



**Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**

Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2013

Old Bridge Building  
315 Southern Indiana Ave.  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

<p><b>Voting Members Present:</b> <b>Town/Cities</b> Clarksville – Bob Polston Clarksville – Sam Gwin (Proxy) Clarksville – Jim McCoskey (Proxy) Jeffersonville – Mayor Mike Moore (Proxy) Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair Jeffersonville – David Boome New Albany – Mayor Jeff Gahan (Proxy) New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler, Treasurer</p> <p><b>Governor’s Appointees</b> Clark County- Regina Overton, Vice-Chair (Proxy) Floyd County – Ed Jerdonek</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Present:</b></p>	<p><b>Proxies:</b> Brittany Montgomery to Jim McCoskey Brian Kaluzny to Sam Gwin Kelly Phillips to Mayor Mike Moore Scott Wood to Mayor Jeff Gahan Letty Walters to Regina Overton</p> <p><b>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</b> New Albany – Anne Banet</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Absent</b> Jim Ude – INDOT Wendy Dant Chesser - One Southern Indiana Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau Kelley Morgan – DNR</p> <p><b>Project Staff Absent:</b></p>
<p><b>Project Staff:</b> Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator Matt Schueler – USACE</p>	<p><b>Members of the Community:</b></p>

**Call to Order and Attendance**

Philip Hendershot called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

**Old Business**

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

The January 2013 minutes were presented for approval. Scott Wood moved to accept the minutes. (Seconded by Pat Leist-Stumler.) The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Pat Leist-Stumler reported the bank statements with an ending date of January 31, 2013.

The balance in the checking account is \$ 6,492.62

The money market account balance is \$ 108,237.60

Since the ending statement date, the Commission received \$25,000 checks from New Albany and Jeffersonville.

Currently the checking account shows these additional \$50,000 funds. Shaunna Graf reported Clarksville's contribution was processed at the February 19th town council meeting. The claim was approved therefore, the check should be received very soon.

**Claims**

The claims for February 2013 were presented. Scott Wood moved to approve claims 924 and 925 for a total of \$3,979.28 (Seconded by Kelly Phillips.) The motion passed.

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
924	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,105.00	1
925	Shaunna Graf	Greenways Foundation luncheon, American Trails Conference, Postage, hardware for sign	\$874.28	2,7,10,12

**Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing**

Brian Kaluzny reported much progress took place over the course of the last month as the public comment period is wrapping up for the category of exclusion. INDOT has approved a contract for property acquisition process to begin. Clarksville is awaiting the NTP for negotiations to begin. They have title searches back on the property needing to be acquired. Have revised schedule for April 9th letting of 2014 for construction to begin. Geotechnical reviews offered a bad report and they are currently looking at some options to repair the abutments. The Mill Creek Bridge will schedule a public hearing soon in addition to the condemnation of the property near.

**Clarksville - Ashland Park (USACE Project)**

Brian K. confirmed receipt of the draft of the O&M Manual at 144 pages and is still reviewing. Matt Schueler stated he would send the link to Dr. Check's for the review process. He was previously waiting to make sure that the O&M Manual was received. Shaunna clarified receipt on Monday. Matt will be setting up the link for Clarksville and New Albany to add comments.

**Erosion Long-term solution - Harrison/Croghan Ave. to Loop Island Wetlands**

No real progress. The historic preservation committee is approaching the town council in April to ask for staff time to be dedicated to addressing the problem. In the meeting packet, Phil Hendershot referenced the letter hand delivered to Mike Pence's staff on February 4th. The erosion issue was one of the top four issues of concern outlined in the letter. Shaunna also stated that after the K&I meeting Justin Stephens of Todd Young's office stated he was aware of the issue and would like to help address the problem as appropriate at the Federal level.

**Jeffersonville -Big 4 (INDOT Project)**

Kelly Phillips reported progress continues. Another footer was poured and they continue to wait on weather. The June completion date is still on target. It was noted that the Louisville portion is complete and open for public use.

**Jeffersonville -Big 4 Landing (INDOT Project)**

Kelly reported that the city is working on the northern section as much as possible before the bidding begins in April 2013. Rob Waiz has a major goal of having the landing finished by Spring of 2014 at the latest and is even hopeful for the end of 2013. Phil asked if it were possible to for the Commission to get a look at the design drawings for this segment at whatever level it is. Kelly confirmed that she would get a copy to the Commission.

