

# **Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Phil Hendershot.

### **Attendance:**

#### **Commission members present were:**

Ann Banet  
Valla Ann Bolovschak  
Scott Wood (for Mayor James Garner)  
Philip Hendershot  
Rob Mack (for Steve Knowles)  
John Gilkey (for Paul Kraft)  
Jane Sarles

**Absent :** Gil Campbell, Pat Stumler, Wayne Estopinal, Mayor Rob Waiz, Elmer Hoehn

**Others present:** Matt Schueler (Corps of Engineers); Jenny Eggenpiller (office of Congressman Baron Hill)

### **Approval of March 2007 Minutes:**

Minutes had not been prepared by the time of April 19, 2007 meeting. To be deferred to May 2007 meeting.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Banet gave the Treasurer's Report in Stumler's absence.

A motion was made by Bolovschak, seconded by Banet to pay \$120 claim to Natural Concepts for web site maintenance. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Bolovschak and seconded by Wood to roll the Commission's \$50,000 CD into the Money Market Account at the CD's maturity. The motion passed.

Chairman Hendershot said that a draft budget for the year needs to be done at the next steering committee meeting.

### **Congressman Hill Visit:**

Eggenpiller told the Commission that she and Congressman Hill had enjoyed their tour of the Greenway on April 3, and that Hill has requested a \$2.1 million dollars appropriation (a congressional add) for Greenway funding. Its success should be known in 2-4 months. She also said that Congressman Hill had requested an additional amount (probably \$1.5 million) for bank stabilization in a separate request.

## **Projects Update:**

*New Albany* - Matt Schueler gave a project update on the New Albany project. Scott Wood noted that industrial residuals had been identified at the New Albany construction site, and that IDEM has been notified. This material is geotechnically unsuitable for re-use under the pathways and road, per Corps of Engineers specification. This issue may or may not involve a change order to the construction contract. Schueler suggested that a separate meeting was needed to deal with this matter.

Schueler noted that high water is delaying progress on the bank stabilization design, since the high water precludes taking soil borings, etc. Funding for the design effort is secure and contractor has been hired to perform the drilling when conditions will allow. Rob Wheeler at Corps of Engineers is the lead person for geotechnical design on this assignment.

*Jeffersonville* - Schueler reported that the construction company had made the Jeffersonville site "Thunder-ready". There is a snow fence up at sensitive parts of the site and signage stating "enter at your own risk".

Corps of Engineers has been seeking input from internal staff and IDNR on permit ruling for proposed water's edge treatment (e.g. placement of revetment stones). Expect answer by April 21. A change order request for this work has not been received from the Contractor.

No word from City of Jeffersonville for plans to provide the lighting at the project.

## **Federal FY 2007 Funding and Allocation Options:**

A handout on the overall funding status was reviewed and discussed. Schueler reported that \$600,000 in previously "re-programmed" funds have been returned to the Greenway project and will require "obligation" prior to Sept. 30, 2007. Obligation entails a firm commitment to spend the money on a Greenway feature, through execution of construction contract or change order, or a contract for design services, by Sept. 30. Most likely and feasible use of the money would be to construct features of the New Albany Scribner Place Segment that are already 100% designed, possibly through change order to current construction project. The remaining \$592,000 for New Albany's portion of TE grant could be used as the non-federal match. Wood and Schueler to prepare a scope and preliminary cost of a potential project.

## **Project Coordinator Search:**

Hendershot reported that mayors of Jeffersonville and New Albany requested that the position of Greenway Project Coordinator be advertised. Job description was provided to Commission members. Bolovschak will provide the advertisement that was used to hire the Indiana State Greenway Director to use as a model. Then an ad will be placed.

## **Earth Day at Falls of Ohio, April 14:**

Sarles reported that interest in our Greenway booth was strong, and that the overall event was well attended. She advised that the Commission should look for other similar opportunities for public outreach.

## **Public Comments:**

None

**Commission Comments:**

Bolovschak will contact the person interviewed by the Commission regarding signage for the Greenway (Cheryl Smith) to determine cost and to develop a contract to provide design.

**Adjournment:**

Banet moved that the meeting be adjourned and Bolovschak seconded. The motion carried.