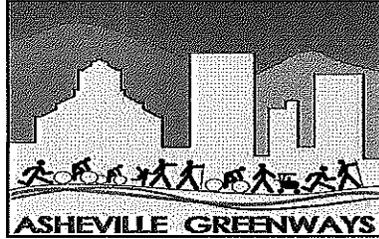


GREENWAY COMMITTEE AGENDA

February 12, 2015

3:30-5:00 pm

1st Floor Conference Room – City Hall



3:30 pm - Opening Meeting

- Introductions
- February 12, 2015 Agenda - review and approval
- January 22, 2015 Minutes– review and approval

3:40pm Public Comment

3:45pm Staff Updates

- Transportation – List of Projects
- Parks staff invited

3:55 pm New Business

- Rhododendron Creek presentation: Marcia Blomberg and neighbors
- Smith Mill Creek discussion: Kim
- Discussion about replacing Lucy as member and vice chair

4:20pm - Old Business

- Feasibility Studies: Rich
- Outreach: Mary

4:35 pm - Greenway Committee Updates:

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

4:45 pm Public Comment

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

5:00 Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday March 12, 2015, Field trip.

City of Asheville Greenway Committee Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015

Committee in attendance: Mary Weber, Jim Grode, Forrest Merithew, Rich Lee, Kimberly Williams, John Ridout, Lucy Crown

Committee absent: Amy Vanden Heuvel

Staff in attendance: Mariate Echeverry

Guests: Deborah Gurriere, Judy McAfee, Billie Lofland

Call to order 3:30pm

Lucy move to approve agenda, Jim second, approved unanimously

Kim motion to approve minutes, Jim second, approved unanimously

1. Public Comment I: Deborah Gurriere commented that she bought land without knowledge of greenway, surveyors on land without permission, appraising home values to determine loss from greenway visitors
 - a. Forrest Merithew: is the last remaining greenway project under Parks and Rec authority and will be transferred to Transportation authority in coming months.
2. Staff update (Mariate):
 - a. STP-DA call for projects from remaining funding, going to city council January 27th, asking council for permission to apply for 4 grants: #1 Craven Bridge design and construction for upgrade, still don't know which option re expansion or building second bridge; #2 Greenway Connectors between Clingman Forest and Town Branch and Town Branch to Beaucatcher; #3 Transit Master Plan Update; #4 MPO travel study. **Rich moved for GC to endorse city application, Lucy seconded, passed unanimously.**
 - b. Duke Greenway: finally have right to entry, needs new environmental assessment. Rich: How far will that push back timeframe? Mariate: We don't know. Kimberly: Can we find out if the bridge affects the Craven St. trailhead? Mariate: Will get update from McCrae Coates.
 - c. Clingman Forest and Town Branch: Some changes as Town Branch turns out to be less expensive, Clingman Forest turns out more expensive, will balance out.
3. Presentation by Broadway Improvement Action Committee of Five Points (Judy McAfee) Wants to reassert interest in Broadway corridor, continuation of Reed Creek Greenway. Mary: Where did these maps come from? Judy McAfee: We don't know, possibly former Pioneer Building owner. What can we do? Mary: It helps if you talk to neighbors about offering easements.
4. State Transportation Improvement Plan (Lucy): Proposed road improvements on Riverside from Craven to Broadway (\$7.8 million), Amboy from Carrier Park and Meadow to Biltmore (\$36 million due to complexity of bridge), and Swannanoa River Road from Biltmore to S. Tunnel Road (\$10.55 million). Opportunity for greenway connection from Silverline Plastics to MSD and in East Asheville along Swannanoa. Rich: Timeframes for construction are 2022-2024 for most. Is that delaying greenway sections if we tie them to road construction? Kimberly: We'll need to see plans along the way for greenway impacts. Forrest: What do we need to do? Mariate: Wait.

