

Linear Park Corporation: 2024 Committee Report

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The Linear Park Corporation has assisted the City of Fayetteville with improvement of the Linear Park Trail throughout 2024.

Below is a summary of key developments and actions undertaken by the committee during the year.

Key Accomplishments in 2024

1. Repair and Reopening of Trail Steps

Following a fire in late 2023, the steps along the Linear Park Trail were repaired and reopened for public use in 2024. This timely restoration ensured the continued accessibility and safety of the trail for the community.

2. Trail Updates and Dedication

The committee implemented updates to the Linear Park Trail entryway, which included the addition of a commemorative trailhead dedicated to the memory of Harry Shaw, acknowledging his significant contributions as the originator of the trail.

Landscaping enhancements at the trail entry were also completed to improve the aesthetics and usability of the trail. Additionally, a millstone and signage will be installed before the spring of 2025.

3. Upcoming Dedication Ceremony

The committee plans to hold a ceremony in the spring of 2025 to dedicate the trailhead in the memory of Harry Shaw. The event will invite the community to celebrate his invaluable contributions to the Linear Park Trail.

Future Plans

1. Refocusing Committee Tasks

The committee has discussed realigning its focus to address tasks related to the development of the Center City Parks and Trails project. This shift aims to expand the committee's impact and address broader community needs. The committee plans to present its updated goals and strategies to City Council in early 2025 for review and approval.

Conclusion

The Linear Park Committee remains committed to trail improvements and fostering community engagement through its projects. Complete maintenance and proposed expansion of focus represent continued efforts to improve the city's trail system.

This concludes the report for the Linear Park Corporation's Committee activities in 2024.