



**Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**  
Meeting Minutes September 15, 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 Gwin Clarksville – Jim McCoskey Jeffersonville – Mayor Tom Galligan (Proxy) Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair Jeffersonville – David Boome New Albany – Mayor Doug England(Proxy) New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler New Albany – Anne Banet (Proxy)</p> <p><b>Governor’s Appointees</b> Floyd County- Gary Libs</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Present:</b></p>	<p><b>Proxies:</b> Brian Kaluzny to Greg Isgrigg Brian Fogle to Mayor Tom Galligan Krisjans Streips to Mayor Doug England Irvin Stumler to Anne Banet</p> <p><b>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</b> Clark County- Regina Overton, Vice-Chair</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Absent</b> Jim Ude – INDOT Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau Matt Hall – One So. Indiana Larry Gray – DNR</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 3:00 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

**Old Business**

**Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The August 18, 2011 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Sam Gwin moved to accept the minutes as presented. (Seconded by Gary Libs.) The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Pat Leist-Stumler reported the bank statements ending date of August 31, 2011.  
The balance in the checking account is \$ 13,389.47.  
The money market account balance is \$ 153,188.87.

**Claims**

The claims for Setpember 2011 were presented. There was discussion about the claims.  
Gary Libs moved to approve Claims 867 through 869 for a total of \$3,655.90. (Seconded by Brian Kaluzny.) The motion passed.

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
867	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,105.00	1
868	Shaunna Graf	MATAG conference registration, postage, ink cartridges, business cards	\$275.90	7,10,12
869	One Southern IN	Annual Membership Fee	275.00	17

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

### **Clarksville**

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

Brian Kaluzny reported that the supplements from INDOT are approved. Clarksville officials met with the cultural resource team at INDOT getting a work plan approved and sent to department of archeology so that work can start the first week of October. Work continues on the appraisal for the Clarkes Pointe property (7 acres) and Clarksville should be ready to make an offer early October or the first of November.

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

Brian K. had the final walk through about a week ago and a lot of the punch list items have already been wrapped up. Matt Schueler reported the USACE received the as-builts from the contractor and the O&M manual from the A&E in October.

#### **Erosion of Riverbank in Clarksville and New Albany**

Brian K. reported Clarksville received a letter from Max Hagan that a permit from the USACE is good not needed to put in the soil nails since the repairs all occur above the high water mark. Soil nails and rip rap are being placed on site in October. There is a 5 year warranty period. This will get the riverbank stabilized so that the road can be opened by the end of the year. Clarksville and the Commission will continue to work on a more permanent solution. Irvin Stumler noted that reopening that road would be helpful to traffic patterns. Clarksville has submitted this area of repair to INDOT for funding requests for any available monies being used to better this area for travel due to the close of the 64 bridge.

### **Jeffersonville**

#### **Big 4 – Design Update**

Phil Hendershot said there is no update from the City of Jeffersonville. Phil did attend the CAG and evening meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup> regarding the final environmental assessment. There were no objections or comments needing attention from those meetings and it still looked like the project will be let by the end of the year.

### **New Albany**

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

Scott Wood reported the contractor has placed concrete for the ramp along 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Scott stated he would like to see the contractor finished in 4 to 6 weeks with landscaping included. Matt stated it will depend on the contract due to dates required for final plantings in the fall and that they may have to come back in the Spring to do the landscaping.

#### **18<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> (INDOT Project)**

Scott reported the work to complete the environmental review continues and likely a late winter 2011 or early spring 2012 letting this project area.

#### **15<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Street (INDOT Project)**

Scott stated it is likely this project area will also have a late winter 2011 or early spring 2012 letting.

#### **Signage on Greenway**

Shaunna the signage subcommittee will review the packages and make recommendations to the Commission after September 19th.

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

##### **Banners**

Shaunna reported there is no news regarding placing banners along the completed segments of the Greenway.

## **5K 2011 – Saturday, September 24 in New Albany**

Shaunna said final plans for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K run/walk on the Greenway are underway. A sign-up sheet for volunteers on the day of the event was passed around to Commission members. Registration for the event starts at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9:00 a.m. The event is shutting down by 10:30 a.m. and most everyone is out of the area by 11:00 a.m.

