



**Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**  
Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2016

315 Southern Indiana Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana

<p><b>Voting Members Present:</b>  <b>Town/Cities</b>          Clarksville – Paul Fetter, Town Council President (Proxy)          Clarksville – Jim McCoskey          Clarksville – Patrick Duggins          Jeffersonville – Mayor Mike Moore (Proxy)          Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair          New Albany – Mayor Jeff Gahan (Proxy)          New Albany – Courtney Lewis          New Albany – Chris Gardner</p> <p><b>Governor’s Appointees</b>          Clark County – Jay Conner, Treasurer          Floyd County – Ed Jerdonek</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Present:</b>          Jim Epperson, Clark/Floyd Tourism Bureau</p> <p><b>Project Staff</b>          Shaunna Graf – Project Director</p> <p><b>Others in Attendance</b>          None</p>	<p><b>Proxies</b>          Brian Kaluzny to Paul Fetter          Nathan Pruitt to Mayor Mike Moore          David Duggins to Mayor Jeff Gahan</p> <p><b>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</b>          Jeffersonville – Courtney Hover</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Absent</b>          Wendy Dant Chesser – One So. Indiana          Jim Ude – INDOT          Lucas Green – DNR</p> <p><b>Project Staff Absent:</b>          Matt Schueler – USACE</p>
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**Call to Order and Attendance**

Phil Hendershot called the meeting to order 3:04 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

**Old Business**

**Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The January 2016 minutes were presented for approval. Patrick Duggins moved to accept the minutes (Seconded by Chris Gardner.) Nathan Pruitt abstained. The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Jay Conner reported the bank statements with an ending date of January 29, 2016.

The balance in the checking account is \$ 7,755.29

The money market account balance is \$ 78,914.20

The statements reflect a \$10,000 transfer from the money market account to the checking account on 1/21/2016. The Commission received community contributions from Clarksville and New Albany in the mail today. Jeffersonville's contribution was received and has been deposited in the checking account a New Albany's reimbursable portion of the way-finding signing has also been received and deposited 2/17/16. The only item outstanding is the Jeffersonville's reimbursement for wayfinding.

The annual financial report due to the state at the end of February was submitted today along with the US mailed attestation. Jay noted that the actual balance carry over from 2015 to 2016 was \$24,346.41. The 2016 Budget will need to be amended to reflect this actual amount.

The claims for February 2016 were presented. Ed Jerdonek moved to approve claim numbers 1080 through 1083 for the total of \$5006.55 (Seconded by Brian Kaluzny). The motion passed.

**Claims**

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Total to Pay	Operating		Capital	
				Line Item	Amount	Line Item	Amount
1080	Shaunna Graf	Project Director Services	\$4,505.00	1	\$4,505.00		-
1081	Shaunna Graf	Reimbursable	\$412.71	2,7,10	\$412.71		-
1082	River Hills	Grant application support Doppelt Family Grant	\$225.00	3	\$225.00		
1083	Shaunna Graf	Mileage Greenways Foundation Luncheon 2/16 Indy	\$120.96	2	\$120.96		
		<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$5067.71</b>		<b>\$5067.71</b>		

**Advisory Committee Reports**

**Design and Construction – Project Update**

**Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing**

Brian Kaluzny reported Clarksville has cleared the obstacles on the tree mitigation. There is one more piece of property to purchase. INDOT is threatening to pull all of the funding now. Clarksville is working within the confines of the process to purchase the property.

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

Brian Kaluzny reported USACE is finished with the borings. They were unable to complete borings close to Silver Creek due to drift wood. A press conference was on Tuesday giving WDRB update as to the progress.

**Jeffersonville/Clarksville Connector Design**

Phil asked Nathan Pruitt to introduce himself to the Commission. Nathan is Jeffersonville's new planning director with two staff planners and two code enforcement officers in his charge. Nathan is also the director of Jeffersonville's Urban Enterprise Zone. Jeffersonville is forming new partnerships with parks and redevelopment. Nathan reported local funds are going to be used to complete the construction of the Jeffersonville portion of the Jeffersonville/Clarksville connector with a goal of letting for bids in Spring of 2017. Design is still underway. Jim McCoskey asked what is taking so long. Andy said he would get back to the Commission on that.

