



**Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**

Meeting Minutes – April 25, 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          Clarksville – Jim McCoskey          Jeffersonville – Mayor Mike Moore (Proxy)          Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair          Jeffersonville – David Boome (Proxy)          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>          Kelly Reed to Mayor Mike Moore          Case Kuiper to David Boome          Krisjans Streips to Mayor Jeff Gahan          Letty Walters to Regina Overton          Brian Kaluzny to Anne Banet</p> <p><b>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</b></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 3:06 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

**Old Business**

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

The March 2013 minutes were presented for approval. Sam Gwin moved to accept the minutes. (Seconded by Regina Overton.) The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Pat Leist-Stumler reported the bank statements with an ending date of March 29, 2013.

The balance in the checking account is \$ 74,265.84

The money market account balance is \$ 108,251.12

Pat noted this balance does not include the check from Ed Jerdonek donated to cover expenditures for the American Trails Conference, which will show in the balance next month.

The claims for April 2013 were presented. Kelly Phillips moved to approve claims 929 thru 932 for a total of \$4287.16 (Seconded by Brian Kaluzny.) The motion passed.

**Claims**

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
929	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,105.00	1
930	Shaunna Graf	Travel to National Trails Conference	\$524.78	2
931	Shaunna Graf	Mileage to and From Indianapolis(State Trails Fund at Statehouse)	\$127.69	3
932	Mind's Eye Creative	Wayfinding Signage Contract Phase Ivb Paying invoice at 75%	\$529.69	18

**Design and Construction – Project Update****Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing**

Brian reported there has not been a lot of movement but the over 400 pages of Archeology final report has been submitted to INDOT. There will be meeting at silver creek bridge next week with Geotechnical engineers to assess what type of borings will be required. This project is still on schedule.

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

Brian reported he has received no official document, only an email to date regarding the project credit Clarksville will be receiving for the design. He confirmed log in is not working properly in the USACE Projnet/DrChecks program. There Matt Schueler stated he would double check the flood control/commission's role in the manual. The Greenway will not have the checks and standard periodic inspections as the floodwall and levee has in terms of regulated visits and maintenance checks for safety. Matt will work with other USACE technicians to get access to the program so that Brian can put this comment into the manual regarding the wording.

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

Brian K. reported the Clarksville Historic Preservation Commission has approached the council asking for acknowledgment that the erosion is a huge problem and asked for Clarksville to designate a staff member assigned to working through the State and Federal legislative systems to obtain the funding for the USACE repair and to add a structure in the river to block the jets of water from eroding the shoreline. Shaunna reported she has information from a session held during the National Trails Symposium regarding options other trails groups have used to work with similar issues.

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

Kelly reported the work on the ramp continues with no update on an end date. Still project completion for August.

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

Kelly reported the pre-bid meeting took place and bids are due on May 15<sup>th</sup>. will be complete and as a part of the landing Jeffersonville received a grant for work on Chestnut between Pearl and Spring Street. The work starting in May will include adding bike lanes, bio swales, lighting and widening the sidewalks. It will make the area more inviting also connecting the Big 4 ramp with other bike lanes that are being proposed.

**Jeffersonville –Marina (USACE and Jeffersonville Project)**

Kelly reported permit has been applied for the work with the USACE. \$100,000 grant was received to complete the jetty portion of the marina. Jeffersonville will work to get the grant extended due to deadline being in November which should not be an issue. Phil noted the work on the jetty would protect the work such as the future multi-use path and boat docks.

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

Krisjan Streips reported the right of way and environmental review work continues.

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

Krisjan reported work continues to keep this issue at the top of the priorities list. Philip reported a meeting took place in Jeffersonville on April 3rd with Congressional staff at Todd Young's office. The goal is to produce a document to be delivered to Norfolk Southern addressing the concerns Norfolk Southern had brought forward. Scott Wood is preparing the summary as to why these concerns do not hold merit. There were several members of the public who attended and are engaged. Shaunna also stated a structural engineer is among the volunteers offering help with the report.

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

Matt stated he was unable to get Jim Childs to be available for a meeting on site. The punch list items remain and Matt asked to have a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of May. He will follow up with an email. Phil stated Scott Wood's availability is imperative for the Commission. USACE met with the contractor on several issues and are trying to get the as-builts corrected. Shaunna asked to get a copy of the final landscape plans. Matt stated he emailed them and they are the same pages from the construction drawings. The contractor stated they did not make any plant substitutions or changes to the plans.

