

Beaucatcher Public meeting comments summary 3/16/16

Number	Name	email	Comments
1	Mayo Taylor	<a href="mailto:mayo.taylor49@charter.net">mayo.taylor49@charter.net</a>	1. I am generally supportive of the plan. I've walked the trails above memorial stadium several times so am familiar with the area. 2. I am concerned about the Helen's Bridge end. It seems unwise to attract additional traffic onto the small twisty roads at that end of the mountain. The parking planned is not adequate to justify extending the trail that far. Parking along narrow roadways will be an ongoing problem. 3. My conclusion: end the trail before the last section of sidewalk. Perhaps develop secondary access up Beaumont. 4. Consider permeable asphalt for the trail.
2	Marcia Bromberg	<a href="mailto:mwbromberg@yahoo.com">mwbromberg@yahoo.com</a>	As a former member of the Asheville Greenway Committee, I have been an advocate of this well-planned project for many years. I do not think that any of the last minute roadblocks brought up by opponents justify postponing the project or making any changes to the plan. I hope the City Council votes to move forward!
3	Pat Katz	<a href="mailto:pkatz56@charter.net">pkatz56@charter.net</a>	I can't wait to walk these greenway trails! They are great for bringing neighborhoods together. I recently moved from Atlanta where I worked as multi-use transportation coordinator for DeKalb County in the 1990's. ISTEAs & PATH foundation were starting to build multi-use trails on old trolley car easements, and my job was to coordinate the federal and private funds. Same NIMBY issues are always resurfacing, but the trails are worth all the effort! Please keep up the work to build trails and greenways to Asheville!
4	Tayler Williams	<a href="mailto:tayler.w.williams@gmail.com">tayler.w.williams@gmail.com</a>	Great and welcoming, but could've been clearer on speakers for the event. Not completely sure who to ask questions, possibly not enough folks to explain the process. Crowding in areas was a concern.
5	Bess Baird	<a href="mailto:bessbaird@yahoo.com">bessbaird@yahoo.com</a>	I am 100% behind/for Greenways. –Encourage movement/exercise. –Provide safe places to walk, run, and bike... all means of non-motorized transportation. The Beaucatcher Greenway has been in the works for a LONG time! Please continue & complete this greenway! Plans are in place, funding is secured...JUST DO IT! Thanks!
6	Helen Hyatt	<a href="mailto:gordon1820@gmail.com">gordon1820@gmail.com</a>	This is not a good idea. Use existing roads widen them, use barriers to protect from cars. It is not worth losing this mountain treasure to tourist fun seekers. There will be plenty of trails by the river.

7	Alistair Hyatt	<a href="mailto:alistairhyatt@gmail.com">alistairhyatt@gmail.com</a>	Proposed Northern trail head does not warrant the intrusion on homeowners at the former Sky Club and Peterson property, nor the expense and potential danger of routing the trail along S Beaumont/College nor the limited benefit of reaching the Helen's Bridge area. The roads in that area can barely handle the current traffic without adding bikes, pedestrians, children, dogs, etc. And the bridge may well fall down before you get there! Most people do trails out and back i.e. you park in one place and return to it. I think this trail should be built with Memorial Stadium as the sole trailhead and a circular path. This provides ample parking and ease of adding restroom facilities.
8	Mel Scholl	<a href="mailto:Mel.Scholl@gmail.com">Mel.Scholl@gmail.com</a>	This project has been in the works for about 20 years. It is time to get the asphalt on the ground. People who live here will use this park extensively. It will have some of the best views in the city and will give a rural, peaceful feeling to a very urban area. The number of trees being taken out are much less than some opponents believe and are spreading the rumor. Also, much of the trail is already in place and paving the trail will actually reduce the erosion rather than increase it. Finally, it is an urban forest not an old growth. Trees are important but it will still have a lot plus the remaining ones will be healthier and less vine infested. Please let's get this greenway built!!
9	Don Hunley	<a href="mailto:donhunley@yahoo.com">donhunley@yahoo.com</a>	Fabulous concept and future city amenity from river to Zealandia. Love the historical connections and interconnections to rest of City life. -By a city resident and taxpayer-
10	Teddy Jordan	<a href="mailto:teddy.jordan30@gmail.com">teddy.jordan30@gmail.com</a>	I support the greenway and think it'll be wonderful once completed. Thank you all for all your work and dedication over the years on this project.
11	Blaine Perry	<a href="mailto:blaineperry@gmail.com">blaineperry@gmail.com</a>	I live in east Asheville and would use this all the time to commute to downtown!
12	Bill Kopp	<a href="mailto:bill@billkopp.com">bill@billkopp.com</a>	The southern end of the proposed Beaucatcher Greenway includes a sections of proposed sidewalk on the east side of the street. White Fawn is very narrow and has no cul-de-sac (nor room for one). Currently, neighbors (residents) park on that side of the road, usually with two wheels off the pavement. If/when a sidewalk is added, the road will become effectively (if not literally) narrower. At present, sanitation and emergency vehicles must back all the way out of the street. Any cars parked opposite any of the five driveways in the affected area TOTALLY prevent residents from getting in and out of our driveways. We want resident-only parking required for the segment of White Fawn that borders the greenway. And we want those regulations enforced! We are very much in favor of the project as a whole
13	Chafin Rhyne		Please move this project forward. This will be a true asset for the city for years ahead. As a downtown resident I plan on using the trail often

