

11/14/2017 EMG Excom minutes: present were, Doug Mehville, Paul Ohlendorf, Caitlin Zera, John Feldman, Ken Schechtman, Henry Robertson and Caroline Pufalt.

1. Approved minutes from October meeting. Thanks to Caitlin!
2. Budget report, see Gretchen's summary. John F reported that chapter had grant that EMG could use to be reimbursed for tools.

Doug moved, Caitlin seconded that we use Pay Pal to charge for calendars. Motion passed. John moved Caitlin seconded that we charge \$2 Per transaction via Pay Pal. Passed with one abstention.

Native garden group asked for \$30 for native plants. John moved, Doug seconded that we approve \$30 for this. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Monthly meeting planning. Caitlin spoke to Sylvester Brown and he is interested in Feb meeting. We agreed this was good idea and approved it. Henry was working on Maplewood Mayor for Jan, but she is not responding.

March is usual meeting with Audubon. Caroline will talk to Mitch.

John F will check with TNC could do a program on soils for either Jan or Feb.

4. Sierra Scape will be delayed so we will be counting ballots in Jan. Doug, Henry and Caroline will be counting the ballots.

5. Outings. Chapter will pay for food and supplies for next year's trail building. The trail building was a success, 65 participants, thanks to all who helped.

6. Feedback from chapter meeting: Chapter endorsed petition against captive deer hunting. Chapter signed on to letter regarding forests and climate change. Also we are encouraged to get signatures on letter from small businesses supporting new state parks. Caitlin prepared a flyer to use.

7. Conservation - How should we respond to member request for aid in zip line near Wildwood? We agreed not to be involved at this point. Would need more information. Environmental impacts of zip lines can vary. If Hidden Valley Ski Resort does close, alternative may be worse. Suggest they contact CCP? Caroline will respond to volunteer.

Caroline will attend Creve Coeur Park Coalition Friday. Issues will be recovery of the 40 acres in CCP and possible discussion of whether to revisit petition to prohibit park sales without public approval.

Week of Dec 4 will likely be time that state park department holds local open meetings near each of the new proposed parks. Exact schedule unknown now but volunteers are invited to attend.

ONSR Roads and Trails – chapter is taking lead but EMG should still make effort to engage our members. Paper summary just came out, details should be on line by Friday, Dec 15 comment deadline.

We do have folks already interested in county parks. Andy did a lot of outreach to get some names.

Henry has plan for getting more cities on Ready for 100 as well as working with city to build their plan over the next year. Caitlin will help getting list of folks in targeted cities. Cities which have signed on need to develop a plan. The dimensions of each plan will depend on resources. Building efficiency codes should be considered in plans.

8. Staff sharing – Andy is good resource, Gretchen always comes through on budget items. Staff spent time on e newsletter and some time on calendars, trial building support. We have few new projects for December, as outlined above a lot going on already. Should we ask Andy to help us at general meetings? We had a lot of folks at Sept meeting could we used his help there?

9. Should we get holiday party advertised on Meet Up? John will check with Barb and Ann to see if they would like this.

10. Next meeting Dec 12 next EMG meeting.