

OHIO RIVER



GREENWAY
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Ohio River Greenway Development Commission Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2009

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

<p>Voting Members Present:</p> <p>Town/Cities Clarksville - Greg Isgrigg (Proxy) Clarksville – Jane Sarles 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</p> <p>Governor’s Appointees Clark County- Regina Overton (Proxy) Floyd County- Gary Libs</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Present: Steve Knowles – DNR (Proxy) Jim Ude – INDOT Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau</p>	<p>Proxies: Rick Dickman to Greg Isgrigg Brian Fogle to Mayor Tom Galligan Brent Williams to Wayne Estopinal Scott Wood to Mayor Doug England Bett Etenohan to Steve Knowles Sheryl Yoder to Regina Overton</p> <p>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Absent Michael Dalby – One So. Indiana</p> <p>Project Staff Absent</p>
<p>Project Staff: Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator Matt Schueler – USACE</p>	<p>Members of the Community: Keith Baumann, Brian Kaluzny</p>

Call to Order and Attendance

Philip Hendershot, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance. Phil stated due to scheduling conflicts for Brian Fogle, the agenda may need to be adjusted to allow Brian to leave early.

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

The September 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Scott Wood moved to approve the September 17, 2009 minutes (seconded by Gary Libs). The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Pat Leist-Stumler reported as per the bank statements dated September 30,2009.

The balance in the checking account is \$11,445.76

The money market account balance is \$ 134,432.66

Pat stated she would transfer funds from the money market account into the checking account to cover projected November and December claims.

The claims for October were presented. Rick Dickman entered a motion to approve claims 793 to 800 (seconded by Jane Sarles). The motion passed. Jane Sarles asked for an update on the reimbursement needed from Jeffersonville for \$30,000 the Commission loaned for lights along Restaurant Row in 2007. Brian Fogle stated Jeffersonville Redevelopment is considering all of the documents submitted by the Greenway Commission for Redevelopment's claims processing.

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
793	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,000.00	1
794	Shaunna Graf	Reimbursable - Printing 2 Miler Mailers, posters and applications	\$572.71	multiple
795	One Southern Indiana	Membership Dues	\$250.00	17
796	Oates Flag Company	2 Miler Race shirts and silk screening	\$2,825.50	11
797	James Kaiser	2 Miler Online Entry and mail in entry processing	\$121.46	11
798	VIP Quality Awards&Gifts	Trophies for 2 Miler	\$112.50	11
799	Tribune-Evening News	Ad thanking Tour de Pork and 2 Miler partners/sponsors	\$600.00	9
800	Fred-Run, Ltd.	2 Miler Race day organization fee	\$500.00	11

Project Update

Jeffersonville – Big 4 (Design Update)

Brian Fogle stated the design concept for the Big 4 Bridge is to be presented to the Jeffersonville City Council at the regular meeting on October 19th. The design is on schedule.

Jeffersonville – Middle Connector

Brian Fogle stated Middle Connector stated the construction contract will be awarded on 12/23/09. The project involves the construction of two ramps leading down from Riverside Drive to the water's edge. Jim Ude stated the USACE will handle the letting and the money will be handed over from INDOT to the USACE.

Clarksville – Levee /Lewis and Clark Trail (Governor's Grant)

Brian Kaluzny stated work continues on the trail. The rock base is on the cut out trail from Midway Park all the way to the rail line. As long as the ground remains dry more cutting along the trail from the Clark Cabin to the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center will take place with the rock base to follow. Dry weather is needed to continue construction and finish the asphalt before the plants close for a few months due to cold weather.

Clarksville – Bailey West to Silver Creek Crossing (TE Project)

Brian K. reported archeology work continues East of Mill Creek Bridge. This includes the Clark's Point property. It is estimated that 3 more days of digging and screening are needed to finish the onsite archeology work. After an initial review is completed the design work can then move forward with a plan for the pathway.

Greenway Design and New Construction Efforts for 2009

Phil Hendershot stated the meeting prior to the Commission meeting was very productive. There is a lot of work going on in terms of design and construction. USACE expects to sign the contract with the A&E firm for the remainder of the design efforts by the end of this week. The time clock would start for the 6.5 months time schedule to have the design for the multiuse path from the Eastern edge of the current improvements at Scribner Place to the Western edge of Silver Creek in New Albany. The intention is to go to construction on at least a large portion of that designed work in Spring 2010. Letters will be going out to both Clarksville and Jeffersonville on the design costs of the options in those communities to put forth the local match. The project has federal funds available to use to design and construct a large piece. The project is in need of the local funds to match those federal funds. New Albany put forth money for design this month. Construction matching funds have to be solidified in March of 2010.

Project Coordinator Report

Friends of the Greenway

Shaunna Graf reported the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway website is under construction, www.friendsofthegreenway.com. Shaunna asked Commission to approve giving the leftover shirts from the 2 Miler to the Friends of the Greenway to use as they see needed. The shirts are not an asset for the Commission. The Commission agreed this would be a good use for the leftover shirts. Keith Baumann, Treasurer and director Friends of the Greenway, stated getting the website up and running is the main focus for the Friends group. The domain name for the website is reserved and the hosting is setup. The directors are also talking about outreach within the community and putting forth a plan for immediate goals. Once the internet presence has been established then word will formally go out via press release about the formation of the group.