14	James Judd	<a href="mailto:j.judd@kearfott.com">j.judd@kearfott.com</a>	Strongly in favor of the greenway. Based upon the information provided on 3/16 including talking with staff it is apparent that multiple aspects have been considered. Not worried about the trees being sacrificed (if only the power company would take such care). Look forward to hiking the greenway.
15	Phoebe Kilby	<a href="mailto:phoebe.kilby@emu.edu">phoebe.kilby@emu.edu</a>	Great plan! So glad to see how this greenway is connected to other greenways existing and planned in the city's comprehensive greenway plan. It is so important to implement this plan not only for recreation but also as part of a comprehensive transportation plan for pedestrians and bicyclist. Keep up the good work!
16	Dave Nutter	<a href="mailto:dnutter@aol.com">dnutter@aol.com</a>	A magnificent greenway which will be a blessing to the city. I hope it proceeds to construction quickly.
17	Guillermo Rodriquez	<a href="mailto:guillor@icloud.com">guillor@icloud.com</a>	I couldn't be more supportive of this project. I live on windswept drive and look forward to using this recreation amenity soon. This is something we should all support.
18	Will Goodson	<a href="mailto:will@accountingprofessionals.org">will@accountingprofessionals.org</a>	I am in full support of the Beaucatcher Greenway. I want this project to move forward. I have utilized the current trails in the area when I was a resident of White Fawn. The City needs to capitalize on any greenspace opportunities that are available. For being a progressive outdoor community, Asheville proper has very little in terms of community greenspace and trails. We need to look towards cities like Chattanooga and Greenville and create as many in town opportunities like this as possible. I hope that due diligence is performed that no unnecessary trees will be cut down that do not HAVE to come down. We should try and save ANY old growth tree!!! I hope that property owners at the North end of the project do not derail this. We need this, we need this yesterday, last week, last year, 10 years ago, etc. If we must, lets compromise on the North end and get rid of the sidewalk. Either way I full support the plan as is. I would use this all the time to recreate, I already spend a good amount of time riding from my house in Bent Creek to Windswept Mtn. I also would use this riding from my office on Merrimon Ave. I would use this riding from West Asheville as well. Thank you for your efforts!

19	Dawn Nelson	<a href="mailto:dawnley1@gmail.com">dawnley1@gmail.com</a>	Asheville should be doing all it can to preserve and enhance natural spaces. I have no sympathy for the few people who fell infringed on – less for a gate. The city decimated the East end and should be doing anything possible to enhance and improve the community and access for all to urban forest. Absurd to attract tourists to the mountains and then have to send them out of the city to enjoy them. Asphalt pathways make me sad. I get the maintenance aspect, but see it as an opportunity for Asheville to work with entities such as Green Opportunities to provide jobs. I would like to see a minimum of concrete as well. I understand that a part of the consideration is to make it disabled friendly, but hope landscaping will be kept to a minimum. Preserve all the trees you can.
20	David Mouw	<a href="mailto:davidmouw@charter.net">davidmouw@charter.net</a>	It's clear that a lot of work has gone into the current plan for Beaucatcher Greenway. It looks great. I'm a 100% for it, and plead that the concerns of a few local residents are not allowed to derail this well conceived design. In the end, they will learn that the few inconveniences will be outweighed by the fun of watching the good folks move past. I've always dreamed of a public park in these heights and a view of Asheville and this will be it. Thanks
21	Christina Martinez	<a href="mailto:christin.m.martinez@gmail.com">christin.m.martinez@gmail.com</a>	I live on Carroll Ave and will be directly impacted by the greenway construction process. I believe the greenway is a public good which will ultimately positively improve our city. I strongly object to the condo owners at the Sky Club placing a gate on a public right-of-way and using it for their own. The gate should be removed immediately to facilitate public use as part of the greenways plan. I have concerns about the proposed steep switchback at the stadium end of the trail, as this will negatively impact the quality of noise, and sight, for 3-4 residents on white fawn dr. Thank you for the work which has gone into studying various proposed greenways and for choosing the least ecologically impactful.
22	Philip Lenowitz	<a href="mailto:Paladin@NCChangeAges.com">Paladin@NCChangeAges.com</a>	First: This is a great presentative opportunity to understand the history, planning and development of this greenway and how it becomes part of a long-overdue greenway system for Asheville. The route itself seems to have the best combination of safety, beauty, and least disruptive to the environment. While some people who are immediately impacted by the route may be opposed, the greater good for all the residents (and visitors) is well served by building the Beaucatcher Greenway. Years of study and planning should not be disrupted by a few naysayers – Build the Greenway Now!
23	Kerry and Rob Heyer	<a href="mailto:kerryheyer@gmail.com">kerryheyer@gmail.com</a>	We fully support the building of this greenway and agree with the chosen alignment. It will be a wonderful asset to the Asheville Community and provide currently unavailable access to nature and views of the city right in town.

