

Carrboro Greenways Commission
Minutes
May 18th, 2009

At –Large Members Present

*George Daniel (Chair) – At Large
*Robert Kirschner- At Large
*Salli Benedict- At Large

Representatives Present

* Eric Allman – Recreation and Parks Commission
*Dave Otto- Friends of Bolin Creek (Vice-chair)
*Heidi Paulsen – Planning Board
*Johnny Randall- Morgan Creek Valley Alliance/NC Botanical Garden
*Gary Junker- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools

Staff Present

Marabeth Carr – Orange County Environmental Resources and Conservation Department
Randy Dodd- Town of Carrboro Planning Department
Ray Magyar-UNC
Adena Messinger- Town of Carrboro Planning Department
Brendan Moore- Town of Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department

Absent

*Amber Wagner- At Large
*Livy Ludington- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools
*Andreas Hay-Environmental Advisory Board
Nick Parker – OWASA
*Katie Schwing –Transportation Advisory Board
*Randee Haven-O’Donnell
Bill Webster – Town of Chapel Hill

Guests

Wendi Ramsden- CJT
Dan Jewell-CJT

* indicates voting member

- I. **Call to Order-** George Daniel called the meeting to order at approximately 6:25 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** The minutes for April were approved by unanimous vote. Motion by Robert Kirschner, Seconded by Heidi Paulsen
- III. **Update on Bolin Creek Public Workshop:** Adena reminded the commission about the Public Workshop taking place on Wednesday, May 20 at the Lake Hogan Farms Community Center. She encouraged commission members to attend if possible and while there, encourage participation and help the public as they view the alternatives and fill out surveys.
- IV. **Review of Site Analysis-** Dan Jewell presented a brief overview of the results of the site analysis along Morgan Creek. Some of the constraints present in designing an alignment include areas within the flood plain, steep slopes in some areas, and some jurisdictional wetlands that may

require a board walk. Dan mentioned that several critical components need to be discussed with OWASA and UNC before determining any alignment.

V. **Overview of Routes** – Dan Jewell next presented a brief overview of the route the greenway will take. Commission members briefly discussed their preference for lake access at the terminus of the greenway, saying it provided a nice destination. Dan discussed the options involving using the existing park and ride lot as a terminus for one end, although there is a difficult route from the park and ride lot to the creek. Dan also pointed out that large sections of the trail are fairly obvious based on the terrain and that there are several options to pursue around the Smith Level Road terminus.

VI. **Group Discussion-** The commission broke into two groups and began discussion on various route alignments. After 45 minutes of discussion, the group reconvened and shared their preferences in preparation for the upcoming public workshop. Coulter, Jewell, and Thames will take all the suggestions presented and compile them into maps for the public to comment on in June

VII. **Timeline Discussion-** The Commission was presented with two timelines to guide them through the remainder of the conceptual planning process. One, a more aggressive timeline, would see the project completed at the end of this calendar year. The second, less aggressive timeline would finish in February of 2010. A motion was made by Dave Otto to move forward with the more aggressive timeline, seconded by Eric Allman. The matter passed unanimously.

VIII. **Announcements-** Dave Otto announced a potluck to be held this Saturday by the Friends of Bolin Creek. Adena Messinger announced this would be her last Commission meeting as she will no longer be a Town Employee as of May 29th.

IX. **Next Regular Meeting:** June 15th, 4:30-7:00 at Frank Porter Graham Elementary. Public Workshop for Morgan Creek Greenway.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.