Shaunna reported the Pet Waste Containers are installed in Jeffersonville along Riverside drive. Shaunna presented to the Annual Founders Day meeting at IUS on 10.13.09.

Shaunna asked the Commission to consider allocating funds to design and plant bulbs at the 6th Street Greenway Entrance sign in New Albany. The Commission discussed allocating funds for purchasing materials to plant bulbs soon that would bloom in the Spring. If it is possible Shaunna will make a low key event out of the planting. Anne Banet moved to approve between \$200 to \$300 to purchase the materials to plant bulbs at the 6th Street Entrance in New Albany to be completed in October or early November (Pat Leist-Stumler seconded). The motion passed.

Shaunna distributed a copy of the 2 Miler Budget showing the actual costs and profits. The event only netted a little over a\$150 due to the decline in the sponsors. Phil Hendershot stated the event turnout was lower than last year, but that the event went very smoothly. Anne Banet stated avid runners tended to look down on the length only being 2 miles, but she stated there were lots of people out there to celebrate the Ohio River Greenway. The setup and organization of the registration and race start/finish was very efficient. Shaunna said she hopes the event for 2010 will be organized by the Friends Group using the funds in the event. The event will take place in New Albany again next year. Shaunna will distribute copies of the final budget for the 2 Miler to the Commission via e-mail.

Advisory Committee Reports

Community Outreach

The Community Outreach meeting was rescheduled to October 20th due to the presentation at IUS on October 13th. There will be a report at the November Commission meeting.

Events Committee

Shaunna stated after the 2 Miler the focus has become to get the Friends of the Greenway up and running. A kickoff party to celebrate the official start of the Friends of the Ohio River Greenway will be planned. There will also be a Ribbon Cutting planned for Completion of Clarksville Levee Trail.

Finance and Funding

Phil stated the Finance and Funding committee is having difficulty meeting at the currently scheduled monthly meeting time. Some of the topics do spill over into the Design and Construction committee meetings, however, there is still a need for the Finance and Funding Committee. In addition to reviewing the Commission operating funds, the overall project accounting also needs to be reviewed. There was discussion of establishing a call in number to have a monthly conference call. Shaunna stated it would cost the Commission an estimated \$50.00 for each meeting with a total of \$600.00 for the year. Phil asked if there were a standard conference call in number existing within the communities. Rick Dickman stated there needs to be a consensus among the attendees establishing a good time to meet. Pat asked for each city to make a suggestion of time to meet. Rick also stated there needs to be verification that each community will attend either via phone call or by e-mail prior to the meeting so that there will be a successful outcome in attendance.

Steering Committee

Amending Charter

Phil stated the Steering Committee is reviewing the current charter for the Ohio River Greenway Commission for needed amendments. November's meeting will be focused on the needed amendments such as removing "development" from the title, setting forth available funding for the Commission and the quasi governmental status. Anne Banet asked if it be helpful to have an attorney to sit in our meetings. Phil stated having one of the state representatives or their staff attend would be beneficial. Rick Dickman stated the representatives offices are in Indianapolis, so there would be a need for advanced scheduling.

Attendance Policy

Pat Leist-Stumler recommended Phil Hendershot read the policy. Phil read the attendance policy, noting it is a scaled down version of the other versions presented. The Commission discussed this new version. The Commission came to a consensus regarding the direction of the attendance policy and the final version will be presented at the November Commission meeting for action.

Commission Comments

Shaunna stated the Commission needs to review the additional expenditure for the brochures due to the size increasing to 9 x 16 to display the map for better moving. Jane Sarles moved to approve the additional money up to \$2100 for the larger brochure (Anne Banet seconded). The motion passed.

Scott Wood distributed the New Albany Main Street Master Plan. He reported the New Albany City Council is considering adopting the plan. The current 1999 plan identified the need for another plan focusing on East 5th to West 5th in the State and Main area. Once the 1999 plan was evaluated then the Main Street area had to be evaluated in full detail. The Main Street Master plan currently under consideration has been through the efforts of Develop New Albany, New Albany Urban Enterprise Association, property associations and interested citizens. The efforts include relinking the downtown area to the Ohio River. The development of a plaza on Main street at Pearl to go over the railroad tracks would allow people to get back to the riverfront. This plan is endorsed by redevelopment Commission, has been adopted by the Plan Commission and two different developers are interested. The City is also looking at how it might participate in creating additional downtown parking and creating green spaces. VFW asked for more time to review the plan which is why it didn't get approved at New Albany's previous council meeting. After the council adopts this plan, the city will work with the USACE to find out what areas are eligible for matching funds. Scott emphasized the completion of the Greenway and the YMCA at Scribner Place was integral in getting the developers interested in this area. The developers stated the Greenway shows the public sector cares about attract people to the riverfront, for private developers to be interested in taking part in this investment area. Phil stated the economic payback to the communities the completed Greenway would offer was part of the packet put together to include the Ohio River Greenway Project as a Federal Project. The impact of the Ohio River Greenway project has definitely led to positive economic development around the area in New Albany.

Anne Banet noted property around Scribner house is being improved with landscaping due to funds from the Horseshoe Foundation.

The meeting was adjourned.