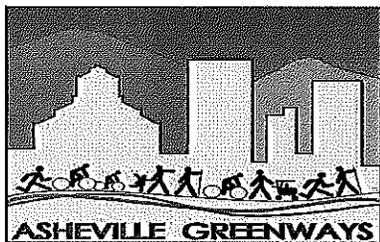


GREENWAY COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 8, 2015

3:30-5:00 pm

HR Training Room 623 – City Hall



3:30 pm - Opening Meeting

- Introductions
- January 8, 2015 Agenda - review and approval
- December 11, 2014, 2014– review and approval

3:40pm Public Comment

3:45pm Staff Updates

- Transportation – List of Projects
- Parks staff invited

3:50 pm New Business

- Broadway Improvement Committee presentation
- NCDOT project list

4:10pm - Old Business

- Review Retreat Goals:
- Improved Communication with the City: Mary
- Serve as Community Liaison: Amy and Mary
- Assist in Greenway Prioritization: Rich and Lucy
- Develop Partnerships and Projects: Kim and Forrest

4:30 pm - Greenway Committee Updates:

- Multimodal Transportation Commission Update – Jim
- Friends of Hominy Creek: Amy
- Friends of Connect Buncombe: Lucy
- City of Asheville Parks and Recreation: Forrest
- Collaborative Greenway Partners: Lucy
- Asheville Parks & Greenway Foundation: Lucy/Kim
- Friends of Caney Creek: Rich

4:45 pm Public Comment

4:50pm – Discuss next Greenway Committee Meeting agenda items

5:00 Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday February 12, 2015 – HR Training Room 623 – City Hall.

Greenways Committee Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2014

Members present: Lucy, Mary, John, Rich, Sue, Forrest, Amy

Members absent: Jim, Kimberly

Staff/city: Mariate, Gwen

Public: Nancy Brown, Mrs. Perrere, Judy McAfee

Call to order 3:30

1. Recognition of Sue Barlow leaving committee after six years
2. Judy McAfee presented recommendations of Broadway Action Plan to extend southern end of Reed Creek Greenway to Clingman Ave.
 - a. Various committee members: we're working on next 5-year plan, recommendations for feasibility studies, Reed Creek connector is on GMP
3. Summary of Carolina Thread Forum (Mary) – 220 miles of greenways around Charlotte. Lucy and Amy presented. Mary attended.
4. Old business – Retreat goals
 - a. Improved Communication with the City
 - b. Community Liaison – Amy will be heading up new signage and maps/graphics for outreach. Mariate says put something together and we'll see about funding it. A meeting coming up in February to discuss.
 - c. Assist in Greenway Prioritization-- Feasibility studies: Committee to recommend three feasibility studies, combine matrices from previous studies. Rich moved to ask MMTC to consider requesting three feasibility studies in the next budget. Request will be placeholder. Greenway committee developing matrix and ranking to choose what three. John seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - d. Develop partnerships and projects – Mary has spoken to Suzanne Malloy of Friends of Connect Buncombe and Ben Van Camp of Asheville P&GF
5. Project updates—
 - a. RADTIP: Staff meeting with FHWA to decide whether to be recipient or subrecipient. If sub, NC DOT can charge to manage money.
 - b. AIM Consultants coming to MMTC on January 28th
 - c. FBR Greenway still waiting on paperwork
 - d. Greenway committee moves to recommend to Steph that the greenway trailheads and historical signage elements be paid for from TDA grant funds. Rich moved, John second, voted unanimously
6. Greenway committee updates

- a. MMTC (Mary/Mariate)—presentation on ADA service streamlining, making it easier for services to apply. Jeff Moore discussed re-timing pedestrian signals downtown. Presentation on endorsing pilot project on high-frequency bus service. Jim re-elected chair, Bruce Emory vice chair
 - b. Friends of Hominy Creek (Amy)—still working on logo design.
 - c. Friends of Connect Buncombe (Lucy)—New board members starting Jan., Kim Williams joining, starting to work on shared calendar and volunteers for events
 - d. City Parks and Rec (Forrest)—No new business, meeting Jan. 12th (finance meeting)
 - e. Asheville Parks and Greenways Foundation (Lucy)—Dana Davis presented on Thompson Street/Swannanoa Greenway to city council
 - f. Friends of Caney Creek (Lucy)—Riverlink received money from Clean Water Trust Fund to purchase Caney Creek land but owners have not returned Karen's calls.
 - g. Asheville Design Center (Mary)—Mary resigned from board. They want to present to GC about tool shed and Craggy Park
 - h. Asheville Food Policy Council Land Use Cluster (Rich)—Volunteers contacted about presenting ideas for food gardens on Duke land, would like to attend meeting and make suggestions.
7. Public comment: Beaucatcher residents asked if there were any updates. We don't have any
 8. Proposal to make February meeting a field trip, proposal to move public comment to earlier in meeting.

