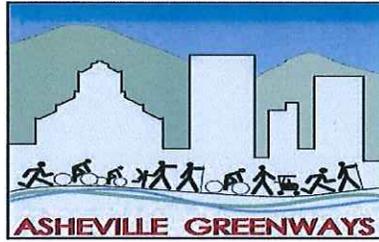


GREENWAY COMMITTEE AGENDA

December 11, 2014

3:30-5:00 pm

HR Training Room 623 – City Hall



3:30 pm - Opening Meeting

- Introductions
- December 11, 2014 Agenda - review and approval
- November 13, 2014, 2014– review and approval

3:40 pm Public Comment

3:40pm Staff Updates

- Transportation – List of Projects-attached - Mariate

4:05 pm New Business

- Reed Creek Greenway question on southern end – Judy McAfee – Broadway Improvement Committee
- Transition of the chairmanship
- Election of Vice Chair

4:15pm - Old Business

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

4:4:35 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
- Asheville Design Center: Mary

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

5:00 Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday January 8, 2014 – HR Training Room 623 – City Hall.

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Greenway Sub-Committee (GC) Minutes - 11/13/14

Committee members attending: Forest Merithew, John Ridout, Mary Weber, Amy Vanden Heuvel, Sue Barlow, Kimberly Williams (Rich Lee and Lucy Crown absent)

City staff/officials attending: Gwen Wisler, Mariate Echeverry

Public Attending: Randall Pflieger with Bountiful Cities

Chair Barlow called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

1. Agenda addition: Chair Barlow added "Chair Replacement" under New Business

Motion to accept November 13 agenda: Jim moved, approved unanimously

Motion to approve October 30 retreat minutes: approved unanimously

2. Staff ongoing project updates (Mariate Echeverry)

Mariate reviewed the ongoing project updates which were summarized in our meeting packets. Some highlights include:

- The Asheville in Motion project has received 774 comments so far through their Metroquest survey. Their goal was 800 response in three months so they will easily meet the goal.
- French Broad River Greenway (Duke Energy property): the City is working with Duke to determine the legal steps to transfer the property to the City.
- The Charlotte Street project has been moved to Fiscal Year 2016. The receipt of the TIGER grant has resulted in some project schedules being shifted around.
- TIGER Grant: the City is working with the FHWA on becoming the main administrator of the grant rather than NCDOT. The City has had some conference calls with the FHWA. There are many requirements to be fulfilled in order to get the funding.
- The construction drawings for the Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenways are complete and the City is getting cost estimates. The NEPA documentation still needs to be approved.

3. New Business

- Sue began the discussion by saying she likes the idea of holding a quarterly meeting on one of the greenway trails and everyone seems to agree (no vote was taken). The committee discussed moving our monthly meetings to the 6th floor Training Room of City Hall. Forrest expressed concern about public participation and is hesitant to move all of our meetings there. He pointed out that the other room doesn't seem much different than our current one in terms of the layout. It was suggested that we could alternate rooms but Gwen and Mariate thought that could be too confusing. Amy feels that the 6th floor room would promote more interaction of the group and Kim thought it might be less intimidating to the public. Mary stated that since most of us are facing forward yet we generally only have a couple of people in attendance from the public that the current arrangement doesn't work well. Mariate said the tables and chairs can be moved around on the 6th floor. Forrest made a motion that we try the 6th floor room for three months and then evaluate it. Approved.
- We discussed the greenway retreat, including the following goals and follow up actions. Sue discussed the greenway feasibility study matrix that Rich and Lucy developed. The Committee thought it was a great approach. Jim mentioned that such a process had been done in 2009 by the greenway master plan consultants and would try and find those documents. Mary wondered how would we quantify economic benefit since all greenways will have some kind of benefit. Mary also said that geographic distribution

should be added, as well as some consideration of community support and constructability. Kim mentioned that if there are few sidewalks in the area then that should be given some weight. We discussed the challenges of figuring out constructability and cost before doing detailed design work and John mentioned that ADA compliance should be considered. Kim suggested leaving cost out since it's too hard to know upfront. John suggested perhaps taking points away if there are significant hurdles. Kim stated that the Acquired Land criteria could pick up some of that.

- Another goal of the retreat was to develop partnerships and projects. Forrest said they are pursuing contacts for a design catalog.
- Mary reported on the brief meeting held with Amy and John regarding improving the visual information that we are presenting to the public. Kim and Rich were already there so they joined in. John said we discussed having three different lines representing completed projects, projects under design or construction, and future projects. Amy mentioned in the earlier meeting that Friends of Connect Buncombe is pursuing grant money to get some popups and a tablet. We discussed trying to coordinate with them to have consistent logos and maps. Mariate said they could probably find some money to hire a graphics professional.
- We discussed nominating Sue's replacement for chair. Kim made a motion to nominate Mary and it was approved. December will be Sue's last meeting and Mary will run the meeting.

4. Outreach and Committee Updates

- *Jim on MIMTC:* It was a very short meeting so there was little to report. The group revisited a road closure due to an initial error on the survey.
- *Amy on Community Outreach:* There are no upcoming events.
- *Amy on Friends of Hominy Creek:* The group got a \$25,000 grant to build two kiosks to put at the ends of the greenways. They are also working on erosion control and plantings. They have a volunteer designer working on the design of a logo. The group discussed that maybe this is something that could be used throughout the City. Gwen noted that the Parks and Recreation Department needs to approve the logo. Mariate confirmed that everything related to Hominy Creek needs to be approved by Parks. Forrest suggested that maybe someone from the Hominy Creek group could come to a greenway committee meeting and present their process.
- *Friends of Connect Buncombe:* Lucy was not there to comment.
- *Forrest on City Parks and Recreation Board:* The group is going to meet every other month in the future. In January, they will be reviewing the Parks budget. The group is interested in greenways and would like to be a two-way street with us. Forrest said they use social media very well and that maybe we could use their site to promote our maps.
- *Collaborative Greenway Partners:* Lucy was not there to comment.
- *Kim on Asheville Parks and Greenways Foundation:* Did not attend
- *Mary on Asheville Design Center:* The group is working on the design of a tool shed for Hominy Creek and will work on a passive park on City-owned property at Falconhurst park.
- *John on UNCA:* John said that so far the greenway is heavily used and was wondering if there's been a count. Gwen said we should ask Barb Mee to put it on next year's bicycle/pedestrian count.

5. Public input

- Our guest left before this portion.
- As an aside, Mary wondered if in future greenways we can add an 18-24" granite fines shoulders on the edges of the paved greenways to provide more space, particularly for runners, as well as help preserve the integrity of the pavement edge. Kim agreed and added that the City's standard detail does not show that.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 pm

Reminder that the December meeting will be on the 6th floor.

**Transportation Planning Division
Project update
December 2, 2014**

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.

- **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.
 - Presentation 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.
- 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 striping 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.
- Hendersonville Rd. sidewalk (led by Brian Estes 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%.

- 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.