24	A.M. Tingle	<a href="mailto:Treytingle@yahoo.com">Treytingle@yahoo.com</a>	Tree/landscape save is vital as relates to providing buffer against stormwater runoff and sedimentation issues that impact water quality. I suggest building a narrower path to save trees/landscape. The suggested 10' width is not essential if the purpose of this greenway is a park rather than a means to connect to employment, shopping and entertainment venues in the downtown area. We folks on the Kenilworth side are feeling the impact of our recent major rainstorms over the prior 2-3 years and are suffering from major stormwater runoff/sedimentation from new building/landscapes in Beaucatcher Heights subdivision.
25	Tom Byers	<a href="mailto:tbyersabc@gmail.com">tbyersabc@gmail.com</a>	This project appears to reflect a great deal of careful evaluation and planning. I have a lot of confidence in the environmental sensitivity of the staff and consultants who have contributed to the planning process. The City's progress with its greenway system over the past +/- 15 years(??) since work began has seemed painfully slow. It surely would be nice to see this highly appealing project go forward without further delay.
26	Ken Miller	<a href="mailto:kenmiller0@gmail.com">kenmiller0@gmail.com</a>	This Beaucatcher greenway is a (potentially) marvelous project. All other city greenways are flat or nearly flat. This one has opportunity for elevation gain and views. This is a significant opportunity for those who now travel to Bent Creek or elsewhere for long runs or hikes in the woods. \$2 million is not too much to pay for such a project. This is an opportunity to extend Asheville parks & greenways beyond where most of your properties now exist – bottom land. This greenway will improve Asheville with an eye to adding an attraction that heretofore only exists in the county. Just be careful not to contribute to erosion, of course.
27	Shelley McNeill - Admiron Park	<a href="mailto:shelleymcneill@gmail.com">shelleymcneill@gmail.com</a>	YAY GREENWAY!! My front door is 20ft from this greenway, major selling point to buying the house, and we <u>welcome</u> the greenway traffic and exercise opportunities for our community. It would keep significant car traffic from having to drive to Carrier Park. It gives the entire community access to the incredible nature up there and views to boot! What a gem for Asheville to have a mountain greenway like this right in the city. We appreciate the effort of everyone over the decades to make this happen and wholeheartedly support Asheville's investment in the project. Please do not let a vocal few jeopardize a win for our broader community.
28	Mark McNeill MD	<a href="mailto:markmcneill@gmail.com">markmcneill@gmail.com</a>	BIG Thanks to everyone who has worked to move this wonderful project forward. As a physician in the community this will be a great resource for residents of Asheville who lack easy access to areas to exercise and enjoy nature. This will improve the health of the community. As a homeowner next to the greenway, (56 Admiron Park) I welcome the positive foot traffic this will bring to our community. Please do not let this project be derailed. Thank you.

29	C. Tingle	<a href="mailto:kenilworth550@yahoo.com">kenilworth550@yahoo.com</a>	I am concerned about the amount of asphalt and concrete that are required with current regulations. I would like to see more of the area dedicated to natural walking trails similar to those on the parkway. More trees and brushy areas should be retained. The Kenilworth & Tunnel Rd. areas are already bearing the brunt of too much impervious surface & it was all built under the auspices of "Best" practices. Leave as much land undisturbed as possible.
30	Sonya Friedrich	<a href="mailto:sefriedrich@outlook.com">sefriedrich@outlook.com</a>	It is so interesting to see greenway proposed path. Tying it in with the Overlook Park gives the greenway a strong attraction and a wonderful look day or night. I am hopeful that the development of the greenway and the park will be a reality within the next 5-6 years.
31	Sarah Sharpe	<a href="mailto:sarahmccord@gmail.com">sarahmccord@gmail.com</a>	Looking forward to it! I own a home on Buchanan and think this is great for the neighborhood. I appreciate the city's work and think it is ready to proceed without further study.
32	Mike Lewis	<a href="mailto:mlewis6956@charter.net">mlewis6956@charter.net</a>	I'm torn. If this connects with the river in 3 years I'd be for it. Because of the route it needs to be well patrolled and monitored for washouts, etc.
33	Janell Kapoor	<a href="mailto:janell@ashevillage.org">janell@ashevillage.org</a>	<p>Thank you.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I am concerned about eh concrete walkway from McCormick field up to White Fawn <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It seems unnecessary</li> <li>b. Costly</li> <li>c. Excessive use of concrete</li> <li>d. Disrupting a natural hillside and trees that help prevent sound pollution into the neighborhood...which is already a major issue.</li> <li>e. How much will it really be used?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Question about asphalt pathway – does it need to be asphalt? Can it be water permeable? Something more natural?</li> <li>3. Long term, I'd like to see a comprehensive ecological design for the water. NATURALIZED i.e. rainwater catchment ponds that support wildlife habitat and furthers local biodiversity. There is great potential for this from the White Fawn end down to the far end of McCormick field...The 2-3 open areas next to the playground could be turned into an Asheville urban educational farm with community pavilion, school groups, aquaponic ponds, etc. For maintenance lease to a local nonprofit or farmer.</li> <li>4. I own the URL <a href="http://www.ashevilleurbanfarm.com">www.ashevilleurbanfarm.com</a> or <a href="http://www.ashevilleurbanfarm.org">www.ashevilleurbanfarm.org</a> specifically for this vision.</li> </ol> <p>Thanks again.</p>