Adjourned 4:52

**Transportation Planning Division
Project update
January 6, 2015**

On-going

• **RADTIP**

RADTIP - The final design process is underway. The aerial survey and ground survey are both complete. The consultant is updating the traffic analysis, and later in the summer will present options for additional improvements to the intersection of Craven St. and Riverside Drive. The consultants will present a preliminary design in November of 2014 and are expected to complete the final design by December of 2015. Right of way acquisition is planned for 2016. We applied for funding for Right of Way through the STP-DA TAP call for projects at the French Broad River MPO.

- Design contract is underway.
- Consultants are expected to deliver 25% complete design plans within 3 months;
- Final design expected in January 2016.
- Current project for ROW purchase to begin in 2015 through 2016.
- If all goes according to plan construction could begin as early as 2017.

○ The design process for RADTIP is ongoing. Consultants delivered a preliminary design of the greenway portions of RADTIP. Those designs are under review. Staff and consultants are also reviewing the possibility of modifying the preliminary design to include protected bike lanes. No decision has been made. The target date to begin right of way acquisition is July of 2015. The start of construction is targeted for 2017.

• **East of the Riverway Transportation Network Plan**

- Final draft is pending staff review and minor corrections.

• **JARC Signals Design contract**

○ Locations:

- Louisiana & Haywood Rd
- McDowell & Choctaw
- South Charlotte & Biltmore

○ Consultant has finalized the cost estimates for the remainder of the intersections.
○ Ped signals – awaiting additional funding approval to advertise Haywood Rd/Louisiana Avenue and Choctaw/McDowell signals, preparing Biltmore/Southside-S. Charlotte as a capital project.

• **Asheville in Motion Plan.**

- POC meeting on October 24, 2014.
- Symposium #1 - October 25. 102 attendees
- Metroquest survey 774 responses to date.
- Presentantion to the MMTC on January 28.

• **French Broad River Greenway** (Duke Energy property) and connection between FBR Park and Carrier Park

- Contract awarded to Stewart. Inc.

- Kick off meeting November 5, 2014
- **ISO 14000 - ART**
 - Contract signed and project on-going.
- **Charlotte Street**
 - This project has been delayed until FY16.
- **ADA restructuring**
 - Redefine service area
 - Streamline eligibility process: forms are ready and intern is working with contractor to get the final edits.
 - Public meetings to announce the changes and need to recertify.

New

- **Transit Station repairs**
 - Working with CIP group in scope of work –

Other efforts

- **TIGER VI grant application**
 - Awarded and going through the steps to sign the grant agreement.
- **Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenways and Depot Street Roundabout** (led by Al Kopf in Parks and Recreation Department).
 - Cost estimates are ready.
- **Beaucatcher Greenway**: drawings are progressing in terms of certain portions of the construction documents being completed but staff is still working out some right-of-way questions before consultant can progress further.
 - Nothing to report at this time.
 - The drawings are progressing in terms of the trailhead designs and greenway trail after preliminary inventory and assessment work. This work is also in response to staff's technical input and these follow-up drawings will be shared with City staff shortly. Staff has been coordinating meetings with the community at the intersection of South Beaumont Street and Ardmore Park to discuss the research and the proposed greenway trail design alternative in their vicinity. A larger public meeting will be planned for entire greenway length.
- **Haywood Rd.** Multimodal Improvements (led by Robert Kun in PW). Preliminary striping for lane shift and bike lane complete. Produced AutoCAD drawing for artwork and sent to involved party. Go-ahead from Legal that the condemnation process is to the point that they can proceed with the project. Met with sidewalk art group to discuss design, materials and locations of artwork. They have received the encroachment agreement from NCDOT. Staff received the encroachment agreement from NCDOT. The project has been put on hold

in order to allow cyclists access to Waynesville Ave while the Craven Street project is finished.

- Preliminary stripping for lane shift and climbing lane and sharrows.

- Paving complete on Brookwood, Vermont, Ambler, Fairway, Swift, Sunset, Cherokee, Church and Stratford. Hilliard should be paved by end of the day-Tuesday 11/25/14 from Biltmore to Coxe. Utilities still need adjustment on all streets. Various streets still have concrete work to be done.

