

OHIO RIVER



GREENWAY
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Ohio River Greenway Development Commission Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2009

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

<p>Voting Members Present: Town/Cities Clarksville - Greg Isgrigg (Proxy) Clarksville – Jane Sarles 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 (Proxy)</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Present: Steve Knowles – DNR</p>	<p>Proxies: Brian Kaluzny to Greg Isgrigg Brent Williams to Wayne Estopinal Scott Wood to Mayor Doug England Sheryl Yoder to Regina Overton Melissa Wilson to Gary Libs</p> <p>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy: Clarksville – Gilbert Campbell Jeffersonville – Mayor Tom Galligan</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Absent Michael Dalby – One So. Indiana Jim Ude – INDOT Jim Keith – So. Indiana Tourism Bureau</p> <p>Project Staff Absent Matt Schueler – USACE</p>
<p>Project Staff: Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator</p>	<p>Members of the Community: Liz Palmquist, Baron Hill Staffer</p>

Call to Order and Attendance

Philip Hendershot, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

The October 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Scott Wood noted one correction. Scott moved to approve the October Meeting Minutes with the noted correction (seconded by Melissa Wilson). The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

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

The balance in the checking account is \$7,976.65

The money market account balance is \$ 134,487.91

The claims for November were presented. Pat reported that a new claim is being entered regarding the Tribune/Evening News advertisement. Anne Banet moved to void Claim 797 and issue a new claim, 803 for the Tribune/Evening news (seconded by Jane Sarles.) The motion passed

Anne Banet entered a motion to approve claims 801 to 803 (seconded by Brent Williams). The motion passed.

Pat reported she received a notice from a collection agency that over \$700 was past due for estimated unpaid unemployment tax for 2005 and 2006. Pat is working with Indiana Department of Workforce Development working with collection agency and Workforce Development to resolve this. Pat has documentation showing the Commission did not have an employee at this time. All of the notices from Workforce Development were sent to the previous Commission treasurer.

Claim #	Payable to	Claim	Amount	Budget Line Item
801	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,000.00	1
802	Shaunna Graf	Bulbs, Mulch at New Albany entrance sign	\$ 161.94	9
803	Tribune-Evening News	Ad thanking Tour de Pork and 2 Miler partners/sponsors	\$ 400.00	9

Project Update

Clarksville

Levee Trail (Governor’s Grant)

Brian Kaluzny presented the construction drawings showing the overview of the Levee Trail. All of the rock has been put down on the trail. Two ramps are still being topped with rock. Within the next two weeks if it is dry enough it will be paved.

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

Brian presented the preliminary schematics of the options of the routes from CBA. The routes included suggested areas for interpretive panels, trail head parking and park benches. Once the written narrative is available, the package will be presented to SHIPO for approval.

Jeffersonville

Big 4 (Design Update)

Phil Hendershot offered that the Big 4 is proceeding through an environmental review period. Jeffersonville is negotiating the next phase of design work to move through detailed design plans. Mayor Galligan has shown the final concept to other city groups and has received positive feedback.

Middle Connector – Update

Phil reported the two proposed ramps from the side walk to the river’s edge trail located between the Kennedy Bridge and the Big 4 Bridge are having finishing touches added. The bid letting is to be in late December to construct the ramps. Jeffersonville provided money to get the design work finalized and the other funds will be provided by INDOT and USACE.

New Albany Design of Base and Option 3

Scott reported November 9th a meeting with HNTB and Stantec was held to go over the Base and Option 1 which is the multiuse trail from the Western edge of Silver Creek to Scribner Place. The meeting included a site walk with the designer and subcontractors. Scott stated the sheet failure areas do not appear to be as extensive as projected. Once the finalized route has been determined New Albany will begin to obtain all necessary property for the trail.

Greenway Design and New Construction Efforts for 2009

Phil Hendershot reported the official USACE contract award date to HNTB was 11.2.09. This is for design work for the remaining work on the Ohio River Greenway. As Scott indicated previously, the work has begun. The completion of any design work will be roughly 6.5 months from the start.

Project Coordinator Report

Shaunna Graf reported the Friends of the Greenway filed the 501c3 paper work with the IRS on 11.3.09. Frost Brown Todd graciously donated their time and expertise to prepare and file this lengthy and complicated paperwork. Shaunna suggested sending a thank you as well as Ohio River Greenway 2 Miler shirts. Phil stated this was definitely a great service provided for by Frost Brown Todd and that shirts and a thank you are well warranted.

The Friends of the Ohio River Greenway are working on the completion of the website. The group checking account has been set up. The goal is to have the website up and running and able to take donations starting in January.

Shaunna reported she presented at the Jeffersonville Library on 11.17.09 at 7:00 p.m. to a small crowd. The interested citizens were very curious and appreciative of the work being completed.

Shaunna reported the bulb planting took place on November 2nd and was a lot of fun and that it felt very good to be out working on the Greenway. More events like this need to be planned in the future to allow the community members to get involved on the Greenway Project.

Advisory Committee Reports

Community Outreach

Steve Knowles presented the draft versions of the printed public displays to be placed at the public libraries, town hall, city halls and Falls of the Ohio Kiosk. The draft documents were approved for content, however, commission members did ask to make sure the printing quality marked the area appropriately. Commission members liked the design and Shaunna reported Marie Billings donated the graphic design for the displays. Commission members reviewed the materials.

Shaunna reported the Community Outreach committee is exploring adding more events and opportunities similar to the bulb planting event to allow more involvement from community members along the Greenway.

Events Committee

Shaunna reported a planned Friends of the Greenway Kickoff is in the works once the website is up and running.

In the spring of 2010 a Clarksville Levee Trail Ribbon Cutting is planned. This segment could also use signage. Phil suggested adding the signage action item to the Design and Construction Committees topic of conversations.

Finance and Funding

Shaunna reported the communities of Clarksville and Jeffersonville are struggling to come up with the matching funds by the January deadline. This deadline is in place because the design has to be started on these segments for the segments to begin construction in June to utilize the Federal Stimulus funds available. Shaunna asked for the Commission to consider loaning the Clarksville and Jeffersonville \$50,000 to get the design work started using \$100,000 of the funds located in the Commission's reserve accounts. The Commission would stipulate the funds be returned to the Commission as soon as Jeffersonville and Clarksville's tax revenue is realized.

Liz Palmquist reported \$969,000 in Federal Funds is now available from Water and Energy law for the Ohio River Greenway Project for use in the 2010 Federal Fiscal Year. Liz reported the funds are bound by the Project Cooperation Agreement's 50/50 cost share agreement. She clarified that the local communities would need \$969,000 to match these funds in cash and credit combinations. The funds were available as of October 1, 2009. The communities can access these funds as soon as the local match funds are available.

Steering Committee

Attendance Policy

The Commission reviewed the two final draft versions of the attendance policy. The Commission discussed the differences between the two versions. Scott Wood made a motion to approve the final draft version 2 as submitted. Pat Leist-Stumler seconded the motion. The motion passed. Shaunna will distribute the final versions to each Commission member via e-mail and have hard copies at the December Commission meeting.

Project Coordinator Contract Renewal

The Commission discussed the process for renewing the project coordinator contract.

Public Comments

No public comments

Commission Comments

Scott Wood reported the security cameras along the Scribner Place segment are installed and will be online shortly having a dedicated internet address to monitor the activity on the Greenway. The Commission discussed how this would hopefully get a handle on the vandalism in the area.

The meeting was adjourned.