34	Marcus Barksdale	<a href="mailto:marcusbarksdale@yahoo.com">marcusbarksdale@yahoo.com</a>	I fully support the construction of this greenway. It is a great project that will significantly improve the recreational opportunities near downtown and will further improve the quality of life for Asheville's residents and visitors. The proposed route makes good use of existing public rights-of-way to allow access to this under-utilized resource. It seems the route mostly minimizes impacts to older trees and I encourage the city to plant succession trees to replace those removed. It would be nice to keep the trail surface natural, but I understand the requirements to make the greenway accessible to all people including those with mobility limitations. The potential locations for parking are limited and I support the use of several small parking lots to spread the traffic impact and encourage greater use of the entire greenway. The most important aspect of this project is effective communication. Asheville is growing and must be managed toward the benefit of the majority of citizens. Succumbing to anti-growth pressures will only result in un-managed growth that creates more problems for citizens in the long run.
35	Robin Nelson Smith	<a href="mailto:robin.nelson-smith@nuance.com">robin.nelson-smith@nuance.com</a>	Really appreciate Asheville providing this opportunity. We are very Pro-Greenway. Tonight was well presented. We cant wait for completion. City of Asheville needs to challenge Buncombe County to match in miles of Greenway.
36	Cindy Donahue	<a href="mailto:cindyajsmom@gmail.com">cindyajsmom@gmail.com</a>	Great opportunity for Asheville residents to enjoy some of the finest views from city owned land. We need this greenway!! Please try to find a way to mediate the conflict between landowners who are opposed and citizens who want access. Both sides can win if the planning is sensitive to all parties concerned. Keep working until you find a way and do not let the loudest voices prevail.
37	Rich Mathews	<a href="mailto:mathent@mindspring.com">mathent@mindspring.com</a>	I think its Great! It will allow us to harken back to when overlook park existed and everyone had the opportunity to get up to the ridge and look down upon the city. As a resident of Asheville since 1978, I think it will just add to the special character of our city.
38	Jane Mathews	<a href="mailto:jgmathews@mindspring.com">jgmathews@mindspring.com</a>	This is the most important Greenway that needs to be built for ALL of Asheville, it will be an important part of what was envisioned as the city "Emerald Necklace" of Greenways. It will provide to All citizens a way to view our beloved Smoky Mtns - Something only the few and privileged have - and those who can afford a mountainside that provides an important connection from our Downtown recreational hub at Memorial Stadium/McCormick Field to an important Historic resource at Helens Bridge. There was a History of access cost to modern times let us restore it for all citizens. This is a thought-out, well planned Greenway - A longtime in coming - Time for us to see it realized!! Thanks - Lets provide another recreational, scenic, and historic amenity for Asheville - this is a great city - great city's do things like this!

39	Billie Lofland	<a href="mailto:blofland1@gmail.com">blofland1@gmail.com</a>	I do support Greenways for many reasons. The Beaucatcher Greenway could be a good addition to the Asheville system. However, if there is a legal battle, perhaps the greenway could stop prior to Sky Club. I understand there has been confusion over road ownership because Sky Club was allowed to put a gate across public right-of-way. That gate should be removed from public property - or maybe could be used as a negotiating point in continuing the greenway to its planned end point with some modifications. Would like to see greenway along Swananoa Road accelerated. There is a desperate need there!
40	Unkown		Please proceed with the Greenway plan. It's a wonderful plan and we will all benefit from it!
41	Will D Spoon	<a href="mailto:willspoon@gmail.com">willspoon@gmail.com</a>	Thank you for putting this event on. I would like the cut backs and stairs planned for White Fawn Trailhead reconsidered. It would be cheaper, faster and less Env. damage to use the existing road and trails. The number of trees to be cut has gone up from 82 to 135, moving the wrong direction here. I wish more Env. friendly designs like raised trails similar to Clingsman designs would be explored.
42	Garland Walker	<a href="mailto:gewalker@gci.net">gewalker@gci.net</a>	I like the majority of the design. I would suggest lessening the length of the beginning switch back at the Memorial Park end of the greenway.
43	Janet McAfee	<a href="mailto:jmacnorris@gmail.com">jmacnorris@gmail.com</a>	This looks like a great project. Lets move it forward as soon as we can.
44	Sasha Kron	<a href="mailto:kron.sasha@gmail.com">kron.sasha@gmail.com</a>	Why build anything that a lot of people resent due to destruction of trees, negatively depreciating R.E. value, drainage problems, risk of mudslides. Enormous cost to the tax payers of Asheville. I wonder in a name of what? What I heard tonight is supporting of the issue: most citizens don't want a Beaucatcher Greenway.
45	Susan Rodenick	<a href="mailto:ashevillesusan@gmail.com">ashevillesusan@gmail.com</a>	I am a big supporter of the greenway as planned and encourage you all to keep the momentum up. This is a good project for the TDA money & should be implemented soon so we can get more. I trust the designers to select the best design.
46	Till Dohse	<a href="mailto:till.dohse@gmail.com">till.dohse@gmail.com</a>	As the city grows its important it sets aside land for public use for recreation. Its (the city's) resources for parks should be used to maximize the effectiveness. I am not sure whether the final stretch of this greenway Alexander Dr. to Beaumont St. should be a high priority. That said I do not appreciate city streets being gated. City should be more careful in allowing streets with public right-of-way to become private driveways with out due process.

