



Ohio River Greenway Development Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 18th, 2017

315 Southern Indiana Avenues, Jeffersonville, Indiana

Voting Members Present:

Town/Cities

Clarksville – Paul Fetter, Town Council President (Proxy)
Clarksville – Patrick Duggins (Proxy)
Clarksville – Jim McCoskey (Proxy)

Jeffersonville – Mayor Mike Moore (Proxy)
Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair
Jeffersonville – Chris Fox, Treasurer

New Albany – Mayor Jeff Gahan (Proxy)
New Albany – Chris Gardner, Vice-Chair
New Albany – Courtney Lewis

Governor's Appointees

Clark County – To be Appointed (Vacant Seat)
Floyd County – To be Appointed (Vacant Seat)

Non-Voting Members Present:

Jim Epperson, Clark/Floyd Tourism Bureau

Project Staff

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Kathleen Arano of IUS and two students
Joshua Banister with Clarksville Redevelopment

Proxies

Brian Kaluzny to Paul Fetter
Dylan Fisher to Patrick Duggins
Jim Epperson to Jim McCoskey
David Duggins to Mayor Jeff Gahan
Nathan Pruitt to Mayor Mike Moore

Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:

Non-Voting Members Absent

Wendy Dant Chesser – One So. Indiana
Jim Ude – INDOT
Lucas Green – DNR

Project Staff Absent:

Matt Schueler – USACE

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Total to Pay	Operating		Capital	
				Line Item	Amount	Line Item	Amount
1125	Shaunna Graf	Reimbursement for office 365	\$18.00				
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Call to Order and Attendance

Phil Hendershot called the meeting to order 3:05 pm and proceeded with taking attendance.

Old Business

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

The April 2017 minutes were presented for approval. David Duggins moved to accept the minutes (seconded by Chris Fox). The motion passed.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Chris Fox presented claim number 1125 in the amount of \$18.00 to reimburse Shaunna Graff for Office 365 expenses that were carried over from April and May. He further explained that these expenses were billed to her credit card and he has corrected the issue. Brian Kaluzny made the motion to approve claim number 1125 (seconded by David Duggins). The motion passed.

Chris Fox reported the account balances on May 18th, 2017 are as follows:

The balance in the checking account is \$22,685.00

The money market account balance is \$129,070.41

Chris Fox presented Resolution No. 2017-R-01 Acknowledgement of funds held in reserve accounts of the Ohio River Greenway Development Commission. Chris Gardner made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-R-01 (seconded by Brian Kaluzny). Chris Fox explained the figures within the resolution during a brief discussion. The motion passed.

Chris Fox presented the 2017 Operation Budget for approval. Dylan Fisher made a motion to approve the 2017 Operating Budget (seconded by Courtney Lewis). The motion passed.

Special Presentations

City of New Albany - Loop Island Wetlands/QRS Recycling Center Greenway Improvements

David Duggins presented on behalf of the City of New Albany and Mayor Jeff Gahan new development the City has plans to add to the New Albany portion of the Ohio River Greenway. David explained that the City of New Albany has received donations from the Horseshoe Foundation of Southern Indiana and the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway to help make these projects possible. David showed renderings of the QRS Recycling Center and the Loop Island Wetlands. He further explained that the City has acquired these two properties and intended to turn them into parks amenities and connect them to the Greenway. Conceptual ideas for the QRS property include a boat ramp, boat docks, a campground and green space. The Loop Island Wetlands property is proposed to have hiking trails added to make the property more manageable to explore.

Phil Hendershot explained that without the property acquisitions of the Loop Islands Wetlands, by the City of New Albany, the Town of Clarksville faced potentially losing federal funding to connect the two communities possibly delaying the project for years. He further explained that the partnership between these two communities is the reason we are moving forward and thank the City of New Albany and all individuals involved for intervening.

David Duggins also updated the Commission about the City of New Albany's project off of Providence Way, under the Spring Street over pass as you come into the City of New Albany. The City has added parking spaces in an effort to reconnect the community to Silver Creek. This will allow for safe access to Silver Creek for Fishing and other recreational needs. He also stated that it is possible to create a trail from that point that leads down creek to connect to the Ohio River Greenway at the Loop Island Wetlands.

IUS Economics Class: Greenway Impact Survey

Students from Professor Arano's class at Indiana University Southeast presented their findings from an economic impact survey that they administer as a project for class. They explained that this data was collected over a six week period and they gathered 131 responses. Most of the surveys were administer in Jeffersonville in areas around the Greenway. Their goal was to determine the unique benefit the Ohio River Greenway provides to the communities. They presented their data and explained their methodology that brought them to their conclusion that the Ohio River Greenway has an annual \$30,000.00 unique economic impact on the communities.

Advisory Committee Reports

Project Finance, Design and Construction – Project Update

Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing

Brian Kaluzny reported that the contractor was off and running moving dirt and then it started raining so they had to pull off the job. No work has been done in the last three weeks. He further explained that top soil has been moved, the bridge is down and that also the creek is up making it difficult for the contractor to do work around the bridge abutments.

Erosion Long-term solution

Brian Kaluzny stated that he has nothing new to report.

Jeffersonville/Clarksville Connector Design

Dylan Fisher brought forth a preliminary alignment plan that they were able to keep 100% within the right-of-way to have a dedicated 8 foot path with a two foot buffer from the road. Their next steps are coordination with Jeffersonville.

Riverfront Park (part of South Clarksville Redevelopment Plan)

Dylan Fisher stated that trees are a big concern. For every one tree they remove they have to plant five back. The locations of the new trees will most likely have to be kept within the project corridor. He stated that this project is very active.

Greenway Conservancy

Brian Kaluzny reported there was nothing new to report.

Jeffersonville

Nathan Pruitt stated he didn't have anything new to update at this time.

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

Chris Gardner reported construction is moving along. The contractor had some issues that they have had to correct. He stated that this additional work has not delayed the project.

USACE Outstanding Issues

Design Credit Reimbursement Clarksville

Phil Hendershot stated there is no word from USACE.

Outreach and Awareness Committee

Final Selection of the IUS Student Posters in Public Displays at Town Halls and brochures

Courtney Lewis stated that they are meeting with the design team tomorrow and once she has the layout she will email it to us all for review.

Steering Committee

Phil Hendershot updated the commission on what the Steering Committee has been working on. These items include the 2017 budget, Resolution No. 2017-R-01, as well as appointments from the Governor's office. He stated that we have a Clark County Candidate but we still need suggestions for a Floyd County appointee to recommend to the Governor. He also stated that the Steering Committee is looking at options to help administer the phase two way finding project. Phil also updated that the committee is working on construction project tours for Federal, State, and Local officials.

Friends of the Greenway


None

Public Comments

None

Commission Comments

Dylan Fisher introduced Joshua Banister, intern for Clarksville Redevelopment.



Signed by: Philip Hendershot, Commission Chair

6/15/17

Date signed