5. Retreat goals (Mary)
 - a. Improved communication with city (Mary): We want to invite Parks and Rec to next meeting
 - b. Serve as Community Liaison (Mary): branding RFQ coming out soon. Lucy has set up Google Calendar to coordinate events, will get invites out. Lucy also getting software for volunteer coordination.
 - c. Greenway Prioritization (Rich and Mary): Survey looks good, everyone will take by next meeting. Committee considered recommending that Reed Creek Connector, Swannanoa from Biltmore to S. Tunnel, and Swannanoa from S. Tunnel to Tunnel be submitted for feasibility studies. Mariate: three feasibility studies will be included as placeholders in budget. Kim: Some factors like price not as well known by committee members. Rich: Can have Misc. field where people include special knowledge. Should all take survey before next meeting, and discuss before recommending anything.
 - d. Develop Partnerships and Projects (Forrest): Catalog of ideas and collateral forthcoming.
6. Greenway Committee Updates
 - a. MMTC (Jim) Haven't met since previous meeting. Jim presenting to council on MMTC update, next Friday is annual report. AIM Consultants coming Jan 28th at 3:00.
 - b. Friends of Connect Buncombe (Lucy): Working on branding and structuring
 - c. Collaborative Greenway Partners (Mary): Working on RFQ for branding
 - d. Asheville Parks & Greenway Foundation (Lucy): Fundraiser tomorrow
 - e. CoA Parks and Rec (Forrest): Planning to hand off Beaucatcher Greenway to Transportation
 - f. Canie Creek Greenway (Rich): Got CWTF money but owners are mixed about selling
 - g. Preservation Society (Lucy): Rise and Fall of Sulphur Springs, this Sunday
7. Public Comment II - none
8. Next agenda items. – include disclaimer statement at start of meeting

Adjourn.

**Transportation Planning Division
Project update
January 28, 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.
- 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
 - A pre-bid for the contract will be held on 1/6/15 and bids are due on 1/13/15.–

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 Ardmion 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.

- **Haywood Road (Continued)**
 - Preliminary stripping for lane shift and climbing lane and sharrows.
- **Haywood Connector (from Craven St to Beechum Curve-New Signal)**
 - Craven Street project is holding up any progress on Haywood Road. Meetings scheduled to discuss sidewalk art. Work will likely not begin until spring. Preliminary striping for lane shift and bike lane is complete.
 - A total of 20 on-street parking spaces have been proposed from Riverview Drive to Avon Avenue on the West side of the road. Met with property owner and designer concerning on-street parking. Created Engineer's Estimate for additional parking and related work. Renewed right-of-entry with one property owner; dropped off form for the other one.
- **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.
 - Performing easement acquisitions. Still have 6 easements remaining.
- **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 culvert at Waynesville has been installed. Sections of the water line have been 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.
- **New Haw Creek Sidewalk:** Met with NCDOT to discuss design options. They will review preliminary plans and get back with us. Have rough estimate on pedestrian bridge and are exploring options.
- **Shiloh Road Sidewalk Project:** Sidewalk under construction. Project approximately 60% complete. Construction expected to be complete by the end of the month. (Armen Construction is the contractor.)
- **Cedar Street Bridge Rehab:** Feasibility Study has been completed and is in hand. Final invoice has been approved and is in Finance. Findings from the study are being summarized for reporting to PW.

- **S Lexington Utility relocation:** All estimates and invoices have been received. Duke Energy invoice has been approved and is in Finance for processing. Construction will be scheduled after payment has been received by Duke.
- **Greenman Brewery Utility Relocation:** Appears to being handled by PW now.
- **Concrete Maintenance Contract:** The contractor completed the project on Cedar Street and Streets Department will be installing a safety railing. The contractor has currently assigned this crew to another City contract will resume working this contract when the other contract is completed.
- **Transit Garage Fuel Pad:** A pre-bid for the contract will be held on 1/6/15 and bids are due on 1/13/15.
- **482 Sunset Drive Landslide:** Patton Construction still drilling pier holes for soldier piles. Patton Construction's progress has been slow and will about measures to improve their pace.
- **Bent Tree Road Landslide:** Project complete. Anticipate final invoices from consultant and contractor soon. I'll also meet with inspector for the project to go over submittals and ensure we have everything we need for FEMA review.
- **Finalee Avenue Landslide:** Contractor to start preliminary site work following power line move. Wall finish selected, need to review vibratory proposal.
- **Leucothoe Lane Retaining Wall Evaluation:** Preliminary draft of the consultant contract complete, need to review. Consultant wants to schedule project kick-off meeting for 1/27/15 with the City and Biltmore Farms, checking for availability.
- **Victoria Road:** Waterline project from the intersection at Livingston street to the intersection of Meadow Road. Working with Water Department and Stormwater Division's project to have the road overlaid once for both project. Survey to week of 1/12/15.
- **Vermont Avenue:** Survey complete. Beginning the design process with option to save the trees and make a safe sidewalk.