47	Britta Baker	<a href="mailto:britta.baker@gmail.com">britta.baker@gmail.com</a>	Thanks for all the hard work and careful planning that has gone into this. I have some concern about runoff and erosion as well as the environmental impact of the asphalt and concrete. However I am excited about the idea of expanded access to these beautiful woods, and I recognize that more environmentally friendly materials might be less durable. I object to the current gate near the Sky Club, blocking what is a public right-of-way. This needs to be returned to public access and not restricted to a privileged few. I have some concern about the extensive switchback leading from the stadium. It seems excessive since the stairs at the bottom will prevent handicap access regardless. There are some beautiful trees that ought to be preserved. Also some of the existing roads (Ardmion Park) are a crumbling mess and it seems silly to put a brand new sidewalk there without mending the road too.
48	Marjorie McGuirk	<a href="mailto:mmcguirk@charter.com">mmcguirk@charter.com</a>	I am very supportive of the Park. I am also a member of Asheville Sister Cities, a cultural exchange program that touts international relations for the city. We had contributed funds for the early planning of what is now called White Fawn Park. Having a park with a wonderful City view enhances the quality of life in Asheville. Reminiscent of Vancouver Canada's Park, the parks on Beaucatcher and the Greenways that connect them enhance the enjoyment of the beauty of our city. We live in one of the few ecosystems in the world in which trees naturally regrow after cutting. A few special trees may be lost to the building of an access roadway. However, better stewardship of the mountain's trees overall will result with the parks planning. Any of the 3 options for Beaucatcher overlook are great. (One is reminded that it was the Biltmore that established the cradle of Forestry and the subsequent N Park Service). We know how to take care of trees while still enabling people to access the beauty of the views, the commercial opportunities to provide amenities, and the civic duty to enhance the life pursuits of recreation in our city.
49	Judy Galloway	<a href="mailto:judithgalloway@mac.com">judithgalloway@mac.com</a>	I support the plans that are underway and proposed funding for Beaucatcher Greenway. As a new resident of Asheville, I have already enjoyed the sense of belonging afforded by Asheville's Greenways. A greenway on Beaucatcher would add to the city's unique personality and the attachment we feel as residents of Asheville. Yes to the Greenway. It is important enough you could put it in my backyard.
50	Laura Bodian	<a href="mailto:Lbodian@yahoo.com">Lbodian@yahoo.com</a>	Please consider alternatives to paving the non-road portions of the greenway.
51	Sabrey Franks	<a href="mailto:sfranks@unca.edu">sfranks@unca.edu</a>	I support the construction of this greenway. Its clear that this will have a minimal negative impact on the natural environment and provide a range of benefits to the community. Well worth our tax dollars!

