

## June Greenway Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2015

Committee present: Rich Lee, Mary Weber, Kim Williams, Jim Grode, Forrest Merithew, Dr. John Ridout

Committee absent: Amy Vanden Heuvel

Public present: Mary Lou Kempf, Asheville Food Policy Council; Jeff Kemmish, Beaucatcher resident

Staff Present: Lucy Crown, Mariate Echeverry

### Call to order at 3:30 (Mary Weber)

1. Introduction of guests
2. Approval of agenda: Kim motioned, John seconded – unanimous
3. Approval of minutes: Kim motioned, John seconded – unanimous

### Staff transportation updates (Lucy)

- a. Survey work on FBR Greenway and should be finalizing 25% drawings.
- b. Beaucatcher greenway construction drawings due to be completed in June.
- c. Bike corral on Haywood Ave in front of Second Gear, encroachment agreement approved.
- d. Charlotte St. project pushed back to FY19
- e. Technical review of AIM plan with staff and oversight committee meeting on June 25. Public meeting at end of August.
- f. Portland National Trails Conference recap (Mariate): TAP funds available for greenway connectors, other federal funding opportunities (ie, from greenway system to Blue Ridge Pkwy), connections can be rougher or defined. Kim: Would that connect Azalea Park to Mountains-to-Sea trail? Mariate: We're researching that. Also can use Americorps. "Intertwine" project in Portland is a citizen-led effort to link organizations working on different local or regional transportation projects. Trails should have destinations along the way.
- g. Asheville Buncombe Preservation Society award for Town Branch Greenway Design/Siteworks Studios, Jane Mathews and Baker International
- h. City applied for TDA grant for Beaucatcher and FBR greenways at last May meeting

### New business

1. Presentation on CIP changes (Rich): projects underway or outside funding kept or moved forward, greenways and other projects pushed out. Mariate: Last year's CIP didn't have cost estimates for greenways, this year's do. All the projects that are part of Tiger VI were moved and staged differently, due to receipt of Tiger funds. Forrest: If FBR greenways move forward, bridges have to be included. Mariate: These projects are bigger than sidewalks and smaller projects.

### Old business

1. New member recruitment (Mary)
  - a. Mary talked to Greta from East Asheville and Susanne Molloy
  - b. Forrest talked to Tracy Childers
  - c. Kim will write listing and post on FoCB page and send via Marsha's list, Mary will send to Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods.

2. Feasibility Studies and Advocacy (Mary)
  - a. How do we continue to advocate? Mary and Kim: Find private partnership, Highlands, AP&GF. Rich: Hone our message and make the case for next budget.
3. Outreach (Lucy)
  - a. Grilling for Greenways: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 11-1 Carrier Park Pavillion, greenway consultants to answer questions for public, run a table for email address capture, talk to potential partners. Stewart Engineering will be finalizing 25% drawings for FBR greenways. Several committee members suggested AFPC have a presence.
  - b. New Belgium Footpath Session Ale: June 26<sup>th</sup>, 4-9pm
  - c. Asheville on Bikes Summer Cycle: June 28<sup>th</sup>, to New Belgium from City Hall, then ending at Highlands Brewing
  - d. Night Flight (Asheville Parks and Greenways) July 12<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Ale Share (Highlands) July 25<sup>th</sup>
4. Goat Trails (Rich)
  - a. Rich walked most GMP proposed paths, likeliest candidates were Talmadge-to-Shelburne connection (Rhododendron), Reed Creek Connector and Azalea Park
5. Website improvements (Lucy)
  - a. Have been in discussion with Communications Dept. about improvements.
  - b. Forrest will supply photos of Carrier Greenway, John will supply Walmart Greenway, Kim has others
6. Greenway Map (Mariate)
  - a. May have banner instead of board on easel, Transportation Dept can work it out.
7. Field Trip (Mary)
  - a. Rhododendron, Smith Mill, Reed Creek—Will convene at City Hall, have short meeting, and drive in private vehicles
  - b. FBR West in October

### **Committee Updates**

1. Multimodal Transportation Committee (Jim) – AIM Plan update, retreat June 16 9:00am-3:00pm
2. Friends of Connect Buncombe (Kim) – Public feedback and focus groups on Branding Strategy countywide
3. Collaborative Greenway Partners (Mary) – Meetings in July with stakeholder groups
4. Asheville Parks and Greenways Foundation (Lucy) – met with Dana Davis, haven't been meeting recently, fundraising dedicated to E. Avl Greenway.
5. City of Asheville Parks & Rec (Forrest) – Lots of turnover on board, Stephens Lee Center reopening, interested in trails and greenways, collaboration between Parks and Transportation
6. Friends of Hominy Creek (all) – goats paid for by grant working greenway
7. Friends of Caney Creek (Rich) – No news

**Adjourn 5:01 pm**