



Greenway Committee

Regular Meeting

Minutes

December 10, 2015

Committee present: Stephanie Gillis, John Ridout, Amy Vanden Heuvel, Lucy Crown, Kim Williams, Mary Weber, Jim Grode, Forrest Merithew, Rich Lee, Meredith Gregory, David Nutter.

Committee absent: Sarah Goldman

Staff present: Lucy Crown

1. Call to order 3:30 pm (Mary)

Approve agenda: Jim moved, Forrest seconded - Passed unanimously.

Approve minutes: Jim moved, Forrest seconded - Passed unanimously.

2. **First Public Comment:** Concerns about Beaucatcher Greenway Design.

3. **New Business:**

- a. Expanded Introductions
- b. Policy Recommendations Update (Jim and Rich): The MMTC agreed to advance all the policy proposals from the committees, plus a few from individual commission members. A subcommittee of Don Kostelec, Rich Lee, and Terri March are word-smithing and regularizing the committee's proposals, but will also contain the original text plus rationales
- c. Chair/Vice chair/Secretary (Mary): Mary was nominated to continue as chair, Rich nominated as vice chair, John nominated as secretary. David moved to approve en bloc, Amy seconded. – approved unanimously.
- d. French Broad West plans (Lucy): 40% plans should be available in a few weeks; if not, Lucy will send out 20% plans. David asked about spur trail construction, steep grade. Spur is non-ADA compliant to allow bus access for those able to, but not an official trailhead.
- e. I-26 Plans and response (Mary and Jim): Recapped the city resolution asking for new traffic model for West Asheville widening, endorsement of Alt. 4 and 4B, and Alt. F1 with modifications. Greenway specific requests include reducing impacts on Amboy Rd.

2. **Staff Updates:**

- a. Transportation (Lucy): All land acquisition for Town Branch and Clingman Forest Greenway 100% complete. A few pieces left on RADTIP. East Asheville Greenway Feasibility Study--\$30,000 raised so far but city will begin RFQ process with staff support on surveying, deed searches, land values, greenway staff. Kim reported that feasibility studies from the mall into the city are partly complete. Rich asked if funding

was going to build the phase to the ridge first, then the phase to the Beaucatcher Cut next if at all. Lucy: Without drawings, it can't be bid to see how far construction funds will go.

- b. Website updates: GIS isn't adequate for good maps. Lucy will get a quote from a graphic artist to produce better version.
- 3. Unfinished Business:**
- a. Upcoming Schedule (Mary and Kim): Joint orientation with FoCB date TBD; proposal to use Harvest House (or Stephens Lee) for March Committee Retreat to include a trip to the Beaucatcher Greenway.
 - b. Future meetings (Mary): looking to coordinate with edible plants groups, Bountiful Cities, Bee City USA, etc.; we'll have our retreat in March.
 - c. Natural surface trails subcommittee (Mary): no update
 - d. Public perception of greenways: Forrest mentioned pushback against greenways, agreement to include on the March Retreat agenda.
 - e. Committee updates: No updates
- 4. Future agenda items:** FBR West Greenway, possible discussion of Friends of Connect Buncombe Master Planning.
- 7. Next scheduled meeting:** Thursday, January 7, 2017, 1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall from 3:30-5:00pm.

Adjourned: 5:00pm.