October newsletter should go out this week.
- A couple new volunteers have come forward to help with the newsletter. Need to be certified through National to send out information. Hope to have more than one person to be able to send out newsletters.

#### **Member Event Sept 28 – Matt**

- Held at Forest Park Visitor Center; Co-Speakers Anna Chott, Sustainability Planner for East West Gateway Council of Governments, spoke about climate action. Greg Lovett from Ameren provided information on rebates.
- Approximately 28 people attended

#### **Upcoming Events**

- EMG Fall Social and Potluck – October 14 from noon – 4:00 in Tower Grove Park
- Next EMG Member Event – Backing the John Muir Trail Presentation. Urban Chestnut Brewery

#### **Conservation Committee Report - Caroline**

- Booth at Celebrate Wildwood on September 23 – Event was well attended and very family oriented. Approximately 15 people provided their email for follow-up information.
- No Spray Coalition – working with group to pass an ordinance to ban pesticides in St. Louis City. Ordinance is in draft form and group is trying to get support from Alders.

- Legislation to Prevent Flooding.
  - Working with a grassroots citizens group in U. City to help draft ordinances to help prevent flooding. Draft includes language to increase pervious surfaces and native plants
  - Wash. U. law students helping with draft legislation.
  - MSD has said that they are responsible for cleaning out sewers but not responsible for cleaning out rivers. Also not responsible for debris on banks.

**Motion** to Endorse U. City effort to reduce flooding, including pervious surfaces, native plants and other environmental environmentally appropriate methods to reduce flooding. Passed unanimously.

### **Outing Committee – Matt**

- Outings going well.
- Several volunteer opportunities:
  - Nov. 11 – Belleview Farm Park
  - Nov 17 - Castlewood state park
  - Dec. 17 – Don Robinson State Park
- Hike set-up for Webster University and Wash U. Students
- Suggestion made to sign up new members during outings.

**Next Meeting November 14, 2023**