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

Chris Gardner reported 8<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Street is in the same predicament as Clarksville in terms of waiting for 75 feet of property to be purchased.

David Duggins asked for the Commission to help by supporting New Albany's work to purchase the Loop Island Wetlands and the surrounding structures owned by Al Goodman. The price is \$831,000 and New Albany is asking the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway for \$550,000.

Appraisals for the Loop Island wetlands vary. The owner's appraisal has all of the property valued at \$1.5 million. The Sycamore Land Trust appraisal of the Loop Island Wetlands was estimated at \$90,000.

The 20% match for the INDOT letting of the E. 8<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Street segment is estimated at \$578,000. The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway has pledged \$500,000 of the anonymous donors funds toward the \$578,000 match.

The City of New Albany has purchased the land for the E. 8<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Street Greenway segment which originally was thought to be easements only. The City of New Albany has spent over \$400,000 to purchase the properties. The City of New Albany only has \$331,000 available to spend on the Loop Island Wetlands purchase. The Loop Island Wetlands TIFF has only \$12,000 available to be utilized. This TIFF only generates about \$6,000 per year.

David Duggins expressed that this purchase of the Loop Island Wetlands is time sensitive. If this purchase of the Loop Island Wetlands can go through it would eliminate Clarksville's need to continue through the eminent domain process. The purchase has to take place in the next two weeks. New Albany could easily deed over the project pieces to Clarksville and work through the title contract.

The purchase protects the \$3 Mil from INDOT to be utilized on the Clarksville segment. If Clarksville's eminent domain proceedings are delayed much longer it is a possibility that letting could be pushed back to 2019 at the earliest.

David Duggins moved to formally support and encourage the purchase of the Loop Island Wetlands utilizing the funds from the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway. Jim McCoskey seconded. (Abstentions: Ed Jerdonek and Nathan Pruitt) Motion passes.

The Commission will endorse the memo from David Duggins and contact Friends of the Ohio River Greenway Directors encouraging them to ask the donor to amend the agreement to include the use of the funds to purchase the Loop Island Wetlands.

## **USACE Outstanding Issues**

### **Closeout documentation – Operations and Maintenance Manuals New Albany and Clarksville**

No movement.

### **Design Credit Reimbursement Clarksville and Jeffersonville**

No movement.

## **Finance and Funding**

The Commission will reach out to the Duke Energy Foundation for grant opportunities.

## **Steering Committee**

### **Strategic Planning Session 2016**

The proposed agenda was reviewed.

## **Renewal of Project Director**

Phil Hendershot reported there has been no movement forward with the task force associated with working on the new contract with the project director . Now that Nathan Pruitt is serving as proxy for Jeffersonville the task force can convene.

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

Shaunna reported the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway will be changing their meeting times to alternate with odd months taking place at 6 pm at Kovert Hawkins and even months taking place at 12 pm the Tourism Bureau. The meetings will continue to take place on the 2nd Monday of each month.

## Project Director Report

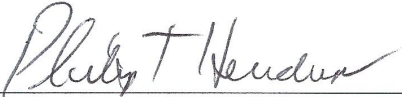
Shaunna referenced the written report in the meeting packet. She reported work with Stacie Thompson of Compass Reality to start the Adopt-a-Segment of the Greenway for clean up continued. The new Indiana state trails map was distributed and the annual report from the Greenways Foundation. The newly developed IDNR trails policy was distributed as well as the link to the survey to comment on the recommended policy. IUS is not going to complete a user study on the Greenway in 2016. The Eppily institute is updating the INDR trails study and the Ohio River Greenway is being considered for inclusion. Final information is needed for exact costs and commitments of volunteers to help conduct the surveys on site. The expected fee to participate is about \$5000. Commission members discussed the need and outcome of such a survey and study. If the cost is \$5000 sponsors and/or partners will need to be sought.

## Public Comments

None.

## Commission Comments

None.



Signed by: Philip Hendershot, Commission Chair

3/17/16

Date signed