



**Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**  
Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2011

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

<p><b>Voting Members Present:</b> <b>Town/Cities</b> Clarksville - Greg Isgrigg(Proxy) Clarksville – Sam Gwyn Clarksville – Jim McCoskey (Proxy) Jeffersonville – Mayor Tom Galligan(Proxy) Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair Jeffersonville – Wayne Estopinal(Proxy) New Albany – Mayor Doug England(Proxy) New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler</p> <p><b>Governor’s Appointees</b> Clark County- Regina Overton, Vice-Chair Floyd County- Gary Libs (Proxy)</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Present:</b> Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau Matt Hall – One So. Indiana</p>	<p><b>Proxies:</b> Brian Kaluzny to Greg Isgrigg Nancy Kraft to Jim McCoskey Brian Fogle to Mayor Tom Galligan Brent Williams to Wayne Estopinal Scott Wood to Mayor Doug England Greg Edwards to Gary Libs</p> <p><b>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</b> New Albany – Anne Banet</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Absent</b> Steve Knowles – DNR Jim Ude – INDOT</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 12:08 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

**Old Business**

**Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The March 17, 2011 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Brian Fogle moved to accept the minutes with two noted corrections. (Seconded by Regina Overton.) The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Pat Leist-Stumler reported as per the bank statements ending date of March 31, 2011.

The balance in the checking account is \$ 30,492.01

The money market account balance is \$ 153,088.81

**Claims**

The claims for April 2011 were presented. There was discussion about the claims. Scott Wood moved to approve Claims 854 and 855 for a total of \$3,272.11. (Seconded by Brent Williams.) The motion passed.

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
854	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,105.00	1
855	Shaunna Graf	Constant Contact membership, printer ink and postage	\$167.11	7, 9, 10

### **Amend Budget to include State Board of Accounts Audit Fees**

Pat Leist-Stumler explained that the proposed amended budget moves \$404 from line item 4 (Travel Expenses for Commission Members) to line item 15 (State Board of Accounts Fee). The \$404 will allow for line item 4 to be raised to \$554, which is the fee the State Board of Accounts charged the Commission in 2011 for auditing 2007, 2008 and 2009 files. Brian Fogle asked if Pat as Treasurer was recommending this amended budget. Pat stated she recommends the amended budget. Brian Fogle made the motion to accept the amended budget. (Pat Leist-Stumler seconded.) The motion passed.

Pat stated she ordered claims and budget forms through A&E Boise to comply with State Board of Accounts requirements and that a bill will be presented on the claims in the future.

### **Design and Construction - Project Update**

#### **Clarksville**

#### **Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing (TE Project)**

Brian Kaluzny reported the archeological report has been reviewed by SHPO. SHPO is requiring Phase II and Phase III work. Little actual planning can be done until the environmental is completed according to INDOT's processes. The Phase I and II work will extend the timeline for completing this segment.

#### **Ashland Park (USACE Project)**

Brian K. reported the contractor was putting the final coat of asphalt on the trail and parking lots. Striping of the lots is scheduled for next Tuesday.

#### **Jeffersonville**

#### **Big 4 – Design Update**

Brian Fogle stated Jeffersonville is continuing to work toward letting this out to bid by the end of 2011.

#### **New Albany**

#### **Silver Creek to 18<sup>th</sup> Street (USACE Project)**

Scott Wood reported the weather has not been favorable for outdoor construction activities until this week, therefore there has not been much progress. New Albany hasn't had to work with Thunder issues, so they are allowing the contractor extra time for weather related delays. There is continued working with the designer on specific detail at the 18<sup>th</sup> Street transition. One noted change is that the benching of some ground materials that need to be capped on site are now being moved to be used at the 18<sup>th</sup> Street transition.

#### **18<sup>th</sup> to Scribner Place (INDOT Project)**

Scott stated Ron Taylor (HNTB) met with Scott and John Rosenbarger about design issues and working through some minor changes for INDOT. With the acorn lights at \$800 apiece and the amount of vandalism the city cannot keep purchasing those lights. Scott noted 8 had to be replaced and the city continues to have issues with vandalism. They are working on options to have a lighting fixture that would be more difficult to vandalize or not illuminating certain areas at all, specifically next to the flood wall at a secluded part of the trail. This area may have to not be lit for the actual safety of people utilizing it from dawn until dusk.

