



**Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**  
Meeting Minutes – May 19, 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 Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair Jeffersonville – Wayne Estopinal(Proxy) New Albany – Mayor Doug England(Proxy) New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler New Albany – Anne Banet</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></p>	<p><b>Proxies:</b> Rick Dickman to Greg Isgrigg Sheryl Yoder to Jim McCoskey 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> Mayor Tom Galligan</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Absent</b> – DNR Jim Ude – INDOT Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau Matt Hall – One So. Indiana</p>
<p><b>Project Staff:</b> Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator</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. Phil noted that Matt Schueler, USACE, was not able to attend.

**Old Business**

**Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The April 21, 2011 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Pat Leist-Stumler moved to accept the minutes with the noted corrections per Phil Hendershot. (Seconded by Scott Wood.) The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Pat Leist-Stumler reported the bank statements ending date of April 30, 2011.

The balance in the checking account is \$ 27,134.83

The money market account balance is \$ 153,109.49

**Claims**

The claims for May 2011 were presented. There was discussion about the claims. Rick Dickman moved to approve Claims 856 through 858 for a total of \$ 3311.52 (Seconded by Anne Banet.) The motion passed.

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
856	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,105.00	1
857	Shaunna Graf	Constant Contact membership, printer ink and postage	\$167.11	7, 9, 12
858	Boyce Forms/Systems	Ledger of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances, and Claim forms	30.27	7

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

### **Clarksville**

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

Rick Dickman reported the Phase II and Phase III archeological reports are being worked into the TE contract with the current archeologist with funds secured through INDOT to pay the estimated \$400,000.

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

Rick reported the center line on this project area was not included in the original design for the USACE. If this is paid for by the Commission we would submit it for the credit. The low bid of the three is for \$750.00 Rick Dickman moved to pay for the \$750.00 with Commission funds. (Scott Wood seconded the motion.) The motion passed. Sam Gwin noted that this is also for safety so that it indicates for certain that this is a multi-use path. There was some discussion as to which line item of the budget perhaps the line item 6. The Commission asked for the Steering Committee to consider and suggest which line item of the budget to use for the \$750.00.

### **Jeffersonville**

#### **Big 4 – Design Update**

Phil Hendershot stated the project is progressing and still looking to have a bid letting at the end of 2011. The section 106 review is underway and a report was issued with no outstanding issues. Brent Williams confirmed that the Big 4 Bridge alignment is part of the plans for the Canal with more connections to the Big 4 planned within canal project. Sheryl Yoder also commented that the plan is quite extensive.

### **New Albany**

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

Scott Wood reported weather has been a big hold up due to the rain. There have only been a couple of days with good enough weather to get any work completed. The contractor did find some unsuitable material to be used as fill which was in the levee. There was a quick solution found by trading this unsuitable fill material for another location on the project area.

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

Scott stated they are awaiting Section 106 approval and real estate certification. There is a target of entering into FEMA's review by August 31<sup>st</sup> to secure the STP and CMAQ funding for a letting to begin in Spring 2012.

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

#### **Turf Party**

Shaunna Graf reported FOG is considering rescheduling the Riverstage concert to September 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is the Friday before the annual 5K run/walk. Commission members discussed this and agreed that if FOG is willing to put on the two back to back events they will volunteer to help out.

#### **River Sweep**

Shaunna reported the June 18<sup>th</sup> River Sweep is taking place in New Albany and Clarksville and she is marketing the event on the website, through constant contact and on facebook.

### **Banners**

The work continues on using the banners on the light poles on the Greenway to allow other destinations the opportunity to have individual banner. The new Clarksville sign ordinance is due to go into effect in June.

### **Finance and Funding**

The Finance and Funding meeting did not take place in May.

### **Steering Committee**

Philip Hendershot stated the committee met on 5/10. The agenda was set for the Commission meeting. The discussion on the erosion of the riverbank in Clarksville and New Albany continues. Harrison Avenue/Emory Crossing Road has been closed. Clarksville officials are heading to Indianapolis to talk to INDOT and FEMA about the pending road collapse.