**New Albany - 18th to 8th (INDOT Project)**

Scott Wood reported there has not been much going on right now as the focus has been on other planning issues.

**New Albany -K&I Development stage**

Scott reported a meeting took place February 13th among Louisville, New Albany, Jeffersonville, Clarksville and state representatives. Justin Stephens of Congressman Todd Young's office and Jo Ann Burke, Jefferson County Attorney were among the attendees. The focus of the meeting was to do whatever is necessary to restore this public/private asset. New Albany plans to adopt an ordinance regarding the reopening at tonight's city council meeting. Scott is working with Floyd County historian, David Barksdale to go thru the 1800's documentation. The Commission reviewed the minutes from the meeting, discussed various options, contacts with stakeholders and recreational indemnity clauses. Phil noted he was pleased with the attendance and attention to needed actions aligned in a first meeting.

### **New Albany 18th to Silver Creek (USACE- Completed Construction - Still under warranty)**

Phil sent an email to USACE to ask for attention to be given to the punch list items needing to be fixed while the project was still under warranty. Matt stated he is meeting with Jim Childs next week. Jim Childs will be the point of contact.

### **Signage on Greenway**

Shaunna reported during the last meeting the committee discussed the detailed information of sign placement on the maps as well as the message schedule. We are in the final comment period for the plans for 90% documents to be used for formal cost estimates. Phil stated the preliminary contractor estimate seemed very reasonable for fabricating and installing all of the signs.

### **Finance and Funding**

Shaunna reported the Cliff Bar Family Foundation grant application for adding crushed rock to the edges of the existing asphalt was submitted on February 15th. Shaunna asked for permission for the submittal of a grant application to American Water for clean up of Silver Creek at the Loop Island Wetlands through the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway. The Commission agreed this was a good fit.

Shaunna stated work continues on the Floyd County Council approving a contribution to the Commission for operating expenditures. It is looking very positive at this point. Pat Leist Stumler and Regina Overton having been discussing with Floyd County Council members. Brad Streigel continues to be the main point of contact. Clark County has been formally asked but the support still needs to be built among the council members and the funding would have to be found. Ed stated he would follow up with Brian Lender.

### **Steering Committee**

Pat Leist Stumler moved to enter into an executive session to discuss human resources issues for the Ohio River Greenway Commission. (Brian K. seconded) Motion passed.

Brian K. moved to adjourn the executive session. (Letty Walters seconded) Motion passed

Ed Jerdonek moved to return to the regular meeting. (Brian K. seconded) Motion passed.

Pat moved to extend the project coordinator contract. (Scott seconded) Motion passed.

Ed Jerdonek stated Governor Pence will speak to New Albany Rotary on Thursday, March 14th if we could get him to tour then. Pat stated Keith Baumann also invited the Governor to tour Samtec. Shaunna will follow up. The Commission discussed May or June being a more comfortable temperature to see the erosion area, unfinished connection between Clarksville/Jeffersonville, Loop Island Wetlands (dead end of trail) and K&I bridge.

Ed also noted a meeting took place with key staff at IUS to perform an economic impact assessment of the Ohio River Greenway currently and futuristically. This investment if IUS can do this then we can have a case to present to the communities, businesses showing how much economic benefit can be expected.

Scott Wood made motion to move the April Ohio River Greenway Commission meeting out one week to April 25th (Brian K. seconded) Motion carried.

### **Project Coordinator Report - Community Outreach/FOG**

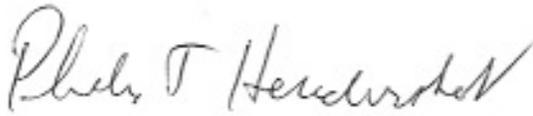
Shaunna indicated the report in the Commission packet and stated the Friends of Ohio River Greenway are working to reproduce the Turf Party with an added outdoor area. Shaunna asked the Commission if they would recommend the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway donating \$100 to the Southern Indiana Wellness Coalition to build a health focused website. Shaunna serves on this committee. The Commission agreed that this was a good use of funds noting the calendar function would allow for posting of events for the Greenway.

**Commission Comments**

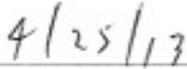
Phil offered thanks to Pat for taking the trip to Indianapolis and meeting with Governor Pence. Phil also thanked Ed Jerdonek for reaching out to the governors' office staff as well as contributing to the fees for attendance at the National Trails Conference.

**Public Comments**

None.



Signed by: Philip Hendershot Commission Chair



Date signed