52	Melissa Hudson-Gant	<a href="mailto:melissahudsongant@gmail.com">melissahudsongant@gmail.com</a>	Greenways are an important resource in a vital community, serving to connect citizens to each other, improve health and other alternate modes of transportation. I look forward to both the city and county supporting this [illegible word] and keeping Asheville robust!
53	David McGuirk	<a href="mailto:m McGuirk@charter.net">m McGuirk@charter.net</a>	Support the plan for the Beaucatcher Greenway. Look forward to the future extension and development of White Fawn Park. The views from the existing old reservoir area are spectacular!
54	Ann Babcock		The only Asheville Greenway with a beautiful view! No doubt that this would be a tourist draw, however, residents of Asheville and Buncombe County will benefit the most. There are, of course, issues with property owners who threaten a law suit. Is there any possibility of compromise with these people? Better to compromise than lose the whole project!
55	Mike Figura	<a href="mailto:mike@mymosaicrealty.com">mike@mymosaicrealty.com</a>	Plan seems well thought out. Might not be perfect, but is an excellent plan in general. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Vote for the greenway and fix the deficiencies along the way. I have heard from lots of community members who are in favor of this project and very few who are against.
56	Rafael Rettig	<a href="mailto:rafaelrettig@yahoo.com">rafaelrettig@yahoo.com</a>	How will stormwater be handled at the southern trailhead of the Clingman Greenway? Will there be a hard surface to catch that or will the road just be gravel?
57	Judy McAfee	<a href="mailto:judy.mcafee@mindspring.com">judy.mcafee@mindspring.com</a>	I am very much in favor of a greenway system throughout the city and county. It's an important way for citizens to appreciate the natural beauty of the area, and an important way to promote public health. The city should use the public right of way with the most responsible treatment of the landscape.
58	Willie Mae Brown		I strongly approve the greenway develop. 1) Save all trees possible 2) Keep natural sites (preserved) as nature trails; educational tools. 3) Use as little concrete as possible. 4) Do not cause any inconveniences to residents in area, (such as parking, blocking of driveways, etc.)
59	Matthew Sharpe	<a href="mailto:msharpe@deerfieldwnc.org">msharpe@deerfieldwnc.org</a>	My wife and I are very excited for the Beaucatcher Greenway plan AS IS presented. We live nearby and own a home on Buchanan Ave. Please do not delay the project by conducting a "tree study", it is not necessary. The Greenway will be a wonderful addition for the citizens, so please proceed with the construction ASAP! Thank you! It is completely understandable to remove some trees to create this wonderful system of parks. Thank you for completing this project as soon as possible!!

60	Terry Scholl	<a href="mailto:terry.scholl@gmail.com">terry.scholl@gmail.com</a>	<p>Exciting. We need to fulfill this dream of a linear park. I have walked this area and know the beauty. Although some trees will be lost, that should only be temporary as other trees grow and the city adds trees where necessary. Additionally, the footprint of homes will more change the area than a trail. Asheville is known as an outdoor place which to those of us that are not hardcore is misleading. We need this park for nonathletes to walk and exercise. Thanks</p>
61	Don Galloway	<a href="mailto:dandjgalloway@mac.com">dandjgalloway@mac.com</a>	<p>As a Kenilworth resident, I strongly support the development of the Beaucatcher Greenway, as well as the rest of the greenway system and White Fawn Park. These facilities will provide immense recreational and environmental benefit. It is well established that the most environmentally beneficial act possible is to reduce automobile transport. Greenway encourage this. The objection re: tree removal is ill-informed. Although the definition of old growth is and has long been debated, the forested land involved meets none of the definitions. It is at best a two age urban woodland. If anything the forest quality would be improved by removal of the dead and diseased trees.</p>
62	Meridith Gregory	<a href="mailto:mergregHI@yahoo.com">mergregHI@yahoo.com</a>	<p>I live half a mile from the proposed entrance to this greenway @ Memorial Stadium. I enthusiastically support the construction of this greenway. I have walked the proposed path and it does not appear to be a pristine "old growth" forest to me. Rather it looks like a neglected, vine infested plot with dying trees that needs work to stop erosion and further damage to trees. I look forward to the opportunity to be able to walk my dog from my condo downtown to this greenway, and enjoy a stroll in the woods and a beautiful view of mountains and downtown Asheville. Please find a way to make this greenway happen!</p>
63	Juliana Arstin	<a href="mailto:rugreen4u@gmail.com">rugreen4u@gmail.com</a>	<p>A urban greenway is an essential part of the planning in my vision of Asheville's future. I hope to see a greenway throughout the city where citizens can bike from downtown to the RAD – to eat dinner downtown and see all the beautiful scenery our town has to offer. And it should include cross river bridges! The Beaucatcher Greenway SHOULD include parks, should move forward without delay (and the gate should've never been allowed at SkyClub!) I would love to have a pool at the site of the old reservoir- why not? I'm dreaming big! Go Parks and Rec</p>

