



Ohio River Greenway Development Commission

Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2013

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

<p>Voting Members Present: Town/Cities Clarksville – Bob Polston Clarksville – Sam Gwin Clarksville – Jim McCoskey Jeffersonville – Mayor Mike Moore (Proxy) Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair Jeffersonville – David Boome New Albany – Mayor Jeff Gahan (Proxy) New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler, Treasurer New Albany – Anne Banet (Proxy) Governor’s Appointees Floyd County – Ed Jerdonek (Proxy) Non-Voting Members Present: Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau</p>	<p>Proxies: Kelly Reed to Mayor Mike Moore Scott Wood to Mayor Jeff Gahan Irvin Stumler to Anne Banet Dave Shuey to Ed Jerdonek Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy: Clark County- Regina Overton, Vice-Chair Non-Voting Members Absent Jim Ude – INDOT Wendy Dant Chesser - One Southern Indiana Kelley Morgan – DNR Project Staff Absent: Matt Schueler – USACE</p>
<p>Project Staff: Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator</p>	<p>Members of the Community:</p>

Call to Order and Attendance

Philip Hendershot called the meeting to order 3:00 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

Old Business

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

The April 2013 minutes were presented for approval with noted corrections. David Boome moved to accept the minutes with corrections. (Seconded by Pat Leist-Stumler.) The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Pat Leist-Stumler reported the bank statements with an ending date of April 30, 2013.

The balance in the checking account is \$ 71,068.37

The money market account balance is \$ 108,258.71

The claims for May 2013 were presented. Scott Wood moved to approve claim number totaling \$3105.00 (Seconded by Brian Kaluzny.) The motion passed.

Claims

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
933	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,105.00	1

Design and Construction – Project Update

Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing

Brian Kaluzny stated the structural and geotechnical engineers met on site to analyze the abutments. The abutments will have to be replaced. The geotechnical work will begin in about 3 weeks. Two piers need to be replaced costing at least \$300,000. The estimate to rehab the bridge is \$720,000. Clarksville is discussing how to take advantage of any salvageable pieces from the abutments such as putting an observation deck in the area using these early 1800's blocks. Clarksville is waiting on a letter from DNR for finalization regarding the environmental work.

Clarksville - Ashland Park (USACE Project)

Brian referenced the lengthy printed version of the draft O&M manual. Commission members are still unable to log into and use the Projnet/Dr Checks program. Shaunna has been in contact with Mona Waldeck and Jacob Sinkhorn regarding log in issues as well as neither the Clarksville or New Albany O&M manuals uploaded as reviewable files during the comment period. Clarksville has not received any other information regarding the design credit. There is no official document only an email from Matt Schueler regarding the amount of credit.

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

Clarksville has not yet assigned a staff member to this issue. Clarksville is seeking staff time to be allocated for spearheading this effort and will likely know more in the next couple of weeks. A recent article in the newspaper detailed the severity of the erosion in terms of losing prominent historical ground.

Jeffersonville -Big 4 (INDOT Project)

Kelly Phillips reported the construction crew began pouring the concrete for the ramp. The contractor's estimated completion date has been pushed out to September. Kelly confirmed that the stairs will not open early because of the liability issue. The stairs and ramp will both open at the same time.

Jeffersonville -Big 4 Landing (INDOT Project)

Kelly reported bids were supposed to be opened this week, however city officials had questions regarding the project that needed to be resolved first. The bids will now be opened May 29th.

Jeffersonville – Marina (USACE and Jeffersonville)

Kelly reported Jeffersonville received a grant for the Marina and work will begin after the permits are obtained from USACE. Once permits are received then the project will be bid out. City officials have a meeting planned with the current dock owners to document design suggestions. Kelly stated she would bring the concept plans to the next meeting as well as cost estimates. The Commission inquired whether the limestone detail was included in this phase. Kelly will follow up with redevelopment regarding the current concept to bring to the next Commission meeting.

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

Scott Wood reported New Albany is ready to enter a contract to complete the environmental review process for the levee floodwall and the K&I. This is the final piece needed to send it through to INDOT. Property will have to continue to be negotiated as the hired consultant is still working on acquiring a very small right of way. New Albany is still looking at a letting in Spring of 2014 through INDOT.

New Albany -K&I Development stage

Scott reported a meeting with Representative Todd Young's office staff is taking place in the next week. The current approach is to address Norfolk Southern concerns regarding liability and safety. There is also work to continue to gather community consensus. Todd Young is willing to present the information prepared by the committee to Norfolk Southern addressing liability and safety concerns.

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

Scott reported New Albany is concerned about the lack of a walk through due to being only a month from the warranty period expiring. There are a number of punch list items remaining. One unresolved item is the location of the additional lime stone blocks to deter access for motorized vehicles on the path. Shaunna has identified some real concerns about significant deviation from the landscape plan. There is no solution on the runway lights from the USACE or contractor.

