



Ohio River Greenway Development Commission
Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2008

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

<p>Voting Members Present: Clarksville – Paul Kraft (Proxy) Clarksville – Jane Sarles Clarksville – Gil Campbell Jeffersonville – Mayor Tom Galligan(Proxy) Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot Jeffersonville – Wayne Estopinal New Albany – Mayor Doug England(Proxy) New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler New Albany – Anne Banet (Proxy) Governor’s Appointee for Clark County- Regina Overton Governor’s Appointee for Floyd County- Gary Libs Non-Voting Members Present: Jim Ude – INDOT</p>	<p>Proxies: Trish Fraser to Paul Kraft Jim Urban to Mayor Tom Galligan Scott Wood to Mayor Doug England Irvin Stumler to Anne Banet</p> <p>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</p> <p>Non-Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy Michael Dalby – One Southern Indiana Steve Knowles – DNR Jim Keith – Southern Indiana Tourism Bureau</p>
<p>Project Staff: Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator Matt Schuler – USACE</p>	<p>Members of the Community: Brian Kaluzny, BJ Hammond, Keith Bauman, Nick Knabel, Brian Fogle Al Goodman</p>

Call to Order and Attendance

Philip Hendershot, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the November minutes. Pat Leist Stumler noted two corrections to the Treasurers report. Jim Urban moved to approve the minutes Regina Overton seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Pat Leist-Stumler read the bank statements dated November 30, 2008. The money market account balance is \$153,384.65. The checking account balance is \$28,993.64. Jim Urban moved (Wayne Estopinal seconded) to amend the 2008 Greenway Operating Budget Line Item 1 “Contractor Service Fee” increasing it by \$166.66.

The 2009 Operating Budget was presented as reviewed by the Finance and Funding Committee. There was some discussion as to the incoming money from the municipalities for 2009. Trish Fraser suggested that invoices be sent to the municipalities in January 2009. Trish Fraser moved (Pat Leist-Stumler seconded) to approve the 2009 Budget. The motion passed.

The December claims were presented. Trish Fraser moved to approve claims (seconded by Jim Urban). The motion passed.

Pat Leist-Stumler mentioned that the State Board of Accounts is due to be reviewing the Commission's financial records. It was noted that this will take time and effort on behalf of Pat Leist-Stumler and Shaunna Graf.

Claim #	Payable to	Description	Amount
759	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$3,000.00
760	Shaunna Graf	See summary of Reimbursable claim below	\$1,435.26
761	Pacers and Racers	Race Fee (\$300) and purchase of 1st Prizes for Age Groups (\$280)	\$580.00

Project Update

New Albany

Bank Stabilization - Scott Wood reported the bank stabilization work is nearly complete. The contractor will begin work to add the Greenway features finishing by spring. Matt Schueler noted that the contract for the work to put the Greenway features on the newly stabilized area will take place by the end of the year.

Clarksville

Levee Trail - Brian Kaluzny stated work continues to design the Levee Trail (Interpretive Center to George Rogers Clark Cabin) and the Bailey/Silver Creek Crossing. Clarksville is meeting tomorrow regarding SHPPO and INDOT Construction in 2011.

Jeffersonville

Big 4 – Jim Urban stated the City of Jeffersonville is working with INDOT to finalize the design firm selection. The match required for the 1 Million TE Grant has been provided. \$160,000 is from the Southern Indiana Tourism Bureau and \$40,000 from the Aegon Transamerica Foundation. Within the INDOT process, structural engineering and RFP has been requested. Letters of intent have been reviewed. A very aggressive schedule is being pursued for the design. This helps advance the transfer of money from the downtown bridges project to a special allocation fund for the new surface and structural repairs to the Big 4 Bridge. By the end of 2009, construction documents will be completed and into the approval process. By 2010 the Big 4 Bridge will be under construction.