### **Signage on Greenway**

Shaunna reported receiving the comments from Kelly, Phil and Brian. New Albany comments are needed. The Wayfinding signage contract only has a small amount of funds. The goal is to be finished by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Design and Construction committee meeting may change once Minds Eye Creative.

### **Finance and Funding**

#### **Grant Reporting**

Shaunna reported the Humana grant application was denied. The form letter from Humana was included in the meeting packet there was some discussion about the grant and tactics for future applications. The Clif Bar Family foundation grant application, which was more of a reach due to the foundations location in Washington, was also denied. Thanks to a meeting Ed Jerdonek setup with Pat More of the Duke Energy Foundation, a request for funding for the Ohio River Greenway is being prepared and sent.

### **County Contributions**

Phil reported Shaunna and he met with Susan Popp, Clark County Council member and Dale Popp, Jeffersonville Township trustee and member of the Flood control board of Clark County. The meeting included discussions about flood control's role in maintaining the Greenway. Susan was glad to know more details about the project and Commission operations. Susan asked for us to formally approach the County Council as soon as she knew which fund could be used.

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

The Earth Day and Recycling program is taking place on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Recycling program has had several other groups calling to ask how they can also have an electronics-recycling event. Turf Party on May 2<sup>nd</sup> needs volunteers to work the entrance. Luckett and Farley donated their Churchill Downs box for the silent auction.

### **Steering Committee**

#### **Project Coordinator Contract**

Phil Hendershot stated a task force met via conference call to discuss the Project Coordinator contract on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The task force is made up of the three community representatives and the Commission officers. Work continues on changes to the contract. The committee asked Shaunna for some feedback on where her time is being spent to report to the task force as to how much time is being spent on specific duties. The goal is to have a revised contract to consider in May.

Shaunna reported that in addition to seeking an intern from UofL and IUS, other local students will also be considered. Kelly Reed Phillips referred a Ball State student. Krisjan stated New Albany's planning department also has a Ball State student as an intern this summer. Ed Jerdonek stated Luckett and Farley had very successful Ball State interns. The Commission agreed if the right fit exists to move forward no matter what University affiliation.

**Project Coordinator Report**

Shaunna reported the American Trails Conference was Sunday through Wednesday. Arizona’s trail system is in a different climate entirely, but they also have a state fund established from sales tax revenue to focus on outdoor recreation. Shaunna noted that this is why it is important for the Greenways Foundation of Indiana to be supported with time as per her position on that board to work toward creating a state trails fund. Shaunna took extensive notes and will share with subcommittees. Regarding the Rails to Trails information, the railroad’s in the West are owned by different entities. The information from Illinois’ state trail survey was included in the meeting packet. Shaunna reported the League of American Cyclists’ presence in Illinois is the strongest in the nation. Shaunna will bring a letter from the League to include in next month’s packet showing support for the K&I.

Shaunna reported Commonwealth will begin repairing the sign in New Albany at the 18<sup>th</sup> Street trailhead the second week of May and will invoice for the work once it is completed. Phillip asked if the sign had also been tagged or defaced and for Shaunna to take a look at the damage and see if Commonwealth can assist in getting the needed the chemicals to remove the paint.

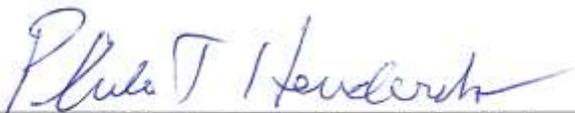
Shaunna has been a board member of LSI and will step down in May. The time commitment is too much. Shaunna will continue to work with the Community Affairs Committee on the scheduled forum, however, not has a board member.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Commission Comments**

Regina Overton reported she made calls to Sherriff Mills and Sherriff Rodden asking for donation of bicycles. Regina has not made contact with Clark County yet, but Floyd County was willing to donate some bicycles. Regina asked for Shaunna to put together a summary of the planned use and storage of the bicycles. There was some discussion as to who would be the target audience to use the bicycles. Jim Keith stated that the bicycles could be stored in the basement of the Tourism Bureau and that if there was a need to transport the bikes to New Albany to take potential project partners on tours the tourism bureau vehicles could be used. Shaunna will also research as to getting accessories donated such as helmets.



Signed by: Philip Hendershot Commission Chair

6/20/13

Date signed