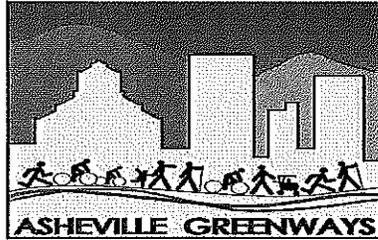


GREENWAY COMMITTEE AGENDA

September 11, 2014

3:30-5:00 pm

First Floor Conference Room-City Hall



3:30 pm - Meeting Opening

- Introductions
- September 11, 2014 Agenda - review and approval
- August 14, 2014 Minutes – review and approval

3:45 pm Staff Updates

- Transportation –List of Projects (attached)

4:00 pm New Business

- Asheville Mobility plan – Kimley-Horn Work Plan – attached - Sue
- Appalachian Community Design Assistance and Community Surveys – Sue
- Merging 10/9 GC meeting with 10/30 Work Session discussion - Sue
- GC Work Session Thursday 10/30/14 1:30-5pm – Police/Fire Training Room Municipal Bldg. – Kim
A. Work Plan

4:20pm - Old Business

- Community involvement/cohesive message - Sue
- Greenway participation events - Sue

4:25pm - Greenway Committee Updates:

- Multimodal Transportation Commission Update – Jim
- Community Outreach – Amy
- 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
- UNCA Reed Creek: John

4:45pm - Public Comment

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

5:00 Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 9, 2014 3:30-5pm, 1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

Work Session: October 30, 2014 1:30-5pm in Police/Fire Training Room – Municipal Building 4th Floor.

Greenway Sub-Committee (GC) Minutes - 8/14/14- DRAFT

Committee members attending: Forrest Merithew, Rich Lee, John Ridout, Mary Weber, Bryan Mitchell, Sue Barlow, Lucy Crown, Kimberly Williams (Amy Vanden Heuvel absent)
City staff/officials attending: Barb Mee, Cathy Ball, Gwen Wisler, Mariate Echeverry
Public Attending: David Wilson (Transit Subcommittee), Ray Guirre

Chair Barlow called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

1. Agenda addition: Cathy Ball adding Tourism Development grant to her presentation. Bryan Mitchell adding media update and board departure announcement to New Business

***Motion to accept August 14 agenda: Forrest moved, Mary seconded, approved unanimously
Motion to approve July meeting minutes: Jim moved, Kimberly seconded, approved unanimously***

2. Staff ongoing project updates (Barb Mee and Cathy Ball)

- Barb on Beaucatcher Greenway: We're not ready yet.
- Kickoff Meeting of Multimodal Transportation Plan was a staff meeting, not a party we weren't invited to. First meeting with consultant and advisory committee going on today. Till Dohse is Multimodal Transit Commission (MMTC) representative to Multimodal Master Plan. Bruce Emory will act as alternate if Mr. Dohse's membership is not renewed. Project schedule includes multiple public meetings and small focus groups.

Resolution requesting GC meeting with multimodal consultant: Rich moved, Mary seconded, approved unanimously. Cathy Ball will forward our request.

- Craven St. project starting soon. Road will be closed near Waynesville Avenue. City is working on getting bike lane striped under Craven St. contract up Haywood Road for bike riders.
- Cathy Ball: Charlotte Street RFP ongoing.
- Cathy: We are in the process of applying for funds from the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) for a large section of greenways in the RAD. Asking for \$3mil goes to PED committee on Tuesday and going to city council week after. Will supplement Tiger VI funding or partially replace city match.

Kimberly: Is this for greenways with complete designs?

Cathy: FB West and East will have to be designed, but grant is for greenways pretty far in design process.

Jim: TDA grant came to MMTC and they endorsed it. Question: were historic markers for Choctaw St. removed from grant?

Cathy: I'll have to check

Forrest: It would be great if recreational opportunities in Choctaw Park would be included in grant. Rich: or on city needed improvements list

Mary: Signage would be great.

Lucy: County Library Recreation and Culture Dept. has grant cycle about to open, up to \$4000, that could be used to fund historical signage.

Resolution to support TDA grant: Rich moved, John seconded, approved unanimously.

