



Huntersville Greenway, Trail, and Bikeways Commission

Summary Minutes: January 26, 2021

Members Present: Diane McLaine (chair), Tim Sanborn (co-chair), Robin Underwood, Kim Van Sickler, Maria Reese, Kyle Shackert

Members Absent: Lori Russell, Geoff Steele, Marianne Thomas

Town Staff Present: Tracy Houk

Town Board Present: Mayor Aneralla, Nick Walsh

Public Present:

Call To Order: Diane McLaine (chair) – 6:13 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve December Minutes – Kim Van Sickler
Second – Tim Sanborn
December Minutes - Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Aneralla – 2021 Mayors' Fitness Challenge / for more info and to register:
<https://www.huntersville.org/243/2021-Mayors-Fitness-Challenge>

Business:

- **Introduction of New Member**
 - Kyle Shackert
- **Appoint Chair and Co-Chair**
 - **Nomination for Chair: Diane McLaine – Robin Underwood**
 - Second – Kim Van Sickler
 - Diane Accepts
 - Unanimous approval
 - **Nomination for Co-Chair: Tim Sanborn – Robin Underwood**
 - Second Maria Reese
 - Tim Accepts
 - Unanimous approval
- **Consider Approving the 2021 Meeting Dates**
 - **Motion to approve the 2021 Meeting dates – Robin Underwood**
 - Second – Maria Reese
 - Unanimous approval
- **Review Status of 30x30 activity**
 - **Downtown Greenway Phase 1 – from? to? – ETC Summer 2021**
 - Phase 1 runs through Holbook Park – 115 to Sherwood Dr.
 - Being built in-house by Parks & Recreation Park Operations Team
 - Phase 2 runs north of HES from Sherwood Dr. to Commerce Centre Dr.
 - Also part of the NC21 improvements to get to Trib 2 under 77
 - Recently got "General Application" signed by CMS to be able to submit Phase 2 plans for approval
 - Funded, but not positive if we are building in-house or contract out.
 - Tim: concerns on the 2 private businesses, Enterprise Rental and CATS Park & Ride – not willing to work with county on accommodating the greenway.
 - The County will continue to move forward with the original plans, the greenway will end on the existing sidewalk, which will lead to the

future light for an “at grade” crossing. Town & Meck Co. did look at going under – funding & timing of 21 improvements would be an issue and may be in a future “phase 2” of this project.

- **Hwy 21 project/Rosedale Greenway – on hold due to utilities**
 - There has been movement from At&T
- **Rosedale Greenway – design in process, ETC 2022/2023**
 - “Trib #2” – Still moving, just slowed down a bit.
 - Design is still in process
 - Rosedale Nature Park just went to Bid for Construction
 - We have not heard back about any negative feedback from surrounding neighborhoods concerning the greenway.
- **The Park connector – Grant funding received, ETC?**
 - CRTPO grant awarded – funding is not available till FY2025
 - 50% match – not sure if the town can start spending our portion of the monies in hopes to be “shovel ready” in FY2025
- **McDowell Creek – along Wynfield from Gilead to Chilgrove – land acquisition negotiations**
 - No updates
- **McDowell Creek – along Wynfield starting at Chilgrove – design on hold due to NCDOT funding**
 - No updates
- **Gilead Road parking lot, bridge, and connector trail – in process, ETC Spring 2021**
 - No updates
- **McDowell Creek – Cedarfield to Beatties Ford – funding being requested to the town for design**
 - Town Board approved funding the planning and the design of this project in FY22 (est. \$1.8 million) and Mecklenburg County would fund the construction in FY 2024 (\$14.1 million)
 - Securing this agreement will bump this project up on the county’s CIP
- **Downtown through Vermillion to Asbury Chapel - funding being requested to the town for design**
 - Town Board approved funding the planning and the design of this project in FY23 (est. \$1.5 million) and Mecklenburg County would fund the construction in FY 2025 (\$11.5 million)
 - Securing this agreement will bump this project up on the county’s CIP

We are inching closer to achieving our goal of reaching our 30x30 vision with all of the above projects 😊

- **Sidewalk connection activity**
 - Sidewalk Priority list? Is there a plan on what sidewalks will be completed on a timeline?
 - Tracy will reach out to Stephen Trott, to see if there is something with more info on what projects will be completed and when.
 - There is a sidewalk priority meeting between town staff monthly and looking at how to connect the town better and what projects make the most sense and serve the residents the best.
 - Town staff are working together to make sure all plans are aligned and complement each other rather than state different types of “facilities” as improvements are made on the streets & sidewalks.

Tim – topics for board update within the next 3 months, keep the momentum going and out in front of the commissioners

- **CTT and Meck Trail Plans – Huntersville Impacts:**
 - Great State Trail Plan: <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/bike-ped/great-trails-state/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Mooresville to Charlotte Trail is updating its name/branding. The towns north of Mooresville and south of Charlotte have interest in joining/linking up to the trail.
- **Placing public art at the downtown Greenway Trail Head**
 - Joint effort between the GTBC & the PAC
 - PAC has received a \$10,000 donation from a local business, they also plan to go for a \$10,000 Electricities Grant.
 - Thought is to put these two together to make \$20,000 to put towards a sculpture at the Trail Head
 - \$20,000 may not be enough, we may need to do some additional fundraising.
 - The PAC did reach out to an artist to get an idea of what a sculpture would cost (see attached)
 - *RFQ will still need to be sent out, the attached image is just an idea*
 - *Will work with ASC once monies are secured*

Updates

- **2021 Event Ideas / Planning**
 - Men that Cook – waiting on COVID
 - Holiday Lights on Greenway
 - Plan to place electricity along greenway, charging stations by benches
 - Idea: have local businesses sponsor an area to decorate, gets the community involved, can make a contest, monies raised can go back into the greenways
 - Canines on the Vine
 - Possible 5k?
 - How soon will we need to plan? 6 months recommended
 - Kyle – can be done quicker, but depends on permitting – NMP mountain bike trail is almost a 5k. Marketing is the most important piece to make it successful.
 - Permits needed? None if it is ran through a park on the greenways
 - Host Canine on The Vine 5k walk/run – get out to the local trails, greenways, bikeways on “this day”
 - Possibly have punch cards where if someone visits all sights GTBC reps can punch the cards and participant is entered in a drawing.

Motion to Adjourn: 7:18 pm - Motion – Robin Underwood, Seconded – Kim Van Sickler
Approved Unanimously

Huntersville Greenway, Trail, & Bikeway 2021 Meeting Dates

Virtual until further notice / 6:00 pm

When in-person meetings will be held at Town Center – 3rd floor(Rotunda)

- January 19, 2021
- February 16, 2021
- March 16, 2021
- April 20, 2021
- May 18, 2021
- June 15, 2021
- July 20, 2021
- August 17, 2021
- September 21, 2021
- October 19, 2021
- November 16, 2021
- December 21, 2021

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