Greenway Design Efforts for 2009

Philip Hendershot stated the Design and Construction Committee met prior to this meeting. The committee instructed the USACE the base design efforts for 2009 would be from the K& I Bridge to the Loop Island Wetlands Penn RR bridge being used as the pedestrian crossing over Silver Creek. Wayne Estopinal clarified that the actual crossing of Silver Creek is tied into the Clarksville TE Fund project. Mid March 2009 design work will begin with the USACE's contractor.

Project Coordinator Report

5K – Shaunna Graf reported all finances are complete for the 5K race.

Annual Report – Shaunna Graf reported the 2008 ORG Annual report has been distributed to Mayor Doug England, the New Albany City Council, Mayor Tom Galligan, the Jeffersonville City Council, Clarksville Council president Paul Kraft, the Clarksville Town Council, Governor Mitch Daniels, U.S. Representative Baron Hill, US Senator Richard Lugar, US Senator Evan Bayh, State Senator Connie Sipes, State Representative Steve Stemler, State Representative William Cochran and State Representative Elect Ed Clere. Shaunna stated she is in the process of getting onto the schedules to present to the town and city councils in January the highlights of the annual report.

Strategic Planning Session – Shaunna stated that the Strategic Planning session was set for February 4, 2009. Wayne and Regina could not make that date. The Strategic Planning Session was moved to February 11, 2009. It will be held at the YMCA meeting room in Scribner Place.

Advisory Committee Reports

Community Outreach – Jane Sarles reported that the trail markers have been ordered and that Clarksville will be the first to have them installed.

Monuments and Memorials – Scott Wood presented the Monuments and Memorials policy for final review. Wayne Estopinal motioned to accept the Monuments and Memorials Policy making note of all of the hard work put into the document. Jane Sarles seconded and the motion passed. Phil Hendershot also noted the detailed work needed to get this policy to an acceptable format and formally thanked Scott Wood for his efforts. The next step for the Monuments and Memorials Policy is for it to be presented to Clarksville, Jeffersonville and New Albany as a recommendation from the Ohio River Greenway Commission for adoption.

Finance and Funding - Jim Urban stated that the focus of the Finance and Funding committee has been to secure monthly financial accounting logs from the USACE. The logs would need to include October 1, 2000 to present. This is for the Commission to be accountable for money being spent and also to be able to project future project costs. Jim Urban moved to have Phil Hendershot sign a prepared letter formalizing this request to the USACE effective December 18, 2008. Trish Fraser seconded.

There was discussion regarding the format and information to be present in the logs and then the motion was called to a vote. The motion passed.

Jim stated the Finance and Funding Committee agreed the project coordinator's primary focus will be on grants and opportunities for funding in the first quarter of 2009. Jim offered to have Shaunna meet with grant writer for the City of Jeffersonville.

Scott Wood stated a letter was sent to Senator Sipes on Monday, December 16th asking for 501c3 clarification for a state chartered organization.

Public Comments

Al Goodman stepped forward to thank the Commission for putting energy and effort toward the work at the Loop Island Wetlands in Clarksville and New Albany. Al introduced Keith Bauman and Nick Knable of Samtec. Al stated Samtec developed and designed the logo for the Loop Island Wetlands. Keith has been working on the enhancements at the Loop Island Wetlands. ACL and Samtec received an environmental award for Loop Island Wetlands. Al suggested the Monuments and Memorials Policy be placed on the Ohio River Greenway Website. Al suggested the annual report be sent to all of the mayors. Shaunna confirmed that it has.

Matt Schueler noted that the federal government is considering an economic stimulus package. He does not know the exact criteria but it could be possible the Ohio River Greenway Project fits. Wayne asked if anything had changed with using the value of land as match. Matt stated that normally cash is still needed. The Stimulus package would be different than the federal dollars previously awarded to the Greenway.

Wayne stated if the City of Jeffersonville will elect to get an appraisal on the land value he would be willing to pay for the appraisal to find out what the land is worth. Jim Urban stated that land is in an easement currently.

Scott Wood via Mayor England thanked Samtec for being excellent stewards of the land specifically regarding the Loop Island Wetlands.

The meeting was adjourned.