- Cathy: City still negotiating with Duke Energy tract contractor.
- Mariate: staff is recommending Stewart for French Broad River Greenway (Duke Energy tract) contract, going to council August 26th. Duke Energy property still not city property

3. Discussion of role and authority of Greenway Committee (Cathy Ball)

- GC specialized committee of MMTC, confusion in sense of moving from Parks and Rec to Transportation, city looking to maximize mileage by focusing on transportation rather than polished/finished greenway amenities. Idea of committees is to balance transportation priorities between transit, greenway, and ped. GC to be consulted on greenway amenities and specific designs, greenway-related grants. City to come to GC about specific areas of interest for committee to offer input, and GC to bring feedback from community about public priorities.

Gwen: MMTC needs to loop committees in.

Jim: MMTC still getting footing.

Mariate: MMTC was consulted on TDA grant because of time crunch

Mary: transportation focus is good, but must keep focus on recreation too. A good Master Plan can create space for future recreation features.

Kim: Most important for workshop is address committee roles, especially acting as liaisons to outside groups and public.

Rich: City should come to committees first, then committees send recommendations to MMTC.

Cathy: MMTC could refer items to GC for study and discussion. City could seek input on more nebulous plans.

John: committees should be user-experts.

Forrest: MMTC should determine when and how GC works.

Jim: recommendations should be presented to MMTC by someone not on the commission.

Sue: What is relationship with Parks and Rec?

Cathy: We'll have P&R director at work session.

3. Discussion of work session on Oct. 30th, 1:30-5:00, 4th floor of Municipal bldg/fire dept. (Bryan)

- Kimberly will be putting together agenda and leading. Lucy proposed having facilitator for first hour or so of meeting. Mariate: you need facilitator for whole session. Facilitator will have agenda prepared at upcoming meeting. Committee agreed to participation of facilitator for whole session.

4. Bryan leaving board due to schedule conflict and other concerns. Will coordinate with Sue about replacement and moving forward.

5. Outreach and Committee updates

- *Gwen*: Strive not to Drive celebration at Mill Room Sept. 11.
- *Jim on MMTC*: Lindsey Simerly from Affordable Housing Advisory Committee talked about the intersection of AH and greenways. MMTC recommended John Ridout, Till Dohse, Stephen Obremski for 3 openings. Mike Sule withdrew application, will apply for AH Committee. Council will approve recommendations on Aug 26.
- *Mary on MMTC*: Mike Sule did presentation with Barb about on-street bike parking, looking for "leftover" spaces (John: space available at UNCA; Jim: Mike is on agenda at next week's MMTC meeting)
- *Lucy*: National Bike and Ped count day, Sept 16-18. Need volunteer and committee support. Rich proposed that Greenway Committee take this on as a project.

- *Lucy on Friends of Connect Buncombe (FoCB):* Officially 501(c)3, taken on Bent Creek corridor, have raised matching funds for SPD-TA grant to fund feasibility study in 6 weeks. Nathan Ramsey is interested in having I-26 expansion corridor include greenway in right-of-way. DOT may take on feasibility study due to compressed timeline, otherwise FoCB will stick to original plan of corridor from Hominy Creek Park to Arboretum. John: greenway beside interstate is not ideal. FoCB also working with Hominy Valley School on safe crossing on Lake Rd. in front of elementary school.
- *Lucy on Collaborative Greenway Partners:* meeting Sept 4th 9:00am to 1:00pm
- *Lucy on Asheville Parks and Greenways Foundation:* orientation meeting last week for new members. Highlands Brewery raised \$33k at night run fundraiser.
- *Lucy on Friends of Caney Creek:* working with Riverlink to purchase land; clean water trust fund grant proposal for \$400, should know in November.
- *Forrest on City Parks and Rec:* August meeting cancelled. Formal seat opening, Forrest may join.
- *Mary on Asheville Design Center:* Falconhurst Park--at request of City, ADC been requested to by City and Mike Figure (developer of land) to engage West Asheville community in the design of passive park on city owned property (Falconhurst Park). Friends of Hominy Creek have obtained county grant, Parks and Rec materials fund for outdoor classroom and toolshed near Shelburne entrance.
- *John on UNCA:* light-signaling is not bike or pedestrian friendly, hard to cross, people waiting at island in turn. Light on WT Weaver is a problem with traffic not stopping, crossing difficult. Broadway needs better crossing. October 9th is ribbon cutting.
- *Mariate on Transit:* Transit public meeting on Aug 20th. Addition of Sunday Service, changes to route C, input about fare changes.

