



Ohio River Greenway Development Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2010

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

<p>Voting Members Present: Town/Cities Clarksville - Greg Isgrigg (Proxy) Clarksville – Jane Sarles (Proxy) Clarksville – Gilbert Campbell Jeffersonville – Mayor Tom Galligan (Proxy) Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot Jeffersonville – Wayne Estopinal (Proxy) New Albany – Mayor Doug England(Proxy) New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler New Albany – Anne Banet (Proxy)</p> <p>Governor’s Appointees Clark County- Regina Overton Floyd County- Gary Libs</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Present:</p>	<p>Proxies: Brian Kaluzny to Greg Isgrigg Brian Fogle to Mayor Tom Galligan Brent Williams to Wayne Estopinal Scott Wood to Mayor Doug England Brad Crone to Gary Libs Trish Fraser to Jane Sarles Irvin Stumler to Anne Banet</p> <p>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Absent Steve Knowles – DNR Jim Ude – INDOT Michael Dalby – One So. Indiana Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau</p>
<p>Project Staff: Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator Matt Schueler – USACE</p>	<p>Members of the Community: Rory Robinson, National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance and Liz Palmquist, Congressman Hill’s office, Bill Hayden</p>

Call to Order and Attendance

Philip Hendershot, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

Old Business

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

The April 2010 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Regina Overton moved to approve the April 2010 meeting minutes. (Seconded by Pat Leist-Stumler.) The motion passed.

Indiana Workforce Development – unpaid estimated unemployment insurance

Pat reported there has been no contact from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development or Premier Credit of North America.

Treasurer’s Report

Pat reported as per the bank statements ending date of April 30, 2010.

The balance in the checking account is \$21,481.26

The money market account balance is \$152,772.18

Pat also reported the Commission is awaiting New Albany’s annual contribution to the Ohio River Greenway Commission. The claims for May were presented. There was discussion about the claims. Gary Libs moved to approve the claims. (Seconded by Brent Williams.) The motion passed.

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
820	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,105.00	1
821	Shaunna Graf	Reimbursable Claim - see summary below	\$490.32	7, 9,10
822	Domain Registry of America	Domain Registration (Annual fee for ohiorivergreenway.org)	\$30.00	8

Project Update

Clarksville

Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing (TE Project) – Lewis and Clark Trail

Brian Kaluzny reported there has not been much movement since last month's meeting. They are awaiting the archeology report. The additional core drilling has been held up due to high water. Still hopeful the archeology report to be completed by the end of May. Then SHPPO will perform their review.

The bridge over Silver Creek has undergone inspection. The main trusses are in good shape, but the cross members may need to be replaced. Historical status of the bridge may have an impact on the cost of the refurbishing.

Ashland Park/Carmen Industries

Brian K. reported the 90% complete drawings came in this week. Review continues and after this meeting there is another more detailed analysis of the plans. We are keeping on the tight time table.

Jeffersonville

Big 4 (Design Update)

Brian F. reported the Big 4 Bridge construction documents are still slated to be finished by October of 2010. The funding source remains the only obstacle. Jeffersonville will continue to pursue sources of funding.

New Albany Design of Base and Option 3

Scott Wood reported that 78 discrete samples are being done in the area and IDEM has approved the investigative environmental work. Time factors are triggered by the environmental issues. E.A. Andrews has outlined the parcels and New Albany is working with a surveyor. The acquiring of the dinky line right of way from where the flood wall opens up and heads over toward Silver Street is in process.

There is about \$900,000 in CMAQ funding to be used on the Greenway. John Rosenbarger was able to increase that to \$2.5 Million in working with INDOT and will bring this to the USACE project. This is not ARRA funding this is regular appropriations to the state of Indiana. The \$2.5 Million in INDOT money allows for only about \$625,000 in local funding needed. The first segment to be built will be from Silver Creek to about 15th Street where the flood levee and the flood wall meet. Sheet piling will be needed in the remaining area and there are real estate issues as well. Design plans are corrected finals which is two steps away from being ready to bid. We are very close to construction start.

Advisory Committee Reports

Community Outreach

Shaunna Graf reported that the Falls of the Ohio park staff is approached very often about maintenance issues regarding the Levee Top Trail. Reports from various trail users include glass, pet waste and trash on the trail. The community outreach group suggested having a published number on the signage at the trail so that users can call whoever is in charge in Clarksville of maintaining the trail.

The River Sweep will be June 19th with the opportunity for volunteers to help clean up the banks of the Ohio River.

Events

Shaunna reported the Tour de Pork bike ride in Starlight Indiana with all benefits being given to the Ohio River Greenway project is scheduled for August 14th.

The 5K on September 25th has two sponsors, Samtec and Dr. Nassim and Associates. If any commission members know of other potential sponsors, please let Shaunna know.