Phil asked for Shaunna to make it priority to get into contact with the USACE escalating above Matt in order to get a date set up. Roger Riddick and Jim Childs are to be copied on communication. The Commission needs to know the amount of money being retained from the contractor.

Signage on Greenway

Shaunna reported the design plans are in the final draft stage. There is a committee meeting to take place after the Commission meeting to discuss the steps to proceeding to implementation of the plan.

Finance and Funding

Shaunna referred to the request prepared for Duke Energy in the meeting packet. This will be submitted to Duke Energy. The Commission discussed the document. The Americorp application has been submitted and has not been formally approved, but Shaunna is working on details of the lodgings and projects to be completed by the volunteers. Work continues on getting the needed approvals to add rock to the edges of the asphalt trail.

Shaunna will make a presentation to the Floyd County Council on June 11th to ask for funding. The Council hasn't been able to approve funding due to budget constraints. The Council has offered office and meeting space for the Greenway to use. This Floyd County Commission has to approve the use of the office and meeting space.

Community Outreach/Friends of the Greenway

The Turf Party was a success the final numbers are being tallied to see how much money was raised. The event already made more money than last year. The plans for the 2013 5K are underway and are partnering with Floyd Memorial Hospital for a fitness day to take place after the 5K. The FOG directors are promoting the River Sweep and will participate in the clean up. FOG will be making a donation to the Commission for Wayfinding. Directors would like to talk to the Commission about purchasing a sign as donated by the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway.

Steering Committee

Phil Hendershot reported additional informational has been distributed regarding the contract to the task force members. A meeting of the task force has not reconvened. Phil is going to email the task force the economic options based on the previous teleconference and get a new teleconference scheduled.

Phil introduced Haley James to the Commission. The Steering Committee interviewed Haley on May 13th. Haley's portfolio was reviewed. Haley is looking for an internship to gain knowledge of what her future career will entail. Haley believes the internship is a perfect fit due to the type of project, the business world applications, urban planning implementation and the incorporation of green space.

The Steering committee discussed the interview, references and recommended hiring Haley. Commission discussed details of the internship. Jim McCoskey moved to hire Haley James as an intern for the summer term for a fee of \$850. (David Boome Seconded.) Motion passed.

Project Coordinator Report

Shaunna referenced the written report in the meeting packet. The New Albany Greenway Entrance Sign at the 18th Street Trailhead has had additional vandalism. Commonwealth Sign Company indicated rubbing alcohol could be used to remove the spray paint. Shaunna tested an area of the sign to remove the spray paint and rubbing alcohol does work. The acrylic lettering will have to take a different solution to remove the spray paint. Shaunna has asked for Commonwealth to arrange the repairs when a New Albany representative can be available to oversee the repairs. The Steering Committee discussed having a vision session for the Commission in July or August. The idea is to have a short business meeting followed by a longer session. Shaunna referenced a copy of the League of American Bicyclists letter in the meeting packet supporting the opening of the K&I and the summary from the USACE regarding their financial report. There was some discussion of the outing at Churchill Downs.

Commission Comments

Phil asked due to the lower river trail in Jeffersonville underneath I-65 being closed if there was a need to have signage installed to alert users of the closure. Also once the new Greenway Wayfinding signage is being implemented we shouldn't direct people to the dead end. David Boome stated December 2016 is the estimated end date for the bridge

completion. David stated a series of meetings are due to take place regarding the schedule. Phil stated it might be a good idea to have Shaunna attend these meetings and ask for an advisory session to enquire with the design team on timing, restoration of the trail and other plans for the area. Kelly stated there is a sign currently that detours traffic. Kelly will get Shaunna in contact with the construction team.


Jim McCoskey stated the article in the News and Tribune about the K&I was impressive. He was glad to see Shaunna speaking out about the need to get the K&I open. Pat Leist-Stumler mentioned the need to keep all efforts positive and cooperative with all parties. David Karem's office is setting up another meeting very soon.

David Boome asked if there was some endorsement that the Commission should offer regarding the work on the K&I bridge. There was some discussion regarding the document in preparation to address Norfolk Southern's concerns. Scott stated this document is a multi-community approach. The Committee is also working to garner Indiana and Kentucky support at a state and federal level. Getting the support of the New Albany and Louisville police will also be needed to address any security concerns. Scott stated once this document is ready there will certainly be a place for the Greenway Commission to endorse the document.

Scott stated on Saturday, October 18, 2014 the Belle of Louisville's 100 year anniversary will be a big event for the area. He suggested asking the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway to plan a fundraiser or partner with another group. Jim Keith stated this will be a significant event and should create a lot of excitement. The Jeffersonville parks department is planning an event. There will be activities through out the community.

Public Comments

None.



Signed by: Philip Hendershot Commission Chair



Date signed