64	Deborah Gurriere	<a href="mailto:dmgurriere@aol.com">dmgurriere@aol.com</a>	There are better ways to make this greenway a reality. The current "cheapest" route does not take into account the safety of the public; handicap accessibility; liability of homeowners impacted; lack of "views" in all but the dead of winter; clearing of old growth trees; erosion; clearing of flowering trees on private lands; decrease in home values w/o decreasing property taxes. The lay of the land (mountainous) will create much more expense than the monies that have been proposed. The public "selling" of this project is being done with "smoke and mirrors."
65	Neela McDade	<a href="mailto:nmcdade@thesparcnetwork.net">nmcdade@thesparcnetwork.net</a>	The idea that the greenways around Beaucatcher would be unsound, structurally, seems absurd to me. The amount of income in tourist & local traffic incurred by this structure would be incredible. In fact, I'll give you a dollar myself. Contact me so I can send the money to the correct place.
66	Veronika Gunter	<a href="mailto:veronika.gunter@gmail.com">veronika.gunter@gmail.com</a>	The overall plan for greenways throughout Asheville appears to be a thoughtful plan that will offer many benefits. The Beaucatcher section, as presented, is environmentally sensitive and will be useful for neighborhood residents, other residents and visitors. I like it. The tree removal is minimal; the carbon reduction enabled by the greenway more than offsets any carbon impact of removing the trees. I look forward to next steps toward building these greenways.
67	Russ Martin (Former Mayor)	<a href="mailto:Rmandkk@attglobal.net">Rmandkk@attglobal.net</a>	The plan is exciting and will be an excellent addition to our park system; however, the absence of parking at each end of the greenway will inhibit usage. Spend the extra \$ to provide parking at each end! Good access is important! Listen; but personal objections are only for the benefit of individual property owners, and seldom serve the general public.
68	Angela Maddix	<a href="mailto:mountainmaddix@charter.net">mountainmaddix@charter.net</a>	I live in Kenilworth and I am excited for this greenway to happen! The plans are thoughtful and this greenway will help preserve the ridge & view shed to downtown. I will be happy to walk it, run it and enjoy the fantastic views of downtown.
69	Anne Hamilton	<a href="mailto:ahamilt1@unca.edu">ahamilt1@unca.edu</a>	If your intention is to inform the public (lame) then your presentation should be educational not confusing & not disorderly.
70	Blank	<a href="#">Blank</a>	Concerns: Currently, appears area & surrounding communities are experiencing increasing issues related to run-off (stormwater dept. has indicated "no real" provisions to mitigate/resolve run-off in the Kenilworth area). Increased strain on natural environment, exacerbated by increased foot/vehicle traffic. Locals are currently utilizing the area.

71	Michael Wilson	<a href="mailto:kappamanmsu@aol.com">kappamanmsu@aol.com</a>	I am very concerned about visitors to the greenway who may want to park on White Fawn Dr to access the greenway. There should be some system in place which prevents visitors from wanting to park closer to the greenway and thus parking on the street in front of the homes on White Fawn Dr. Parking on White Fawn Dr. is already congested and perhaps even more so with the additional apartments being built in the immediate area. Please give this some consideration as it is likely to cause potential problems for those living in the area.
72	Phyllis Stiles	<a href="mailto:phdstiles@gmail.com">phdstiles@gmail.com</a>	Bravo! Love the plans. Only way it could be improved is by using pervious pavement and including pollinator meadows.
73	Diane Matsumoto	<a href="mailto:dmatsumoto48@gmail.com">dmatsumoto48@gmail.com</a>	A “greenway” made of asphalt and concrete - ? You have to be kidding. It is inconceivable to pretend that a feature of native plants, and water retention elements make sense with your theme park design. A drive could be made accessible from Beaucatcher Dr. to overlook – leave the foot paths alone – I live, and have helped steward a good part of this trail. The city planners should be ashamed of themselves. Change the name to “PAVEWAY”
74	Juan Richards	<a href="mailto:irvintageframes@yahoo.com">irvintageframes@yahoo.com</a>	A great plan – I look forward to using this greenway & think it’s a good use of the land. I support it!
75	Iris Lancaster	<a href="mailto:irislilirose@gmail.com">irislilirose@gmail.com</a>	Call it what it is – it is <u>not</u> a greenway - Current water issues make this plan anything but reasonable.
76	Sebastian Ratesmann	<a href="mailto:daeluin@gmail.com">daeluin@gmail.com</a>	The southern access from the stadium includes a proposed switch back that seems unnecessarily excessive. It would appear designed for ADA, however the staircases nullify this already. Thus a shortened access could offer more direct access, reduce tree removal, and lower costs.
77	Mark Cobb	<a href="mailto:markonthetrail@gmail.com">markonthetrail@gmail.com</a>	Please complete this greenway! It will be a true jewel in the Asheville – Buncombe County greenway system. It’s accessibility to the citizens for the city is a strong positive. It will go far in promoting the larger master plan.
78	David Kliegman	<a href="mailto:david.kliegman@gmail.com">david.kliegman@gmail.com</a>	<u>Yes</u> to greenway! I can’t wait to enjoy it. Had wonderful greenway in Alpharetta, GA. It was a social central destination – walkers, runners, & biking.
79	Wilson Sims Jr.	<a href="mailto:sims@simsandsteele.com">sims@simsandsteele.com</a>	Urban parks provide an essential pathway to healthy living. Citizens battling weight, diabetes, unhealthy habits find a path to healthy living and healthy mindset through exercise and walking and reflection in the park. Beaucatcher will be an oasis for healthy living and a great cost saver for medical costs and mental health. Thank you.

