

Ohio River Greenway Development Commission

Minutes for February 15, 2007

Attendance:

Present: Ann Banet
Valla Ann Bolovschak
Gilbert Campbell
Wayne Estopinal
Mayor James Garner
Phillip Hendershot
Elmer Hoehn
Steve Knowles
Rick Dickman for Paul Kraft
Pat Leist
Jane Sarles
Chester Hicks for Rob Waiz

Absent: none

Also present: John Rosenbarger, New Albany Planner and 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 Pat Leist and seconded by Jane Sarles to accept the minutes of December 21, 2006 with the correction of adding the Corps should request 600,000 dollars for FY 2007 on page three and adding Valla Ann to attendance. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

Rick Dickman reported for Pat Leist to the Commission:

Balances in Greenway banking account:

Checking	\$12,753.02
Money Market	\$89,054.63
CD amount	\$50,000.00 redone for 4 months

Project Status

New Albany:

- Matt Scheuler reported that the loading dock would be removed to another site for a total modification of 10,000 dollars.
- Matt stated the signage in New Albany still needs cost and a possible sketch needed to complete the signage. Mayor Garner stated that he felt the signs should be a standard style and be consistent. Wayne said he felt the Greenway signs should have the Greenway “logo” on them.

Wayne explained that to hire Cheryl Smith and to avoid the issue of copyrighting the sign design in New Albany the possible contract with her should allow the use of a similar design, including fonts and layout, elsewhere on the Greenway.

- Matt reported on the bank stabilization and that the Corps still needed to complete the soil borings. The Corps would go over the alternatives to the “fix” that would be best suited to the Greenway. These options would include types of material used to complete the repair.
- Mayor Garner indicated that he was going to meet with Congressman Hill on funding for bank stabilization. Matt reported that March was the deadline for such requests.

Jeffersonville:

- Matt reported that the template has been given to the contractor so that the light standards could be ordered. The lights would be purchased by the city and maintained by another contractor or Duke Energy. The Corps contractor will complete the templates allowing the lights to be installed.
- Matt reported on the waters edge treatment. The Corps has indicated that the “inkamat” should be installed when the river is low and the grass could grow. There is also some discussion on the use of the revetment stone along the rivers edge, between the sidewalk and the river.

Steering Committee “Alternatives to Coordinator”

Phil reported that the steering committee met and believes that to outsource the administrative functions to an agency or to an individual would be the best alternative.

Phil stated that the Commission did not want an employee.

Phil stated that the steering committee was working on alternatives and was not very far along with that thought process. If that became a one person “part time” position that person could do the work under contract and be responsible for taxes, etc.

John Rosenbarger said that there is a possibility to apply for federal or state funds to hire such a position.

TE Applications

Each community is supposed to make an application for a set amount not to exceed one million dollars.

Rick reminded that each application needs to be reviewed and is scored. The applications should have a theme associated with parts of the Greenway.

Phil indicated that he would coordinate a meeting of the planners of the various municipalities to discuss a unified strategy for the applications.

Landfilling Permit in Clarksville:

Jane Sarles reported that DNR has stated that they no longer have anything to do with landfilling. Jane reported that in the future all permits must be approved by the Town Council. She stated that this was a good development and that the council was standing up against the dumping.

Election of Officers

Phil stated that the state board of accounts stated the election needed to be each year. To correct this defect Ann Banet made a motion to certify the present officers retroactive back to July 1, 2007. The motion was seconded by Rick Dickman and passed unanimously.

The next election will be held July 1, 2008

Public Comments:

None

Commission Comments:

None

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