



**Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**  
Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2009

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

<p><b>Voting Members Present:</b> <b>Town/Cities</b> Clarksville - Greg Isgrigg (Proxy) Clarksville – Jane Sarles Clarksville – Gil Campbell Jeffersonville – Mayor Tom Galligan(Proxy) Jeffersonville – Wayne Estopinal (Proxy) Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler New Albany – Anne Banet <b>Governor’s Appointees</b> Clark County- Regina Overton Floyd County- Gary Libs <b>Non-Voting Members Present:</b> Jim Ude – INDOT</p>	<p><b>Proxies:</b> Brian Fogle to Mayor Tom Galligan Rick Dickman to Greg Isgrigg  <b>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</b> Mayor Doug England  <b>Non-Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy</b> Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau Steve Knowles – DNR Michael Dalby – One So. Indiana</p>
<p><b>Project Staff:</b> Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator Matt Schueler</p>	<p><b>Members of the Community:</b> Keith Baumann</p>

**Call to Order and Attendance**

Philip Hendershot, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

**Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The Commission decided to table the review of the June minutes due to the copies not being available in the packets at the meeting. Wayne Estopinal moved to table the review of the June meeting minutes to the August meeting. Regina Overton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Pat Leist-Stumler reported as per the bank statements dated June 30, 2009. The money market account balance is \$ 174,173.69. The balance in the checking account is \$22,109.32. The claims for July were presented. A motion was entered by Anne Banet (seconded by Jane Sarles) to approve claims 780-783. The motion passed.

<b>Claim</b>	<b>Payable to</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Line Item</b>
780	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,000.00	1
781	Shaunna Graf	LSI tuition, Conference Call, Postage, American Trails Membership	\$1432.01	12,5,10
782	US Treasury	IRS Form 1023 filing fee	\$750.00	6
783	Indiana Secretary of State	Articles of Incorporation filing fee	\$30.00	6

### **Election of Commission Officers**

Phil Hendershot reported July is the month the Commission is due to elect officers according to the state charter. Phil explained election of officers includes a Commission Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Brian Fogle moved to elect the current Commission Chair - Philip Hendershot, Vice-Chair – Jane Sarles and Treasurer – Pat Leist-Stumler. The motion was seconded by Anne Banet. Motion passed.

### **Project Update**

#### **Clarksville**

Levee Trail (Interpretive Center to George Rogers Clark Park) - Brian Kaluzny reported the construction work is out for bid. The bids will begin the review process on July 20<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

Bailey West to Silver Creek Trail ( TE/INDOT funds) Brian K. reported surveying is complete. The environmental and archeological work will begin in July.

#### **Jeffersonville**

##### **Big 4 Design Contract**

Brian Fogle brought to the Commission copies of the initial concept for the Big 4 which the Community Advisory Group (CAG) reviewed and selected as the preferential option. The design process is moving forward quickly with September as the time frame for more specific information such as materials and engineering. Phil added that he attended both CAG meetings and he felt like the process is extremely well done. Phil stated HNTB pursued a variety of options and presented the applicable options for discussion. Phil was satisfied with the level of involvement of citizens in CAG. The final option that has emerged is a very nice option. Brian F. also detailed some of the future plans for the surrounding areas which include street improvements, a canal of storm water detention and the convention center.

### **Middle Connector**

Brian F. stated the Middle Connector was identified as a project that was eligible for State Stimulus TE funds. Jeffersonville was hopeful that those State TE funds would be able to be used to match the USACE's federal funding. However, INDOT has stated the State Stimulus funds cannot be used to match the USACE's federal funds available to the Ohio River Greenway Project. Therefore, Jeffersonville made a decision to not pursue the Middle Connector at this point.

### **Greenway Design Efforts for 2009**

Phil Hendershot stated the design and construction committee discussed the USACE's negotiations with the chosen design firm. This firm would design the remaining work on the entire project. Hopefully a contract will emerge to be able to proceed with design work in late summer. The first segment to be designed is in New Albany heading East from the K&I to the Western Edge of Silver Creek.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Shaunna Graf reported the Friends of the Greenway organization is nearly complete. The 501c3 application will be submitted as soon as the Articles of Incorporation are put into place at the declaration of the first 3 directors. The directors' role is not intended to be a labor intensive effort. Phil stated that the bylaws have been reviewed and that the Frost Brown Todd has provided insight and great service to the formation of this organization.

### **Community Outreach**

#### **Trail Markers**

Shaunna Graf reported the installation of the future trail route markers is complete in Clarksville. Installation in New Albany and Jeffersonville will begin soon.

**Displays** – The bulletin board at trail head in the parking lot at the front of the Falls of the Ohio State Park will host the Ohio River Greenway Display. The board will serve as an informational kiosk. The work to complete the design of the displays in the city/town halls and libraries continues. Shaunna presented examples of the city/town hall displays.

#### **Events**

Shaunna reported a member of the community in New Albany, Maria McGary has offered to chair the events committee.

Shaunna reported the Tour de Pork which will benefit the Ohio River Greenway Project is scheduled for 9.12.09 starting and ending at Huber's Orchard in Starlight.

Shaunna reported the Ohio River Greenway 2 Miler run/walk is scheduled for 9.26.09 in New Albany and sponsorships are available.

## **Finance and Funding**

### **Local Match Seeking**

Rick Dickman reported discussions continue as to what the funds will be spent on once the match money is applied. Plans to find the local match for the \$479,700,000 in Federal funds available are underway but are tied to the design and construction costs for each community. As soon as the USACE can release the costs as negotiated by the design contract for Clarksville, New Albany and Jeffersonville segments then the funding requests can be made to the respective councils. Rick stated he will let the Clarksville Redevelopment Commission know what is on the horizon at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### **Commission comments**

Rick Dickman noted he and Donnie Hansford took a look at the Harrison Avenue area past the boat ramp located immediately across from the power plant. At the first right turn there is sloughing off and a crack in the roadway that has grown larger. Clarksville wants to move proactively to try to fix it rather than waiting until it actually falls away. Rick stated Clarksville needs the USACE to look at it. Rick stated the area definitely needs to be fixed or part of the roadway will be lost if nothing is done.

The meeting was adjourned.