

# Ohio River Greenway Development Commission

Minutes for July 20, 2006

## Attendance:

**Present:** Valla Ann Bolovschak  
Kyle Wilson for Wayne Estopinal  
Phillip Hendershot  
Scott Wood for James Garner  
Steve Knowles  
Elmer Hoehn  
Pat Leist  
Brian Kaluzny for Paul Kraft  
Jane Sarles  
Chester Hicks for Mayor Rob Waiz

**Absent:** Ann Banet and Gilbert Campbell

**Also present:** Rick Dickman, Greenway Coordinator, Matt Schueler, and Army Corps of Engineers

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Elmer Hoehn and seconded by Pat Leist to accept the minutes of June 15, 2006 with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Pat Leist reported to the commission the two claims were being presented one for Platinum Plus (MasterCard) for 40.78 and a mileage claim from Rick Dickman for 154.37.

A motion to approve claims 676 and 677 was made by Jane Sarles and seconded by Steve Knowles, the motion passed unanimously.

Balances in bank:

Checking	\$18,153.33
Money Market	\$86,934.76

## **New Albany:**

- Scott Wood reported on items in the activity sheets
- Title work is complete
- Appraisals were also completed and submitted to the Corps
- On the INDOT funding, Scott was redirected to David Franklin of Federal Highways in Indiana for the 4F procedure. Scott stated that a conference call is to be established with the Corps and New Albany and the State for this to begin. Scott is arranging the call.
- Bridge abutments are to be demolished
- The work in New Albany still needs a notice of no adverse effect from the State DNR (SHPO)
- Matt stated that Sasaki was meeting to determine the final construction estimate

Matt also reported on New Albany:

- Reported that Patti in the Corps Real Estate Division has suggested that the real estate issues are being addressed for certification
- The certification will be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Sasaki was to delineate the area that would not be constructed from the drawings so that a contractor would only be bidding on the project area, not the erosion area. Matt stated that Sasaki said they could do that at no additional cost.
- Matt also reported on the bidding process that was approved by the Mayor of New Albany. There are four contractors in the small business set aside that will give bids. Matt estimated the Corps would be ready by mid September.
- Matt reported that he was working with the spreadsheet using the estimates; he felt that there would be enough federal money to complete the New Albany section.
- Matt also stated that the one complication to an actual award is the non-federal funding. Because there are at least four potential bidders they would not be requested spend money on the preparation of bids until the non-federal funds have been deposited in the escrow account.
- Valla Ann stated that she would assist in expediting the approval process through the State agencies

## **Jeffersonville:**

- Chester reported the first construction meeting
- He stated that he received a schedule showing that the contractor would complete the project before May on 2007.
- There may be required a lead abatement around the base of the Big Four Bridge due to in years past sandblasting that may have removed lead based paint from the structure.
- He stated that construction was to begin at the waters edge and proceed up the bank as weather and river conditions permit.
- Option 2 – one of the connections between the lower and upper trail is still undecided and even though the deadline for making a decision has passed, Chester stated that contractor has extended the estimate until mid September.
- Matt cautioned that federal money is tight and that the option may not have enough federal fund to build, he stated that a decision has not been made until New Albany's bids are received.
- Matt reported that a discussion has been initiated to determine how much work is needed to save a large elm tree next to the project area. The thought is to taper the sidewalk to four feet from the designed eight feet around the tree.

## **Clarksville Lewis and Clark Plaza:**

Jane Sarles presented drawings of the proposed plaza in Clarksville. Although this project is not in the Greenway project it is adjacent to it and will be an added amenity.

The project is being built on property that the Town of Clarksville recently purchased. The project will need an archeological survey and will be constructed prior to the bicentennial return date of November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006.

The project will include panels, benches, and flag poles and a walking trail through the project.

Rick reported that Clarksville has two grants in the form of TE funds totaling some 1 million dollars. A discussion has begun in Clarksville as to how these funds are to be used. Rick stated that part of that discussion includes how these funds can be used to build trail work on the Greenway. Rick stated that a meeting with Steve Dilk is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> to determine how these funds can be utilized.

**Public Comments:**

Al Goodman requested a letter to Congressman Sodrel stating the urgent need to address erosion along the bank, especially along Silver Creek. Al also suggested corporate sponsorship for various features of the Greenway.

**Commission Comments:**

Valla Ann reported on a ferry boat as a possibility to the Greenway between Louisville and New Albany. Phil stated that the Greenway Commission supported similar projects and that Valla could certainly voice support, as a private citizen for such a venture.

**Administrative Issues:**

The Steering Committee will meet August 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Convention and Tourism Bureau. The next regular Commission meeting will be August 17, 2006 at noon.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.