Meeting adjourned 5:25 pm

Transportation Planning Division
Project update
August 27, 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.
- **Multi-modal Transportation Plan.**
 - First POC meeting planned for August 14, 2014.
 - Symposium #1 end of October
- **French Broad River Greenway (Duke Energy property) and connection between FBR Park and Carrier Park**
 - Contract to Council on August 26, awarded to Stewart. Inc.
- **ISO 14000 - ART**
 - Contract signed and project on-going.
- **Charlotte Street**
 - RFQ is in process and will be released around December.
- **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
 - Submitted April 28.
- Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenways and Depot Street Roundabout (led by Al Kopf in Parks and Recreation Department).
 - Cost estimates are ready.
 - Greenways, final plans are expected by the end of the month.
- 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.
- Haywood Rd. Multimodal Improvements (led by Robert Kun in PW). 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.
 - Climbing lane and sharrows were installed.
- Paving FY14: City crews have completed ditching and clipping on all of the required streets. They have patched Ambler and are now Milling and patching on Vermont. The contractor has patched Fairway and has begun patching on Church.
- Gracelyn Rd. Sidewalk: Kun visited the project site, compiled pertinent information, and received a base map from John White. He has made plans for three different scenarios with accompanying estimates.
- 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.
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 - Pedestrian signal design is being performed by NCDOT and plans are anticipated to be complete in October of this year.
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 - Contract conditions and special provisions are being drafted.
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 - Right of Way acquisition status approximately 30%.

- Craven St. (led by McCray Coates in PW).

The Craven Street Project will be kicking off on July 21. Tennoca is the contractor for the project.

Project Work Plan

July 9, 2014

Asheville Mobility Plan

City of Asheville

Kimley-Horn

Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.
Toole Design Group
Accessible Design for the Blind
Kostelec Planning, LLC

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Project Schedule - Draft

The following project schedule identifies expected completion dates for meetings and major milestones as of **July 9, 2014**. The schedule is color coded based on the following:

Deliverables
Technical Work Sessions (City Staff)
Project Oversight Committee Meetings
Community Outreach Events

Project Milestone	Tentative Completion Date	Achieved
Receive Notice to Proceed	May 2014	May 2014
Prepare Project Work Plan	6/27/14	6/27/14
Submit Data Needs Request	6/28/14	6/30/14
Conduct Kick-Off Meeting	6/28/14	6/28/14
Initiate Existing Conditions	July 2014	
Conduct Project Oversight Meeting #1	8/14/14	
Submit State of the System Report	(early) Sept 2014	
Launch MetroQuest Survey #1	Sept 2014	
Conduct Symposium #1	Oct 2014	
Initiate Scenario Planning and Mobility Framework Phase	Oct 2014	
Conduct Technical Work Session (Scenario Model)	Oct 2014	
Conduct Project Oversight Meeting #2	Nov 2014	
Establish Preliminary Goals, Objectives, and Performance Targets	Nov 2014	
Finalize Community Type Palette	Dec 2014	
Create Trend Land Use Scenario	Dec 2014	
Conduct Project Oversight Meeting #3	1/15/15	
Identify Alternatives for Scenario Analysis	Jan 2015	

Establish Draft Transportation Framework	Feb 2015	
Launch MetroQuest Survey #2	3/16/15	
Conduct Project Oversight Meeting #4	3/26/15	
Conduct Symposium #2	3/26/15	
Submit Scenario Evaluation Summary White Paper	March 2015	
Initiate Inviting Success Phase	March 2015	
Create Street Design Priority Matrix	April 2015	
Develop Corridor Profiles	April 2015	
Create Typical Sections	April 2015	
Conduct Project Oversight Meeting #5	5/21/15	
Develop Diagnostic Assessment	May 2015	
Prioritize Projects	June 2015	
Create Action Plan	July 2015	
Submit Draft Workbook	July 2015	
Receive Consolidated Comments	July 2015	
Submit Final Workbook	Aug 2015	
Submit Draft Summary Poster/Brochure	Aug 2015	
Receive Consolidated Comments	Sept 2015	
Submit Final Summary Poster/Brochure	Sept 2015	
Submit Technical Appendix	Sept 2015	
Submit GIS Deliverables	Sept 2015	
Conduct Public Rollout	Sept/Oct 2015	

**Tentative dates subject to change based on client review and scheduling meetings/work sessions.*