

Carrboro Greenways Commission
Minutes
July 20th, 2009

At –Large Members Present

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

Representatives Present

* Eric Allman – Recreation and Parks Commission
*Dave Otto- Friends of Bolin Creek (Vice-chair)
*Heidi Paulsen – Planning Board
*Gary Junker- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools

Staff Present

Randy Dodd- Town of Carrboro Planning Department
Trish McGuire- Town of Carrboro Planning Department
Brendan Moore- Town of Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department
Bill Webster – Town of Chapel Hill

Absent

*Salli Benedict- At Large
*Amber Wagner- At Large
*Livy Ludington- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools
*Andreas Hay-Environmental Advisory Board
Marabeth Carr – Orange County Environmental Resources and Conservation Department
Ray Magyar-UNC
Nick Parker – OWASA
*Johnny Randall- Morgan Creek Valley Alliance/NC Botanical Garden
*Katie Schwing –Transportation Advisory Board
*Ranee Haven-O’Donnell

Guests

Britt Mylacraine, GWI

* indicates voting member

- I. **Call to Order-** George Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

- II. **Bolin Creek Project Timeline:** Randy Dodd presented a timeline for the Bolin Creek Project as a reminder of past and planned future activities associated with the project, including future engineering and construction phases. He also presented project budgeted amounts.

- III. **MI Homes property funding request:** Trish McGuire presented information regarding a funding request made by the Town in June to the Durham- Chapel Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO). The funding is for FY 2013-2017 through Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The main goal of the CMAQ Program is to fund transportation projects that reduce emissions. An application for a Jones Creek greenway segment on the MI Homes property was submitted to the MPO. This segment will fill in the gap that will still exist after the completion of the Jones Creek greenway that is programmed for funding through the STP-DA program in FY 2011 and the Twin Creeks Greenway, for which ARRA funds have been designated. The Technical

Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the MPO will be discussing the CMAQ applications at its meeting on July 22nd and forwarding a recommendation for project funding to the Transportation Advisory Committee's consideration in August. A subcommittee of the TCC met to review the applications in July and included the Jones Creek greenway connection in a short list of projects that are expected to be recommended. The Carrboro project received a favorable review due to the potential for reducing vehicle trips and associated air pollutants by providing a route for children to walk and bike to Morris Grove Elementary.

IV. Results of Public Input/Draft Alignment- Britt presented results (available in a report) of the Public Workshop and subsequent online public commenting for the 3 alignment alternatives presented at the public workshop. Overall, the comments received suggested a preference for the creekside and upland forest alignments. Britt also presented results of the user survey that provides information on preferences for trail/greenway use. Participants spread the 3 alternative alignments out and then a draft preferred alternative alignment prepared by GWI, and commented on various aspects of the preferred alignment (e.g., connection to schools, access across creek from several neighborhoods, integration with bike plan and bike/ped system, trailheads). GWI will consider these comments in updating the draft alignment for the September Commission meeting, and 2nd Public Workshop to follow.

V. Announcements- There were no announcements.

VI. Next Regular Meeting: August 10th, 6:30-8:30.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.