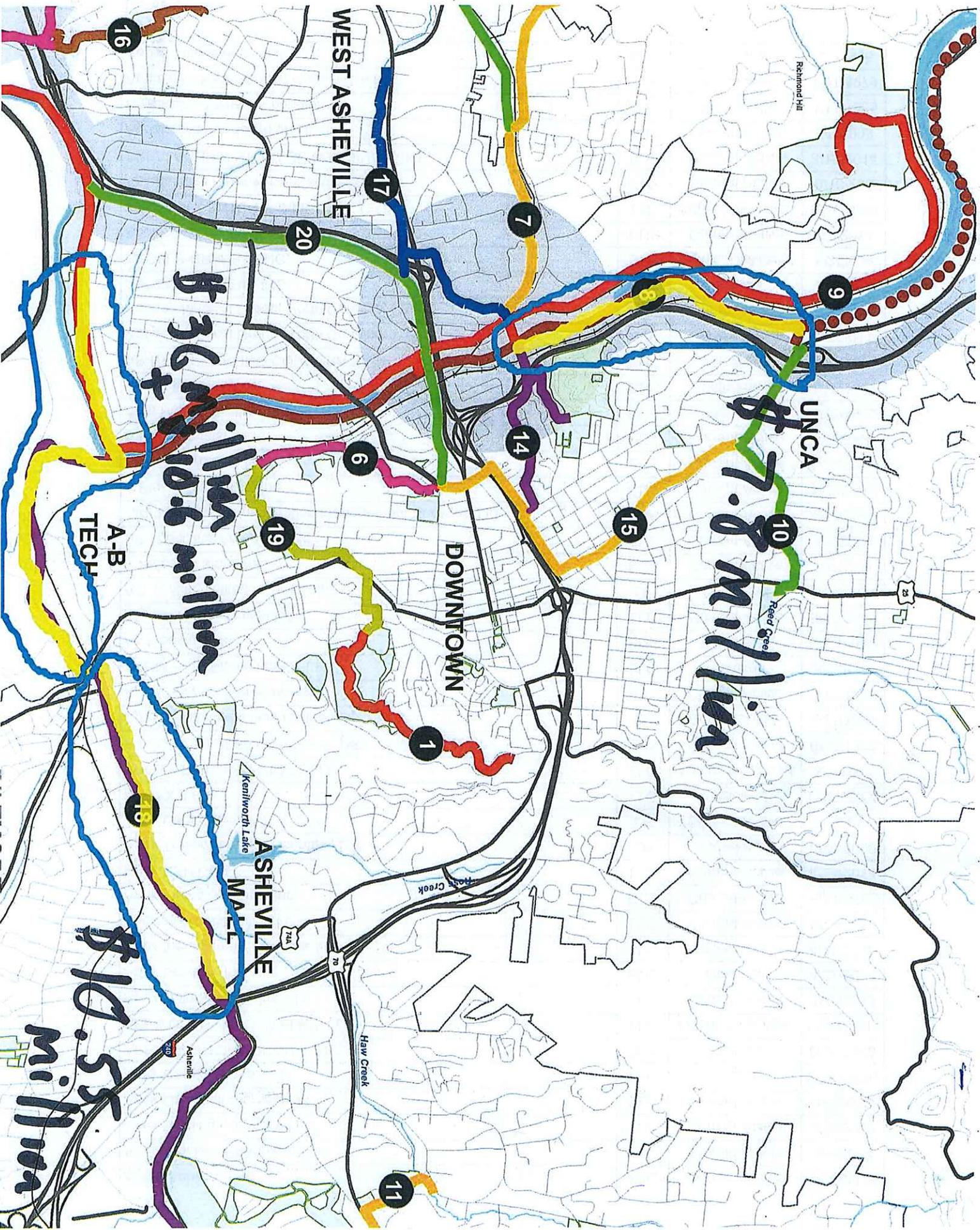
- On-street parking has been proposed by a property owner and preliminary designs are being made by his engineer. Work will likely not begin until spring. Preliminary striping for lane shift and bike lane is complete.

- **Hendersonville Rd.** sidewalk (led by John Gavin in PW).
 - Finalizing plans and details for the sidewalk construction. A 90% completion submission of the sidewalk plans will go out to NCDOT for review this week.
 - Pedestrian signal design is being performed by NCDOT and plans are anticipated to be complete in October of this year.
 - Contract conditions and special provisions are being drafted.
 - Right of Way acquisition status approximately 30%.
 - Plans are 99% - will make any changes due to ROW negotiations once they are complete
 - Bid and construction documents are 95% complete; will make changes due to ROW negotiations once they are complete.
 - Estimates from engineers by week of 11/17/14.

- **Craven St.** (led by McCray Coates in PW).
 - The Craven Street Project kicked off on July 21. Tennoca is the contractor for the project.
Construction is continuing on the Craven Street project. The intersection Hazel Mill, Craven and Emma has been raised. The roadway will be closed between Hazel Mill and Waynesville beginning this week (11/11/14.)

The construction has begun on the greenway with the sewer line currently being installed.

The construction of the Low Impact Parking area is underway. The construction has begun on the greenway with the sewer line construction complete and grading continuing.



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