

Ohio River Greenway Development Commission

Minutes for June 15, 2006

Attendance:

Present: Anne Banet
Valla Ann Bolovschak
Gilbert Campbell
Phillip Hendershot
Scott Wood for James Garner
Steve Knowles
Elmer Hoehn
Portia Hendershot for Pat Leist
Brian Kaluzny for Paul Kraft
Jane Sarles
Chester Hicks for Mayor Waiz

Absent: Wayne Estopinal

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

The meeting was called to order by Phillip Hendershot at 12:03 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Ann Banet and seconded by Valla Ann Bolovschak to accept the minutes of May 18, 2006 with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

Portia Hendershot 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 674 and 675 was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Jane Sarles, the motion passed unanimously.

Balances in bank:

Checking	\$8323.96
Money Market	\$86756.50

New Albany:

- Scott Wood reported on items in the activity sheets
- The spreadsheet for New Albany is ongoing
- The design would include separate construction without doing work in the area that needs erosion repair. Matt stated the bid package would be completed.
- Scott said he had called several times to Tony DeSimone at FHA, but had not heard back for them concerning the 4F process. Scott stated that he had talked to Steve Dilk of INDOT and he had relayed to Scott that the timing for New Albany was still ahead of where Jeffersonville had been in the process.
- Scott reported that a meeting to resolve the decision about the bidding procedure was set for June 21st at the Corps offices. Mayor Garner and Corps officials will decide what the best bidding is: full and open or using small business.
- Scott reported that he had received a copy of a permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the Division of Water, however he was unsure what the permit specified and he believed that it was not the permit from the SHPO division that he had been waiting for. He said he would try and find out what the permit pertained to.
- Scott said the City has completed the appraisals and he said he would deliver them to Patti Smith at the Corps for certification.
- Phil and Chester Hicks reiterated how complex and time consuming the process would be to get the money from INDOT.

Jeffersonville:

- Chester reported on the activity sheet
- Construction had not yet begun
- Spreadsheet is ongoing
- Rick reported that he had been requested to send (re-send) the invoices of \$50,000 dollars and the \$10,000 dollars as the city's contribution to the Greenway.

Chester reported that Jeffersonville had had a neighborhood meeting on two possible designs for the Big 4 Bridge at that meeting residents supported the ramp system estimated at 2.9 million to construct.

Valla Ann reported to the Commission on the recently held State of Indiana "Trail's Summit". She reported that during the day a map was produced with all of the trails depicted on it. This map was shown to the Commission showing all of the planned, proposed and existing trails.

Breakout sessions were also held and Valla stated that one of the suggestions was to link Greenways in Indiana and to promote trails for every community.

She also reported that she had a conversation with a representative from Caesars Indiana who supported the idea of a ferryboat connecting Indiana and Kentucky with a people ferry. Valla Ann said she would contact Louisville Waterfront Inc to see what ideas they may have concerning a ferry.

After discussion Phil said he felt that a letter of support would be possible from the Commission, without direct Greenway involvement.

Planning Session:

Phil suggested that the Commission needs to have a more detailed work session on the future planning and design process. He reminded the Commission that they had done this in 2003. He also suggested using a professional facilitator to guide the discussion.

Phil will bring this item up at a Steering Committee and possibly have this session during the week in August or September.

Phil also suggested having a regular meeting in New Albany.

Public Comments:

none

Commission Comments:

Steve Knowles reported to the Commission that the parking system has been implemented and appears to be functioning well. People are required to pay for parking unless they are going to the Interpretive Center.

Administrative Issues:

The Steering Committee will meet July 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Convention and Tourism Bureau. The next regular Commission meeting will be July 20, 2006 at noon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.