

Forest Home Improvement Association Open Officers Meeting

Combined Meeting Minutes: May 16th and July 18th, 2013

Forest Home Chapel dining room

Attendees: Current officers: David Gross, President; Bill Arms, Vice President; Claudia Fuchs, Secretary; Montana Petersen, Treasurer; Bruce Brittain, Jon Miller, Elizabeth Sanders, Michael Bend

Agenda

1. Approved March minutes and postponed approval of May meeting.
2. FHIA budget and finances – no reports
3. Updates:
 - Forest Home Park planning/clean-up
 - Need to engage Cornell's D. Cutter re: Hasbrouck Memorial; Park Grant has been awarded and we will work with the Town on use of the funds.
 - Recent events: Historical Tour by Bruce Brittain was a big success with attendance by Plantations docents as well; Spring Clean-up organized by Claudia Fuchs was well attended.
 - Ongoing discussions with County/Town of Ithaca (FH Walkways, Upstream Bridge, Cornell connector road...)
 - David had meetings with Fernando de Aragon (ITCTC Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council), Jeff Smith (Supt., Tompkins County Highway Division), Town of Ithaca and ITCTC re: walkways (w/Bruce)
 - Upstream Bridge: Shoulder design, etc. approved. Good walkway to and from. Starts in July through Nov. We will get info out (Bruce)
 - FHD speed reduction to 35 approved by state (At request of a runners' group to Town. FHIA sent in a letter of support.)
 - Large vehicle traffic safety issues

FHIA has taken a multi-faceted approach:

 - TCAT bus reduction requested. TCAT Transportation Services Comm. Meeting focused on our concerns (David and Claudia participated), Peter Stein also met with David and Claudia to discuss the TCAT situation as well, most recently, letters about

the situation and possible solutions were sent to the three Cornell reps on the TCAT Board.

- FHIA would like to see implementation of the long proposed reconfiguration of the PGR/Cradit Farm Road T Intersection as the “gateway to campus” – including proper signage and a formal entranceway. Especially for new arrivals plus delivery trucks, constr. vehicles, charter buses. FHIA suggested putting it in 2015 ITCTC Plan.
- Enforce the existing weight limit regulation (Town Code 250-8) through better signage and enforcement. Under discussion with the Town and enforcement agencies.
- Encourage Cornell to provide FH-Friendly routing information to routine delivery trucks, construction site vehicles, and venue transport.
- Assess GPS information systems relative to FH/Bridge avoidance. The Garmin Corporation informed us that the 5 ton ordinance is in national GPS database sold by Garmin (and others) for large vehicles. BUT many such vehicles use car systems or none.

Status: Overall little progress;

4. FHIA Administrative Topics

- FHIA News use: Developing update in late May.
- Neighborhood Outreach via Street Captains to build more FHIA awareness.
- Website role discussed.
- FH Directory – finalize?
- Dues collection push needed
- FHIA News use – update list

5. Other old business

- FH Sustainability Initiative under discussion with Cornell faculty.

6. New business

- Upcoming events (Fall party, etc.)
- Deer ticks – FH initiative??
 - Cornell Deer Management Program role
- Assess Changes at Plantations

7. Adjourn