

City of Asheville Greenway Committee

Meeting Minutes - July 7th 2016

Committee members: Meredith Gregory, Kim Williams, Mary Weber, Rich Lee, David Nutter, John Ridout **Absent: Forrest Merithew and Amy Vandenheuvel**

Staff: Lucy Crown

Guest – Mike Soule

Call to Order 3:30

- Agenda - David moves, Rich seconds. Approved 6-0
- June Minutes - Kim Moves, David seconds. Approved 6-0
- Public Comment – None

New Business

- Multiyear finding for intuitive.
 - David says it is moving well, including the new Bond 3.6million for the East Asheville Greenway from Lowes to Azalea. South Slope is looking positive
 - Rich – Bond Issue: 3.6 million could construct the greenway. Make sure that if the greenway is not feasible what would happen to the funds. Is there an alternative?
 - Rich- Would new districting help with city-wide projects? Unsure. Do we want to show that we are spreading things out geographically? It is great the East Asheville project looks to be in good shape but district-ism could derail projects.
 - Kim – Would folks be interested in non-profit getting ahead of the bond and promote it.
 - Retreat – bond and the City Council. Getting Council to Walk the EAVL plan. Set up a walk to showcase. Schedule soon! Use the Beaucatcher model. Get two small groups.
 - FoCB will be setting up tables at farmers markets.
- Mike: Asheville on Bikes. For urban and commuter biking. Focuses on - Education for kids and adults– “Celebration” events – and Advocacy. Recommend that the city adopt NACTO standards for bike infrastructure. Standards and Specs for Bike Infrastructure was not updated after the past Bike Plan adoption in 2008.
 - Some of the new connectors may be a good place for the new potential standards to be implemented.
 - NACTO will clarify different concepts, for example a protected bike lane.
 - Bike Parking in West Asheville - Created additional parking. Up to 15 bikes in a single car parking space. Goal is to put 4 bike parking locations in Asheville.
 - Bent Creek I26 Design. Not very welcoming. Issue with speed (45 mph) and general users. Concerns that there will be a lack assurance to the riders. Might be an issue with paint and layout. DOT design is reducing the Bike/Ped needs with poor design attention to multiple users.

- Question about the Bond and making sure if the phone polling may/may not support multimodal projects.
- Smaller-city bike share. Opinion of electric-assist bikeshare.
- Downtown Connectors. David attended South Slope Visioning Meetings. Went well.
 - Space East of Bowen Bridge and the compact design may open space for a Greenway. Connect Clingman/East side. Met with David met with Dave Brown. A very good opportunity.
 - Jim Fox of NEMAC to make a resource map for core connector and greenways.

Staff Updates

- List of projects
 - Group met with Federal DOT/DC to get the last steps for project/real estate. Grant agreement signed.
 - Applied for 100K grant for east Asheville greenway. Aug 4th.
 - Kim – Question if the Radtip gets tied up in court. Is there an issue/deadline. No real hold up expected.
 - Drop-in for Beaucatcher. 11am-1pm. 6th Floor. Letting groups know what the final designs are.
 - Beaucatcher is at 100% design. Approve by council in Nov, start build in '17.
 - Craven Street is having technical issues. Grand opening is the end of summer.

Unfinished Business

- New Greenway Members. Post Forrest's Position in the Fall/Spring.
 - Two Applicants. Kim motions to open two positions, David seconds, and both applicants approved **NEED NAMES. Sunny Carr and Marcus Barksdale**
 - Future: Search for East/South representatives and increase diversity. Committee notes that past outreach with various communities groups have failed to produce the desired diverse applicant pool.
- MMTC – opening.
 - David Nutter Recommended.
 - John Moves, Kim seconds. Carries 6-0
- Retreat Goals - Focus on goals in Aug meeting. Already making progress on some issues.

Committee Update

- MMTC – Transit Management Contract will require significant attention.
- FoCB – Met with collaborative partners. Did get significant request to partner for funding.
- Parks and Greenway – no new news.

Future Items

- Check out further opportunities in the smith mill corridor. Maybe local interest. Maybe a quarterly fieldtrip to scout the area.