

Ohio River Greenway Development Commission

Minutes for August 17, 2006

Attendance:

Present: Portia Hendershot for Ann Banet
Valla Ann Bolovschak
Gilbert Campbell
Wayne Estopinal
Phillip Hendershot
Mayor James Garner
Steve Knowles
Elmer Hoehn
Pat Leist
Brian Kaluzny for Paul Kraft
Jane Sarles

Absent: Mayor Rob Waiz

Also present: Rick Dickman, Greenway Coordinator, Matt Schueler, Army Corps of Engineers and Al Goodman (visitor)

The meeting was called to order by Phillip Hendershot at 12:05 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Pat Leist and seconded by Valla Ann Bolovschak to accept the minutes of July 20, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

Pat Leist reported to the commission one claim for mileage for Rick Dickman in the amount of \$150.14. This claim, number 678, received a motion to approve by Brain Kaluzny and seconded by Elmer Hoehn, the motion passed unanimously.

Balances in Greenway banking account:

Checking	\$18,078.33
Money Market	\$87,132.47

Pat also reported that she had received a check from New Albany for the annual contribution of \$10,000.

Pat also reported to the Commission receiving a check from Jeffersonville for \$50,000. This check represented an amount the city owed on the design of the Jeffersonville Greenway "Restaurant Row" segment. The Commission through a motion by Wayne Estopinal and seconded by Vall Ann Bolovschak elected to deposit the \$50,000 in a short term CD of no longer than 6 months at the best interest of the direction of treasurer, Pat Leist.

New Albany:

- Scott Wood reported on items in the activity sheets
- He reported that a letter would be sent to Federal Highways of Indiana concerning the 4F requirements; this will cause a delay in funding being released possibly as long as October 2006.
- Scott reported that the timing of the matching funds from the State would possibly require a loan from the City of New Albany from another account. If this became necessary the city council would need to approve the loan. The INDOT funds when they became available would be used to repay the city.
- Matt stated that the cities portion on a 50/50 match may need to be approximately 1.2 million
- Matt reiterated that an award would require the funding to be in place before September 30, 2006. This would require the matching funds to be deposited before that date because of the paperwork involved processing the non-federal funds. This could be as early as September 20th.
- Matt reported that bids are due by August 31st and would be ready to award to a responsive bidder by the 1st week in September.
- Scott stated he would arrange a conference call with Matt, the city and the Federal Highways to try and work out the details for expediting the funding.

Matt also reported on New Albany:

- Matt also reported on the bidding process that a meeting is scheduled for August 22nd to show the site to prospective bidders.
- Matt reported the proposals would be due by August 31, four potential bidders have expressed interest
- Matt stated the bids must be within 25% of the construction estimate.

Jeffersonville:

- Rick reported for Chester Hicks
- Rick stated that Chester had advised him that there was a 12 inch sewer line that was unknown to the contractor and was totally clogged
- The rest of the construction is going along well and the contractor has committed to be done by May 2006, possibly even before the next Thunder event in mid April.
- The revetment stones were being removed and stored on site with construction moving from the waters edge up the bank toward Riverside Drive
- The “Elm Tree” was being avoided by modifying the construction to taper the sidewalk from the drip line of the tree.

Strategic Planning Session:

Phil explained the need for a planning session to help direct the next phases of construction. He explained that there is a disjointed effort to build segments on the riverfronts without a clear direction and consensus.

Many issues needs detailed and lengthy discussion to give direction for the next few years. Dates were discussed and two dates September 28 and October 5th. Rick will call the Mayors and Town Council President to set the date. The meeting will be from 4 to 8 PM.

Public Comments:

None

Commission Comments:

Valla Ann requested information as to the appointment to the Commission. The Mayor reported that Ann Banet was reappointed to the Commission.

Phil Hendershot also reported that he was reappointed to the Commission.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 P.M.