## **Harvest Homecoming**

Shaunna Graf reported Harvest Homecoming is October 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. The Ohio River Greenway will be sharing the City of New Albany's booth as has been the case for the last few years. A sign-up sheet for volunteers on the day of the event was passed around to Commission members.

## **Finance and Funding**

Phil Hendershot stated the committee met by conference call and discussed future grant opportunities. Phil asked Matt if the USACE would be providing the annual accounting of the project as the end of the Federal Fiscal Year is 9/30/2011.

Matt stated that work will be done on fiscal year end with in the accounting department and that he would work on getting a report to the Commission. Matt reported there is still an outstanding issue as to whether the TE funds match provided by the local communities can be credited toward the federal greenway project. Matt stated that the legal department at the USACE would need to issue an opinion.

## **Steering Committee**

Phil Hendershot stated the steering committee met 9/13/2011 to set the agenda for today's meeting. Two additional items need to be brought forth to the Commission. The updating of the brochure was to be provided by volunteer labor, but that is no longer available to the Commission. The Steering Committee recommends spending a little more money to allow for L&D mail masters to perform the necessary design services for the brochure. Dave Boome moved to approve up to \$2500 to be spent on updating the brochures. (Pat Leist-Stumler seconded.) The motion passed.

Phil stated that maintenance issues have become a major discussion point within the communities and the Steering Committee discussed how to pay for maintenance. Phil noted more time needs to be spent on this in Steering Committee and a task force needs to be created to include parks department and flood control or anyone who is already performing maintenance on the corridor. The Commission would help work toward some continuity of maintenance and setting up a fund to help the communities be more successful. Gary Libs talked about the commission helping out by contracting the mowing around the trails. Brian K. stated the flood control commission is currently mowing the levee area in Clarksville and then the parks department blows the grass clippings off of the trail. Due to the jurisdictional issues Brian K. pointed out that it is going to take a lot of work to get to the point that everyone can agree. The Commission asked for the Steering Committee to develop steps needed to have a completed maintenance plan.

## **Project Coordinator Report**

Shaunna reported that work continues with Clarksville and Jeffersonville to adopt a Monuments and Memorials policy for the Ohio River Greenway.

Shaunna attended the Alternative Modes of Transportation Subcommittee meeting. There is no action to report right now, but the subcommittee is looking for KIPDA staff to put together more of a concise plan for what this group has the power to do. KIPDA also sent out a notice asking for support letters for an application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. The Commission discussed submitting and a support letter and agreed it would be a good idea.

Shaunna will attend the Hoosier Outdoor Experience working the Greenways Foundation booth on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Shaunna reported she is giving a tour/presentation at 6:00 p.m. tonight with the Southern Indiana Botanical Society at the Loop Island Wetlands. The MidAmerica Trails and Greenway Conference is 10/2 to 10/5. Shaunna will be helping to moderate a post conference workshop on building and maintaining sustainable organizations. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Shaunna will present through the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Programming information on Tread Lightly and then walk along the completed Greenway from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Shaunna attended the Leadership Southern Indiana retreat dinner with the class of 2012 on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The One Southern Indiana Business Boost is over at KYE's today until 6:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to attend.

A ribbon cutting will be planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Silver Creek section of the Greenway in New Albany once the contractor has a firm completion date. Shaunna has been working with Bob Lane and Susan Kaempfer. Shaunna asked if the Commission would like to pursue creating a video about the Ohio River Greenway. The Commission asked for pricing information. Shaunna will research.


Shaunna spoke with Ellen Hessen again on August 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the K&I. Ellen indicated the mayor is considering the project among other projects for Louisville. The Commission discussed possible efforts with Louisville Waterfront Development and the City of New Albany to get this project to become a priority.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Commission Comments**

David Boome stated over the past weekend Phil took he and his wife on a tour of the Greenway. David noted standing on Silver Creek RR bridge with mosquitoes surrounding them was still a spectacular experience. David said he is coming to an overall appreciation of the complications surrounding the Ohio River Greenway and the process to get the private and public partnerships. He stated the project process is so daunting and he wanted to say that he is very impressed with what is going on with the Ohio River Greenway Commission and that he is ready for an assignment. Pat Leist-Stumler said she is glad to have David on board the Commission. Phil said that he had some ideas in mind for getting David more involved on some specific issues.



Signed by: Philip Hendershot, Commission Chair



Date