80	Jenny Mercer	<a href="mailto:mersweet222@gmail.com">mersweet222@gmail.com</a>	I am thrilled that the city has found a route that includes so much that is already paved & developed. I hope that the Sky Club residents will share – this is like the greenway through the existing campground between Carrier Park & Hominy Creek. I look forward to biking on the Beaucatcher Greenway.
81	Mary Louise Kempf	<a href="mailto:marylouisekempf@yahoo.com">marylouisekempf@yahoo.com</a>	Thanks for the detailed information that was available. It helps to see facts to rule out rumors. The greenway plans look great.
82	Helen Lindberg	<a href="mailto:helind@gmail.com">helind@gmail.com</a>	I live in Ease End / Valley Street and am very excited about the new Beaucatcher Greenway. Please keep up the good work! I can hardly wait for the section in front of the Ardmon Park Condos / Skyclub to open.
83	Gail Jolley	<a href="mailto:g9jolley@gmail.com">g9jolley@gmail.com</a>	I live in Kenilworth, and I am in favor of this project.
84	Rupa Vickers Russe	<a href="mailto:Ruparusse@gmail.com">Ruparusse@gmail.com</a>	I support this project. I have a home in MLK and want this project implemented.
85	Jim Taylor	<a href="mailto:jimtredsox@gmail.com">jimtredsox@gmail.com</a>	Bravo! Build it!
86	Michelle Smith	<a href="mailto:themichellesmith@gmail.com">themichellesmith@gmail.com</a>	I support this greenway plan. I was part of the effort to secure this land from developers. This plan is in alignment with the original vision to make a central forested green space available to ALL of Asheville's children. I also support it being available for people with disabilities. I'm glad you're going to take care of the box turtles and the vulnerable wildlife.
87	Stephanie Gillis	<a href="mailto:stephanie.gillis@gmail.com">stephanie.gillis@gmail.com</a>	I am a member of the City's Greenway Committee and have had the opportunity to walk this greenway proposed route several times. I feel that this greenway provides such an asset with accessibility to many residents and visitors alike. This would benefit our community in so many ways – especially providing a path within the city to enjoy views and beautiful forests and natural resources and wildlife without having to drive such a distance to access other trails. The benefit to the community for property values, accessible multi-modal transportation and fitness/health benefits associated, as well as connecting paths throughout the city will benefit our residents. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful area and providing safe access for our residents to recreation is something we have to strive for. Our community is behind many others (ex. Greenville SC, Greensboro NC nearby) and many other communities that have established greenways already in place. The economic benefit would also be an asset that should not be overlooked. Thank you to all of those whose hard work has gone into this project for many years and I hope to see this come to fruition.

88	Nancy Brown	<a href="mailto:nancontrol@gmail.com">nancontrol@gmail.com</a>	<p>Representing the SkyClub owners and the Petersons – we support no part of the greenway that crosses the area from the Petersons to the Ardmion/SkyClub gates for the following reasons: 1) Safety – the public does not realize they will be in harm’s way going up our private drive. There are 2 blind curves and no space for residents to avoid hitting each other on the one-lane road or, as we have done, go into the grass and wait for room to pass. Pedestrians will in evitable step over the low wood barrier and ride bikes/skateboards or strollers down our driveway into harm’s way. Our insurance rates will skyrocket! 2) Privacy and security of home/property owners; The gates were added in ’91 to keep the drug dealers and partiers out of our property. Ask the police and they will tell you the stories of what has occurred in the past. This also affects our safety and insurance and property values. 3) The “supposed” right of way the City claims is ambiguous at best. We will fight it. 4) the current plans (while keeping the historic pillars) do not provide any aesthetic upgrades to protect the history and historic importance of the SkyClub. I found it amazing that the City had historic photos on the wall at this meeting promoting the greenway for the citizens. The SkyClub is historic but a PRIVATE residence, not a park to be promoted by the City for them to come visit. The Biltmore charges for this, should we? 5) Last, saw the article today regarding climbing the I-240 cut. This will not solve that issue but open it up to even more people with a great escape route from the police. We are willing to talk and we are willing to fight! We as serious taxpayers, hope you will listen!</p>
89	Nora Garver	<a href="mailto:Nnoragarver@gmail.com">Nnoragarver@gmail.com</a>	I think it’s all great! Especially Beaucatcher Overlook Park!!!! Please start soon. Thank You!

90	Frances Kemmish	<a href="mailto:fkemmish@gmail.com">fkemmish@gmail.com</a>	<p>1. No sanitary facilities are proposed for the length of the greenway. People will make use of whatever space they can – even perhaps coming to our building. 2. The driveway to the Sky Club is very steep. This will not meet ADA requirements. 3. Although many trees are marked as remaining, the concrete sidewalk and retaining walls will encroach on the root systems, especially of larger trees. 4. The stretch of South Beaumont St. from the entry to our driveway to Helen’s Bridge is very winding and narrow – there are several blind corners, and there is barely room for cars/trucks to pass at present, let alone when a sidewalk and bike section is in use. 5. Maintenance of that stretch of road is appalling. Parts of the road surface are basically sliding down the hill. I am not filled with confidence that adequate thought has been given to the amount of work required to keep a sidewalk in good repair alongside the road, and above the very steep ravine beyond the road. 6. Attached photographs and commentary on various sections of our driveway, and S. Beaumont St / College St. <a href="#">Note, that the additional commentary and photos provided by attendant are attached to this document.</a></p>
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