



Huntersville Greenway, Trail, and Bikeways Commission

Summary Minutes: 8.20.19

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

Members Absent:

Town Staff Present: Tracy Houk, David Peete

Town Board Present : Commissioner Walsh

Public Present: Frank Gammon

Call To Order: Diane McLaine (chair) - 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve July Minutes - Geoff Steele / Second - Robin Underwood
July Minutes - Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

Business:

- **Discuss system name recommendation**
 - Top 3: The Huntersville Vine, Huntersville Greenlink, Huntersville Ramble
 - Diane & Tim to attend the PRC meeting 8.21.19 - make sure they are on the same page and aware of branding
 - Postpone Roger the Raccoon mascot
 - Next step - take to Town Board
- **Continue Review of prioritized segments (started last meeting) - overall project status, funding status, route status, land status**
 - See Attached projects sheet
- **Discuss presenting to the board in Sept or Oct**
 - Create presentation for priorities/vision and branding at October Town Board meeting
- **Vermillion request for Clarke Creek routing community meeting**
 - Vermillion HOA put together a letter requesting a community meeting with Meck Co. - has been sent
 - Would like to look at changing the route of proposed greenway
 - Wants board support for public meeting discussing above topic
 - GTBC will wait to hear response from Mecklenburg Co. on letter
 - GTBC will add this item to next meeting agenda
- **Summary of Discussion with Jackie Huffman (Tim)**
 - See Attached notes from Tim Sanborn
- **Communication to county rep, possible meeting on the greenway (Tim)**
 - Tim had discussion with Elaine Powell, what would it take for Cornelius, Huntersville, & Davidson to build/fund region greenways
 - Planning to meet in September

Updates

- **Town Updates**
 - **Priority Map**
 - Working with Brian Richardson on creating an updated map highlighting the priority greenways
 - **MCT walk with Meck Co.**
 - Huntersville has the FIRST piece (880 ft) of the Mooresville to Charlotte Trail
 - Tracy & David walked it with Meck Co. for an initial inspection
 - Meck Co. will send inspection report to builder
 - Items will need to be addressed BEFORE Meck Co. will officially take over the segment.
 - **Comprehensive Bike Plan**
 - Tracy will re-send the application to everyone for one last push
 - Approval of the committee will be added to the agenda for Sept. 3 Town Board meeting.
- **Sub-Committees**
 - Plan on meeting once a month on the 4th Tuesday
 - Will give updates to Commission quarterly

Motion to Adjourn: 8:23 pm - Motion - Drew Varnado, Seconded - Christopher Boyd
Approved Unanimously

Summary of Discussion with Jackie Huffman (Tim)

Meeting with Jackie Huffman, July 23, 2019

- with Nick Walsh, Anthony Roberts, Diane McLaine by phone

Work strongly to understand the Town Board position (6-0 or 4-2, etc.). Don't attempt a bond referendum unless we have strong Board consensus.

Anthony (Roberts) and Jackie are both strong advocates of greenway and bikeway amenities.

Town Board notification to County Board of Elections must start in June with exact wording – the wording is extremely important!

- Published in newspaper
- Exact questions a must
- Items to approve in July and August

This is a General Obligation (GO) debt.

Work with Tracy and Michael on prioritization and project for the spend

Invite Anthony and Michael

- Are there other bond questions on the table?
- Anthony thinks that Greenways will pass
 - o CRTPO \$ as a source of funds
 - o ASC funds (\$0.25 sales tax)? Anthony may suggest to H'ville Board to stay neutral; projected to \$750k
 - Partnership opps with Meck County
 - o He will help with hurdles, e.g., map development

GBTC preparation

- Analysis of project
- Understanding total of funds available
 - o Other bonds
 - o Reserve funding
 - o Bill Cox says he got Board commitment for a 10% spending rule for greenways vs. dollars spent on larger transportation projects

Anthony – bond language must be flexible

- Pamphlet – photos, e.g., corneliu.org/document-center;/404/Bond-Information
- Garner, NC bond package
- FAQs
- HOA, clubs – give information

Jackie provided explicit language developed by Cornelius to function as a guideline.