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NOTICE OF A MEETING
CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS TRAIL TOWNS WORKING GROUP MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

VIRTUAL: MICROSOFT TEAMS
March 11, 2024, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Ball opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and facilitating introductions. The attendee group included representatives from regional planning, tourism, trail advocacy, and local government. The meeting had a larger-than-usual attendance, and participants briefly introduced themselves and their affiliations.

Wayfinding Project

Meredith Reed, Designing Local, provided a draft of the wayfinding Design Document that has been also distributed for review. An Open House is scheduled for Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am to discuss feedback. Comments are due by Friday, March 15. The final version is expected by the end of the month. The document is extensive (over 300 pages), and Members were encouraged to review at least a chapter or two and to provide input.

Trail Town Framework

This agenda item was skipped due to a lack of updates. Co-Chair Ball noted the absence of new information and moved on to the next topic.

Outdoor Trails Pass

Co-Chair Kauffman reported that the Outdoor Trails Pass is on track for an April 1 launch, ahead of Celebrate Trails Day. Four itineraries have been finalized, covering the City of Grandview, Old Worthington, the City of Gahanna, and the City of Columbus. Some locations include discount offers to encourage trail users to visit local businesses. MORPC's Jesse Sampson contributed significantly to gathering itinerary content. The initiative aims to enhance trail engagement and support small businesses.

Celebrate Trails Day

Member Oberg announced that Celebrate Trails Day will be held on Saturday, April 27, in partnership with Green Columbus as part of Earth Day celebrations. The event will include a guided hike, a bike ride, and stage time for participating organizations. He invited members to table or host their own local events and offered support through pre-produced materials available on the RTC website.

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Closing

Co-Chair Ball opened the floor for additional updates.

Letitia Cetina, City of Columbus, shared that the City of Columbus is working on the Bike Plus Plan, which includes trail access. Public open houses are scheduled for March 26 and 28.

Terry Fisher, Bike Buckeye Lake, announced a three-county bike rodeo for children on May 11 in Buckeye Lake Village, with registration details forthcoming.



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Members Present

- Co-Chair Laura Ball, City of Westerville
- Laurie Kappes, Visit Gahanna
- Co-Chair Kari Kauffman, Experience Columbus
- Eric Oberg, Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Olivia Toth, Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Staff Present

- Lynn Kaufman
- Jonathan Miller
- Melinda Vonstein

Public Present

- Tom Bilcze, Ohio to Erie Trail
- Mario Bucha
- Letitia Cetina, City of Columbus
- Terry Fisher, Bike Buckeye Lake
- Meredith Reed, Designing Local
- Michelle Wilson, Experience Columbus