#### **Community Outreach/Friends of the Ohio River Greenway**

#### **Trail Markers**

No movement on this topic since the January 2011 Commission meeting.

#### **Greenway Turf Party**

Shaunna Graf reported that the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway are still planning on having the event if the water level drops far enough ahead to allow for proper clean up. A meeting is planned for a week before the event to make the call.

## **Finance and Funding**

Scott Wood stated that there is a minimum amount of funds for TE FY 2014 Funds and Clarksville is looking for most all of the funding to continue work on the Greenway. A smaller Jeffersonville project along 10<sup>th</sup> street has been approved for funding now and holding future funds in reserves for Clarksville Greenways. The KIPDA committees will revisit the topic as needed and don't want to cut off any options, due to the funds not being made available until 2014. Both submitted projects were approved and the funding will be reconsidered once the time line is closer.

## **Steering Committee**

Phil stated the committee met on 4/12/2011. The main topic discussed was the upcoming meeting on 4/13 regarding the erosion issues. The 4/13 meeting with the USACE was held at the Falls of the Ohio. Linda Murphy, USACE and many other USACE representatives spoke of the history of the area under consideration. Impact studies in the 1970s referencing that the location of the dam does have an impact were discussed as well as contracts and actions taken place to address the erosion over the years. The atypical situation we have is that the USACE has acknowledged that the dam does cause extra erosion not just erosion associated with the rise and fall of the river. Clarksville/New Albany could seek federal assistance through congressional representatives and contract with the USACE to do the work or utilize local funds and contractors and go through USACE's regulatory process review. New Albany's concern is that the Loop Island Wetlands would actually not be a wetlands any longer, but actually follow the rise and fall of the Ohio River.

Nancy Kraft asked what would be done. Scott stated the USACE has already made operational changes to reduce erosion potential. There isn't a specific corps activity to design and construct any of the other possible solutions. The USACE has shown that there is precedent, but we would have to get congress to authorize additional studies to be done and/or complete the work. One avenue which might be pursued is that due to the archeological findings in the area other federal sources could be used for funding. Clarksville is going to work on finding out if they can afford to pay for the study and/or next steps of action. Scott indicated this could be a joint venture with New Albany. Senator Lugar has showed a great interest in this and Todd Young has visited the site in question in February.

## **Project Coordinator Report**

Shaunna Graf reported she resent the notes from the Vision Session to Commission members.

A presentation on the Greenway was given to the Clarksville Kiwanis Club on 3/31.

There are plans for an Earth Day Display at the Falls of the Ohio on 5/14.

Shaunna attended the LSI Alumni reception on 4/13.

Shaunna continues to work with the three communities to have the Monuments and Memorials policy adopted for the Ohio River Greenway.

There is a planned teleconference for the Greenways Foundation the first Tuesday of every month. Shaunna attended the March meeting and was officially voted in as a board member. The Greenways Foundation is working with trails groups all over the state to try to open a discussion with INDOT to amend their processes and procedures for TE grants.

The intern the Commission was seeking through the River's Institute with Hanover did not come to fruition this school year.

Shaunna is working with Brent Williams at The Estopinal Group on the redesign of the brochure with a print date estimated in Late July or early August.

Shaunna asked the Commission if it would be a good idea to pursue using the light pole's banner space to showcase other tourist destinations in the region and use the opportunity for fundraising. The Commission agreed that this could be pursued. Clarksville's sign ordinance would require the Commission to obtain a waiver.

A dedication ceremony pre-ribbon cutting will be held for government officials and commission members to view the completed Ashland Park/Clarksville segment with the contractors on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Shaunna will send out definite information via email.

A ribbon cutting of the Ashland Park/Clarksville segment is planned for May 14<sup>th</sup> tentatively at 1:00 p.m. Shaunna will send out the confirmed time via e-mail.

The clean-up of the Ohio River and Silver Creek, River Sweep, will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2011. Shaunna will not be available that day to host the Commission's team. She asked if anyone was interested in heading up the team.


Shaunna will ask the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway Directors if they can volunteer.

**Public Comments**

None

**Commission Comments**

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Signed by: Philip Hendershot, Commission Chair

  
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Date