

Ohio River Greenway Development Commission

Minutes for January 18, 2007

Attendance:

Present: Ann Banet
Gilbert Campbell
Scott Wood for James Garner
Phillip Hendershot
Elmer Hoehn
Steve Knowles
Brian Kaluzny for Paul Kraft
Jane Sarles
Chester Hicks for Rob Waiz

Absent: Wayne Estopinal and Pat Leist

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Ann Banet to accept the minutes of December 21, 2006 with a correction of adding Scott Wood as an attendee. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

Rick Dickman reported for Pat Leist to the Commission:

Balances in Greenway banking account:

Checking	\$18,828.02
Money Market	\$88,838.57
CD amount	\$50,000.00

Project Status

New Albany:

- Matt Scheuler reported that a Partnering Meeting was held with the contractor on Friday, January 12th. Members of the CORPS and the Commission also were present. Options were discussed as to how to address the issue of an old loading dock within the project area. One of the options is to bury the material within the site.
- Matt also reported that the signage options will be discussed as a cost share item. The Commission has requested that a signage standard be adopted for the Greenway.
- Matt told the Commission project meeting would be held every Thursday at 8 A.M. at the site.
- Scott reported that the contractor and the city discussed safety issues. Scott reported that notices have been sent to the media concerning safety at a construction site and that police patrols would be increased to keep the public out of the area.
- Matt reported that he would have an answer as to the “swings” as to the cost share from the CORPS.
- Matt also reported that borings were still needed as to the the design at the sheet failure site. He hoped that that could be addressed as soon as March. The survey work has been finished and he stated that the design would not be difficult.

Jeffersonville:

- Chester reported that the use light poles would not be provided by the utility company (Duke Energy). Chester said that HTA has had conversations concerning the templates for anchoring the fixtures.
- Matt reported that the bank stabilization using Inkamat and grass can be successfully accomplished, however the process in weather and river condition dependant. The other options would be to use stone at the river’s edge or sod. The cost for either option is an issue but could be cost shared.
- Chester stated that he estimated that the cost of moving the revetment stones was \$30,000 and documentation would be needed for the final cost sharing for the Jeffersonville project.

Signage Standards

Cheryl Smith of Smith Design Associates gave a presentation to the Commission concerning designs and standards for signage along the Greenway Project. Cheryl showed designs she has been involved with in the Louisville bicycle and pedestrian pathway improvements. As a graphic artist she has been involved with signage as part of a team utilizing engineers and planners.

Jane Sarles on Marr's Property Filling Permit Application

Jane told the Commission about a new application from a Ben Marr's as to fill property (46 Acres) adjacent to Silver Creek and the area close to the Greenway. Jane stated that a group including the Town of Clarksville was in opposition to this project and will be circulating a petition asking for a hearing on the permit application.

Phil stated that any citizen could write DNR or attend the meeting.

Funding

Matt reported that reprogrammed money can be used if certain obligations are met. The money needs to be matched and awarded this fiscal year, by the end of September. The Greenway in the past has had as much as three million redirected. There were several suggestions as to the use of TE monies either from New Albany or from Clarksville. Phil stated the timeframe for using any of this money is a concern. Design work can be accomplished through the CORPS or through another AE Firm. This would be allowed under the PCA (Project Cooperation Agreement).

The possibility is that New Albany could use up to a million dollars of this redirected funding, Matt stated there could be some discussion and a decision could be made soon.

Public Comments:

None

Commission Comments:

Phil reported that the options for replacing the work of the Greenway Coordinator will be discussed at the next steering committee meeting.

Chester reported that there is a possibility of taking the money designated for pedestrian access to a new bridge and redirect money to the pedestrian access of the Big Four Bridge. He stated that David Karem of Louisville Waterfront Inc. is following this idea. Others such as Governors and project directors for the new bridges are being encouraged to review this idea as well.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.