Finance and Funding Community Updates

Phil Hendershot reported that the meeting was a short one but did discuss what local money may or may not be available for a match of the ARRA funding.

Project Credits

The matching of the funding always brings up the issue of project credits. The commission sent its official project credit submittal in April 2010. We have not received an official response from the SUACE yet, but we are going to be dealing with the very real figures soon. Matt Schueler stated that an official review has not been completed, but on the first glance there was not a problem with the credits as submitted. They have to get certain people have to look at the submittal, but as of right now the spreadsheets that Matt has presented for each city to review will be handled in the Finance and Funding and Design and Construction committees .

Scott asked if the real estate value has to be adjusted how it would change the estimate and when does this estimate get changed. Matt stated that if the communities do have an issue with how the calculations are estimated then New Albany would need to send a letter to the Commission. The Commission can get the letter to the USACE. Matt asked for a specific number so that it authorizes Matt to adjust the number. This change can be done at the district level for changing the real estate numbers based on inflation and property values.

Phil expressed that the project holistically needs to be re-reviewed from a financing stand point. The spreadsheets we have are based on inflated project values.

Steering Committee

Phil reported the Steering Committee is mostly associated with putting today's Commission agenda together.

Pat reported the flood control will remove the underbrush on the New Albany riverfront later in June. Scott asked for the precise location. Pat said starting at the playground and continuing to the ramp and that clearing the brush will help with the view.

Phil reported there are two commission members whose terms are expiring. He expressed the reappointments are the commission member's responsibility to follow up on their commission terms.

There is a New Albany community member wishing to put art on the New Albany Greenway. The Commission would serve in an advisory role for this endeavor.

Project Coordinator Report

Shaunna reported the Friends of the Greenway are seeking additional directors/board members to better accomplish their goals after having been formed for almost a year now.

There will be additional plantings at the New Albany sign if the commission will approve up to \$200 to purchase supplies. Volunteers will perform the work. A motion to preapprove up to \$200 for plantings at the New Albany sign was entered by Pat Leist-Stumler (seconded by Trish Fraser.) Motion passed.

Shaunna attended the Evansville Trails Summit. It was a nice way to meet with other communities to share ideas of how to get trails on the ground.

Shaunna thanked the Commission for sending her through the Leadership Southern Indiana program. Classmates voted for Shaunna to be the class liason with the board of directors.

Shaunna stated she will take vacation at the end of June and July. The total time will be 2 weeks.

Shaunna presented information on the Ohio River Greenway Project formally to the Jeffersonville Breakfast Optimist Club, Purdue walking group, Evansville Trails Summit and Leadership Southern Indiana Class of 2010 in May.

Public Comments

Rory Robinson stated the Evansville Trails Summit was a good opportunity to get together to reinforce the effort of why building Greenways and trails truly is the right thing for local communities. Rory referred the commission to the content information on the handouts he prepared stating the economic benefits of trails and offered his help anytime the commission needed it. Rory road the levee trail with Shaunna and was impressed with the area. A family of 5 was making use of the trail. The mom and dad were jogging pushing a child in a stroller and 2 kids were on bikes with training wheels. It was a wonderful representation of what trails encourage people to do.

Phil Hendershot and Pat Leist-Stumler noted that no doubt that what the commission is doing is working people are using the segments we have completed.

Bill Hayden says that he has been riding the trail and has seen lots of people out on the trail. He does agree that there is a need for a regular cleanup effort and is looking forward to riding to New Albany and Louisville.

Commission comments

Scott Wood stated that a conference call yesterday brought to light that New Albany local funds are not likely to be ready until late June. Carl's wife is having surgery or else he would have been here to talk to the Commission. Scott asked the commission to if necessary transfer funds from the reserve accounts to the USACE Escrow account. New Albany would not ask this until the City can show for sure they can reimburse the funding. The Steering Committee would be authorized to review any information submitted by the City to make sure the City can get the funds back to the Commission through a verifiable plan. The authorization is needed today because the city council meeting is tonight. Phil stated there is precedent of loaning to communities. We have been warned that the ARRA money can go away if we do not show good faith and do our part.

Brian Fogle stated that the use of reserve funds to make sure ARRA funds are utilized for the project is an appropriate measure. Brian stated it is strictly a cash flow issue with the need for fronting of funds to be reimbursed.

Brian Fogle moved to authorize the use of the Ohio River Greenway Commission reserve funds in the money market account up to \$75,000 to match the Federal funds for use in New Albany under the conditions that New Albany shows a plausible method to repay the Commission to the Steering Committee. A written commitment from the City of New Albany will be submitted and the decision will lie with the Steering Committee. Reporting to the full commission will take place at the June meeting. (Pat Leist-Stumler seconded.) Motion passed.

Trish Fraser moves to approve claim number 823 to the USACE up to \$75,000 subject to approval by the Steering Committee. (Regina Overton seconded.) Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.