

THE PARK

Arts in the Park should be focus

Indiana arts Commission Grant applications in by 9/14 – to celebrate State bicentennial and State Parks Centennial, for individual or groups projects, don't have to be visual arts. IAC website is www.in.gov/arts

This initiative is also aimed at supporting rural artists. There's a meeting on this at BCCF on 8/25

Involvement by artists and musicians can also serve as fundraising attraction for park

Other grants are available for the Park, would require matching funds

We will work together to pursue listing the Park on the National Register of Historic places

We do want to do a bicentennial project involving the Park

Ideas for better engagement with Nashville/Brown County –

--sell park passes at the IGA during peak hours to get locals to visit more

--sell passes at CVB or elsewhere in conjunction with coupon packages – ie, cost of pass is offset by discounts at local businesses who then benefit as well, and non-local park visitors will be drawn into town more

Chamber rep notes that the Chamber of Commerce is having a meeting Monday, Aug. 17 at 5:30 at Hotel Nashville to cover similar themes to tonight's session.

TRAILS

Want to engage park users better with Nashville and Brown County – bikers, hikers, leaf lookers, horseman's camp visitors (very isolated from town)

Connect mountain bike trails to other kinds of trails, ie, paved bike trails, walking trails, Columbus-Nashville-Bloomington

Complete Salt Creek Trail, continue it past CVS to Deer Run Park

Connect Yellowwood through Belmont to Hoosier National Forest.

Water Trails also key – need to aim at a water trail from cement factory all the way to Lake Monroe, at least during some parts of year, Salt Creek cleanup key here

There need to be support services for bikers and hikers who want a multi-day experience – camp sites, water availability, easily accessible food

Need to be aware of private efforts on trails, support both public and private options

Park costs going up, budgets going down, what to do

Need to work with legislators on supporting our Park and its links with rest of County

Private enterprise key to Ride Center concept – not just the trails, is also dependent on restaurants, hotels, community welcome

Could enhance trails with history, art, stories along the way

Need to welcome bikers, hikers expressly at local businesses

NASHVILLE

How do we get visitors to stay here rather than just making a day trip?

How do we get one-time visitors to come back?

Need to market historic assets

Need a Master Community Calendar! One that is easily accessible, known to all. Should be online, but also could be on a kiosk? Maybe an app? Would be used not only to track events and meetings but also as a blueprint to see where there are openings and opportunities to fill in with new events and to cooperate

Need to create more new events (eg, Wells Fargo Days), especially in winter (expand Winter Wellness)

Brown County and Nashville should have a booth at the State Fair

Why not create a Hohenberger tour/weekend package. Some have seen a recently produced, short video on Hohenberger, but no one seems to know where it now is.

In addition to being arts capital, should be story-telling capital, should also promote our music

Noise pollution is a big obstacle for some visitors. It is hard to address but we must.

Town and County can cooperate and must. In this regard, need an active County Redevelopment Commission