Rick stated this part of the roadway is very close to the area which was eroded at the Mill Creek section and the only way to fix it is very expensive. Although stabilizing the riverbank is not a part of the Greenway project, it affects the project are for the trail and potential loss of riverfront land.

Phil noted that Steve Knowles hasn't been participating on the Commission meetings over the last few months due to changes occurring in the structure of personnel at the Falls of the Ohio state park. Steve Knowles is now the director of Hardy Lake. Phil stated that Steve did so many things that were above and beyond his call of duty, he has prepared a letter to recognize Steve for his work on the Greenway Project.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Shaunna Graf reported she attended the Develop New Albany meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> giving a brief 15 minute overview of the Greenway project and talked about forming a stronger partnership. They invited the Greenway to put up a table/booth at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Exclusively New Albany event at the Farmer's Market in the "World Bazaar" on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. There is also an opportunity to advertise in the passport. Shaunna suggested they place a \$150 ½ page ad if the Commission felt it was a good fit. The Commission discussed the details of the event. Anne Banet moved that the Commission participate in the event and spend \$150 for an advertisement. (Brent Williams seconded the motion.) The motion passed.

Shaunna presented the Monuments and Memorials policy to the Board of Public Works in New Albany on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Board asked a few questions and asked for the city attorney, Shane Gibson, to review the policy. The Board will make a recommendation on May 18<sup>th</sup> based on the legal review. Shaunna has been in contact with Bob Manor of the Jeffersonville Parks Department; however, due to flooding and massive rain fall all of the communities have been dealing with other priorities. Shaunna forwarded the Monuments and Memorials policy to Trish Fraser in Clarksville who will send it on to the town attorney, Chris Sturgeon, for review. Clarksville will be in touch about the next step.

Shaunna reported the Earth Day Celebration was May 14<sup>th</sup> with the Ribbon Cutting for the Ashland Park segment of the Ohio River Greenway. The Fat Boys Bikers joined the ribbon cutting ceremonies and presented the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway a donation of \$1500 from the Tour de Pork proceeds. The plan is to use these funds for signage along the Greenway.

Louisville Loop unveiled their signage plan on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Lanham Park. HNTB designed the signs and put together the plan using \$200,000 of CDC grant money to the city of Louisville. Shaunna is going to work with the mayor's office and parks department staff on utilizing some of the plans for Greenway signage design work. In initial contacts with the mayor's office in Louisville there was some talk about the K&I conversion for pedestrian/bicycle use. Phil Hendershot stated he spoke with a city official who stated that the City of Louisville stated it is difficult to find the right person within Norfolk Southern but the issue is liability protection from the rail road and a legal process for that liability. One option could be a friendly condemnation which is a big legal commitment and will take funding. Scott indicated that something must have changed since an earlier meeting with Norfolk Southern where the National Security and homeland security issues were their main concerns.

Work continues on the updated Greenway brochure. The New Albany segment under construction will not be completed until late summer and the Greenway brochure will be printed to coincide with this to have the most updated version.

Shaunna took the LSI Class of 2011 on a 90 minute tour/presentation on the Ohio River Greenway. There was a lot of interest and they were very impressed with the plans and progress.

Bicycle Indiana.org has been conducting conferences, "Planning for a Bicycle Community," across Indiana. Shaunna has been in contact with the group to try to have a conference here.

The Mid America Trails and Greenways conference is planned for October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Greenways Foundation has personalized license plates available for purchase. \$25 of the fee goes directly to the Greenways Foundation with each sale. The Greenways Foundation is using these funds to promote trails in Indiana. A

subcommittee of the Greenways foundation is working with the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association as well as trails groups throughout the state to work on improving the Transportation Enhancements Grants processes and procedures.

**Public Comments**

None

**Commission Comments**

Brent Williams stated that the Greenway Commission should jump on the opportunity to bring the K&I to become a priority for the project keeping the focus on this connection as much as possible. Phil Hendershot stated we should put it on the agenda of a subcommittee due to the construction plans being in hand for a ramp up to Vincennes not far from the gates of the K&I. Shaunna will contact the Mayor's office in Louisville requesting a meeting to discuss the K&I.

  
Signed by: Philip Hendershot, Commission Chair

6/16/11  
Date