



Ohio River Greenway Development Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 21th, 2019

315 Southern Indiana Avenues, Jeffersonville, Indiana

<p>Voting Members Present:</p> <p>Town/Cities Clarksville – Paul Fetter, Town Council President (Proxy) Clarksville – Tony Munich Clarksville – Jim McCoskey</p> <p>Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot, Chair Jeffersonville – Chris Fox (Proxy)</p> <p>New Albany – Mayor Jeff Gahan (Proxy) New Albany – Chris Gardner, Vice-Chair New Albany – Courtney Lewis</p> <p>Governor’s Appointees Clark County – To be Appointed (Vacant Seat) Floyd County – To be Appointed (Vacant Seat)</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Present: Jim Epperson, Clark/Floyd Tourism Bureau</p> <p>Project Staff</p> <p>Others in Attendance:</p>	<p>Proxies Brian Kaluzny to Paul Fetter Jim Epperson to Chris Fox Alicia Meredith to Mayor Jeff Gahan</p> <p>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy: Jeffersonville – Mayor Mike Moore</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Absent Wendy Dant Chesser – One So. Indiana Jim Ude – INDOT Lucas Green – DNR</p> <p>Project Staff Absent: Matt Schueler – USACE</p>
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Call to Order and Attendance

Phil Hendershot called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and proceeded with attendance.

Old Business

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

Brian Kaluzny made the motion to approve the December 2018 meeting minutes (seconded by Jim McCoskey). The motion passed.

Horseshoe Donation Update

Phil Hendershot updated the Commission that the meeting he was scheduled to attend in February had been canceled due to high water and the road to the Casino being closed. He further stated that he expects this meeting to be rescheduled sometime in March.

Letters of Endorsement

Phil Hendershot presented two letters of endorsement that had been requested from the Ohio River Greenway Commission. The first letter is to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee on behalf of Clarksville for support of the S.47 Lewis & Clark Trail Extension. The second letter is to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources on behalf of New Albany to support the Next Level Trails Grant Application for a multi-county rail trail from New Albany to Bedford.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Phil Hendershot presented two invoices for approval. The first to Signs Now for \$400 and the second to Mind's Eye Creative for \$1,540.44. Chris Gardner made the motion to approve (seconded by Courtney Lewis). The motion passed.

Advisory Committee Reports

Project Finance, Design and Construction – Project Update

Clarksville:

Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing

Brian Kaluzny stated no change since December. He further stated that they are not working because it is winter and they will be returning in April.

Erosion Long-term solution

none

Riverfront Park (part of South Clarksville Redevelopment Plan)

None

Jeffersonville:

Jeffersonville/Clarksville Connector

Phil Hendershot gave the commission a brief reminder presentation on the history and the complexity of this piece of the pathway.

New Albany:**Loop Island Improvements**

Alicia Meredith stated that there had been nothing new since the December meeting. She further stated that currently, a good portion of the property is under water due to recent flooding.

QRS Recycling Site

none

USACE Outstanding Issues**Design Credit Reimbursement Clarksville and Credits to apply for overall project balance**

none

River Heritage Conservancy

Phil Hendershot updated the Commission that in January the Conservancy announced they hired OLIN as their design firm.

Outreach and Awareness Committee:**Le Tour de Greenway**

Phil Hendershot presented a draft map that has been put together by the planning group for this event. Alicia Meredith stated that they are currently working amongst the communities to coordinate a joint announcement.

Steering Committee:**Way finding Signage**

Phil Hendershot stated that we are now waiting for the bids to come back from the fabricator.

Friends of the Greenway

Phil Hendershot stated that Friends are working with the Parks Departments for the Le Tour De Greenway event as well as they are collaborating with the Commission for the presentation to the Horseshoe Foundation.

Public Comments

none

Commission Comments

Phil Hendershot stated that he will not be able to attend the next meeting in March.

Alicia Meredith stated that New Albany is looking to add a couple of Bike repair stations along the Greenway in their community.

Chris Gardner stated that the New Albany Police Dept. have purchased bikes and an off-road vehicle to begin patrolling the Greenway in New Albany.



Signed by: Philip Hendershot, Commission Chair



Date signed



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Indiana DNR: Lucas Green
One Southern Indiana: Wendy Dant Chesser
Indiana DOT: Jim Ude

February 13, 2019

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Outdoor Recreation
Grants Committee

Subject: Support for Next Level Trails Grant Application
Multi-County Rail Trail – New Albany to Bedford

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ohio River Greenway Development Commission (Commission) expresses our support for the above-referenced grant application, which is being prepared by the City of New Albany in conjunction with partners from Floyd, Clark, Washington, Orange and Lawrence Counties. This application involves the conversion of an approximate 69-mile abandoned rail line between New Albany and Bedford into a regional trail.

The Commission, together with its member communities and valued partners in state and Federal government have been working for many years on the enhancement of our riverfronts, through the implementation of the 7.5-mile Ohio River Greenway Project, a connective trail between three communities; New Albany, Clarksville, and Jeffersonville.

As the Greenway project nears completion, the Commission is supportive of efforts to develop connective trails that would intersect the Greenway and/or provide longer and safer bicycling opportunities through our three communities. The application above led by the City of New Albany is a great example of such a trail, and an opportunity to enhance the connectivity of several communities.

Sincerely,

Philip T. Hendershot, Chair



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February 6, 2019

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: S.47 Lewis & Clark Trail Extension

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

The Ohio River Greenway Development Commission (Commission) expresses our support and appreciation for the inclusion of Senator Young's Eastern Legacy Extension Act in S.47, the Natural Resource Management Act.

The Commission, together with its member communities and valued partners in state and Federal government have been working for over 20 years on the enhancement of our riverfronts, through the implementation of the Ohio River Greenway Project. Near the center point of this Project is the historic departure point for the Corps of Discovery, a distinction which our communities take great pride in promoting.

Extending the Lewis & Clark National Heritage Trail to our communities and the other Eastern Legacy sites provides our citizens and visitors with even greater incentive and opportunity to discover our unique corner of Indiana. The Trail extension would be a perfect complement to the riverfront improvements our communities have been making for so many years.

The Commission fully supports the passage of S.47, and conclusions of the National Park Service to extend the Trail eastward to include an additional 1,200 miles that meet the criteria set forth by Congress.

Sincerely,

Philip T. Hendershot, Chair