

Huntersville Greenway, Trail, and Bikeways Commission



Summary Minutes: February 15, 2022

Members Present: Diane McLaine (chair), Tim Sanborn (co-chair), Maria Reese, Katie Spikes, Michael Griffin, Ken Stuart, Kyle Shackert

Members Absent: Christianna Beirne, Ted Turner

Town Staff Present: Tracy Houk, David Peete

Town Board Present: Commissioner Partee, Commissioner Boone

Public Present: Karen Brown

Call To Order: Diane McLaine (chair) – 6:01 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve January Minutes – Ken Stuart
Second – Katie Spikes
December Minutes - Approved Unanimously

Agenda Changes

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

Resident – Karen Brown, discussed the McDowell Greenway Phase 1B and the lack of connection for the residents of Wynfield to the greenway till Phase 2A is completed. The connection is funded by NCDOT, so it falls under Phase 2A. Karen asked that the Town touch base with the county on this and see if anything can be done.

Business:

- **Prioritize 2022 Goals**
 - See attached
- **Review trail connection from Steven's Rd. Nature Preserve to Latta and discuss next steps.**
 - Tim walked a possible path to create a connection from Buckeye Cove to Rural Hill – definitely doable.
 - There are 5 parks in the area and much is owned by City of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County – it is possible in Tim's opinion that the parcels could all be connected if there was a will to do it. Is the Town interested in taking the lead on this? Does Meck Co. have a timeline?
 - Town staff will connect with Christa Rogers from Meck Co. and discuss with Michael, Parks and Recreation Director.
- **Preview of Huntersville Connections to Cornelius and Davidson Greenways**
 - See Attached Map
- **Consider recommendation to Town Board to fund the Trail Head Sculpture using sponsorship dollars**
 - Quote from Artist, David Landis: \$39,000, we currently have a sponsor for \$10,000.
 - Michael Jaycocks, Parks and Recreation Director suggested utilizing event sponsorship dollars to cover the deficit for the sculpture. Which would be \$35,000.
 - Sponsorship dollars have not been used for the events due to COVID and scaling back the events over the past two years.
 - Benefit of request: possibly speed up the timeline, because we are not sure how quick the funding can be raised
 - Artist is not under contract yet, due to lack of funding.

- **Motion made by Tim Sanborn** – The Greenway, Trail, & Bikeway Commission recommends the Town Board to consider using sponsorship dollars to fund the remaining monies needed for the Trail Head Sculpture. Second: Ted Turner | Approved Unanimously

Updates

Motion to Adjourn: 7:44pm - Motion – Maria Reese, Seconded – Ken Stuart
Approved Unanimously

GOALS 2022

1. Town Board and community awareness, education, information sharing
 - Provide status and event update presentations to the board - High – quarterly - Discuss in meeting and assign to volunteers
 - Create a video – branding, vine page, social media, board presentation, tent, informational (also could be event specific) See Seam video High - MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
 - Visit Huntersville greenways with the town board – Plan as part of a meeting - High
 - Present to the Downtown Steering Committee – High Diane February 24
 - Create a Huntersville Vine app – (Note – consider Dan Boone activities around the historic site app – partner or at least learn from his research) Med – later as there are more miles – 2023/2024, but could consider researching this year, note Per Dan Boone, Old Huntersville Historical Site have put this on hold for now (\$2100 for 25 stop app), Sam James – 150 year anniversary society may pick this back up MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
 - Increase # of people following the website and/or viewing other mediums related to awareness Med - Determine ways to draw people in and method to measure our success (looking at before and after), ie increasing followers vs. # of hits per month, may tie into events as well – more hits with events MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
 - Traveling presentation (i.e. Kiwanis, etc. similar to Emerald necklace) – High PowerPoint showing connection VOLUNTEER
 - Roots of the Vine Med – every six months to quarterly informational and as needed to promote events VOLUNTEER
 - Share slide showing greenways and expected completion year at events, online, etc. – possibly create a poster, flyers, online file for this to be shared High – Tim has shared for roots of vine, also create map and QR code WORK WITH TRACY TO CREATE MAP
2. Events: High
 - Canines on the Vine SUBCOMMITTEE
 - Wine and the Vine with lights SUBCOMMITTEE
 - Tent at town events - Discuss in Meeting and sign up
 - Trail Volunteer Day for community upkeep of the trails - discuss in meeting
 - Consider initiating a North Meck Partnership Forum High discuss in meeting
 - Possible other events on the trail or at the trailhead – discuss in meeting
3. GTBC Commission activities
 - Visit in process and proposed greenway sites to give context to the committee - Roger's way, Lower McDowell dirtway, Downtown Greenway, Rosedale, etc. as part of meetings
 - Visit other greenways – i.e. Rail Trail, etc. as part of meetings
 - CTT presentation – as part of meetings
4. Projects
 - Signage - Mountain Bike Trails and Downtown Greenway - in process
6. Planning: High
 - Understand sidewalk prioritization and how to ensure key sidewalk connections are considered, for example - Town website, Engineering, Projects, Sidewalk plans – scored

plan, CIP shows what is in process (board puts this) , greenway commission could submit to board our priorities – revive the list by year, compare to list of what is scored

- Connecting NMP greenway to Downtown via Harvest Point, Sherwood Forest, Shepards Vineyard
- Safe crossing at Statesville (near the tunnel)
- Safe crossing at 73 connecting NMP to Caldwell Station greenway.
- Understand next steps in confirming the route and planning for the connection to Skybrook [As part of meetings](#)
- Consider trail connection between Stephen's Rd and Rural Hill - [effort on a list, determine next steps and timing for group planning for this, Tracy to reach out and get more info, will involve Michael as well](#)
- Consider post 30x30 greenway connections
 - Understand the Seam plans and current thoughts (timing/route) around the Huntersville segment [As part of meetings](#)
- Review the master plan to determine if there are any other segments where the land is publicly owned [Volunteer](#)

7. Funding:

- Continue reviewing whether there would be benefit to extending the Huntersville greenway ordinance [Low to continue this research, High to summarize info so far](#)

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Legend

- Completed Greenway
- To be completed 2022
- To be completed 2023
- To be completed 2024
- To be completed 2025
- To be completed 2026
- Greenway TBD
- Overland Connector
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