

Asheville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department Greenway Commission 2009 Annual Report

The Greenway Commission meets the second Thursday of every month at 3:30 pm in the first floor conference room of City Hall.

Mission (excerpted and paraphrased from ordinance):

To promote the establishment of linear park areas known as greenways; to recommend steps for implementation of the Master Plan; to foster communication and coordination with individuals and community groups; to identify potential sites for acquisition; to conduct continuing research, planning, and feasibility assessment; and to advise City Council, the City Manager, and the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts.

2009 Accomplishments and Actions:

- Recommend at the maximum, a partial closure on Wallack Street comprised of the fenced area within the City's right of way, provided that the City retain an easement for purposes of a greenway or multi-use trail.
- Encourage public comment on the master plan during the January 27, 2009 City Council meeting.
- Resolve the projects go ahead as budgeted and planned for French Broad River and Reed Creek Greenway Projects.
- Interact with Public Works staff and P&Z Commission; support drafting of best possible storm water ordinance so as to allow greenways in the aquatic buffers.
- Recommend acceptance an easement from 285 Broadway, LLC for the purposes of implementing the Reed Creek Greenway - Phase IV.
- Support the City in acquiring a .214 acre parcel in the amount of \$19,218 from Miegan and Chandler Gordon for the purposes of implementing the Reed Creek Greenway - Phase II.
- Endorse the creation of the Asheville Riverfront Commission
- Greenway Commission requested representation on the Riverfront Commission
- Greenway Commissioners urge council to dedicate funding to the Riverfront Commission and create a firm budget for the Riverfront Commission as quickly as possible this fiscal year
- Greenway Commission requests that City Council move to purchase the Waller Tract for development of the Hominy Creek greenway.
- Draft provided by staff of the addendum to the Master Plan was found acceptable as a preliminary draft and to proceed forward.
- Endorse the exchange of the properties between the City and Festiva Resorts in relation to the planned Beaucatcher Mountain greenway.

- Endorse the proposal to close portions of Hamilton and Brooklet Streets with a minimum requirement that there be provision of bike lanes on the resultant new city streets (Mission Hospital project).
- Accept the DOT properties along Reed Creek Greenway.
- Accept the addendum to the Parks Recreation and Cultural Arts Master Plan as proposed with minor language adjustments emphasizing an active role.

- **Goals for 2010**
 - Advise Council and Staff as to Policy Related to Greenways
 - Relationship Building with Other Private and Government Agencies
 - Encourage and Promote Greenway Development, Including Identification of Funding Strategies
 - Promote Integrated Planning of Greenways with Planning for Other Modes of Transportation
 - Support Staff in Implementation of Current Projects and Planning for Future Projects