



Huntersville Greenway, Trail, and Bikeways Commission

Summary Minutes: 6.18.19

Members Present: Diane McLaine (chair), Drew Varnado (co-chair), Robin Underwood, Roger Diedrich (arrived early), Christopher Boyd, Geoff Steele, Maria Reese, Tim Sanborn, Lori Russell

Town Staff Present: Tracy Houk, David Peete

Town Board Present:

Public Present: Paul Freestone (*Meck Co. Park & Rec Comm.*), Lisa Simpkins, April Dun (*Huntersville Public Art Commission member*)

Call To Order: Diane McLaine (chair) – 6:32 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve April Minutes – Geoff Steel / Second – Robin Underwood
April Minutes - Approved Unanimously

Motion to approve May Minutes – Drew Varnado / Second – Robin Underwood
May Minutes - Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

Business:

- Bert Lynn, Capital Planning Division Director – Q&A
 - Presentation attached

Please see attached for additional information

Motion to Adjourn: 8:15 pm - Motion – Chris Boyd , Seconded – Robin Underwood
Approved Unanimously

David Peete NOTES:

Current Huntersville projects:

McDowell Creek (Gilead to 73) – County project
Rosewood Meadow Lane to CATS lot – County project
US 21 enhancements – State
Downtown Connector – Town

The time to add projects for consideration and ranking in County CIP – next 18 months!

County (currently) doesn't look for anything from the towns to do a project.
Any-and-all participation helps... but small funding amounts are less helpful.
Baseline – 10% investment would be advised...
Providing / acquiring land is the best provision!

Benefits to property owners when negotiating greenways:

- 1) Land/easement purchase price (cash).
- 2) Proportional tax reduction.

County looking to stop small (@ 1 mile) projects and target 2.0 – 2.5 mile projects, which are more efficient, however, smaller segments can be negotiated with County staff.

Looking for HPD contact for crime data – DP to provide.

2 new project managers will be hired by County P & R – which will provide increased ability to permit private developers to build greenways.
This would be allowed on a case-by-case basis.