



## **Greenway Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, 9/1/16**

### **Members Present:**

Mary Weber, Rich Lee, Amy Vanden Heuvel, Sunny Carr, Marcus Barksdale, John Ridout

### **Call to order 3: 34**

Approve Agenda: Rich moves, John seconds Approved 6-0

Minutes Approved: Rich moves, Sunny seconds, Approved 6-0

### **Public Comment: None**

### **New Business: None**

The City revived the PARTF Grant. DOT will help with Greenway connector, RFQ released- Deadline Sept 14.

French Broad Greenway: Design issues solved but awaiting Duke Approval. Likely know next month if solutions are approved.

Hopefully have an updated map available for community outreach that is easy to use.

Bond – City staff is not supposed to advocate for the bond. Greenway is on the bond. Is there any available literature? Sunny: Question about the bond and the allocation of the greenway connectors and the “connectors” are different from the recent grant. Allocation is still dependent on the feasibility study. Cost estimates for the bond were internal \$3.6 million for the East Asheville Greenway. Connectors estimates are not known off-hand. Prioritization of Bond item was by council with staff input.

County received a bond to connect 1 mile between Hill Street and Broadway along riverside drive.

Lucy visited Dillsboro with representatives from the County, Woodfin and the whitewater park interest group. Example of the whitewater item Woodfin River Park.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Open streets event. We have space next to the Friends of Connect Buncombe booth. Amy, Sunny, and Mary will be attending.
- Committee’s role for the bond: Opportunity for leading walks. Get the word out that the Greenway is in Transportation, not Parks and Recreation. Possible interactions: write a letter to the editor, reach out to businesses in the Area, reach out to Parks and Rec board, and reach out to Soccer club.
- We need a fact sheet for the greenway. City has a fact sheet by Ken Putnum. We need a map and a handout (Same item). Lucy will be sending the East Asheville Greenway map to the committee. Possible walk for committee members Labor Day Weekend.



#### Retreat goals.

- Formalize the process of public engagement. David had a write-up, not present.
- Promote a SMART format "Six sigma"
- By Dec 2016 the committee will re-assess the greenway priority list. Set up assessment in December after Bond outcome. Smith Mill is getting attention.
- Maybe November walk the Beaverdam Creek corridor.
- Wait to early 2017 to draft a council for further greenway projects.
- Reach out to community groups. Contact Beverly Hills and Burton Street for Field Trips. Reach out to the Bull Mountain group. Rhododendron might be something to consider but is also the potential pilot project for natural surface.
- Outreach and marketing project. Collect statistics. We can go out to present but are limited in collecting information. Expanding community input and collecting a wider voice of the city.
- Partnership building. Strength of the committee. Seek new partners. Policy for outreach. As needed.
- Reach out to council about keeping feasibility study and the next step.. (East Asheville) Check.
- Keep projects running with frequent updates?
- ID areas of small partnership projects (pollinator garden) as needed. Advocate for additional amenities for donors or other groups.

#### Committee Updates

- MMTC Rich: Discussion about representation on committees. Discussion about the bond over sidewalk improvement and the priority of the projects. Put someone on a committee to look at AIM projects.
- FoCB Mary: presence at the Open Streets event.
- Parks and Rec Board: Amy will reach out.
- Parks and Greenway Foundation: Did not meet quorum.
- Hominy Creek: Work shed is there but not quite functional yet. Start doing more potlucks. Invite Vance Elem. to use Greenways more.

**Future Items:** Start developing promotional events on greenways. Ken Putnam will be talking at the next meeting for the I26 projects.