

ROCK ALLEY ACTION TEAM

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, September 8th, 2011

Attendance: 10

1. Recap of Last Meeting
 - a. Focused on OPDC's resources (specifically legal resources)
 - i. Perhaps have a lawyer step in (which OPDC has available)
 - ii. However, we may need to hire a specialized lawyer to deal with our specific situation
 - iii. OPDC's lawyer can provide a connection for us to do so
 - iv. Not necessary at this point, but something to keep in mind
 - b. Additionally considering bringing in a landscape architect (and/or professional surveyor)
 - i. We need to ask the architect what trail is needed
 - ii. The firm used to create the master plan does have one available
 - iii. Looking into hiring a student from CMU or WVU
 1. Still no response
2. Website Concept For Design
 - a. www.rockalley.org
 - b. Phil Garrow gave an overview of the website
 - i. He's provided a brief introduction paragraph and a map, but he needs help filling out the other pages
 - ii. Homework: visit the website!
 - c. Contemplating creating a Facebook group so that everyone can share information with one another
 - d. We need somebody to run this group and the website—Maybe the Promotions & Distributions team
3. Things to Consider
 - a. Area was designated as a greenway, which could be a potential problem with putting in trails
 - i. Dave claimed that he has documentation stating that we are permitted to install trails when we designated the site a greenway
 - b. The regulations put in place might force us to make a wider trail (ADA compliance)
 - c. We need preliminary fundraising for these costs
 - i. Community Design Center is a possibility (applications due November 1st)
 - d. Entranceway to Greenway
 - i. End of September
 - ii. Two day project
4. What Do We Want?
 - a. We want a connection between Oakland and the Eliza Furnace trail at the bare minimum
 - b. Ideally we would want an ADA compliant path, but that could turn into a multimillion dollar project
 - i. So what if it costs more money? Let's find the funding
 - ii. This will help us get the best project (shoot for the stars)