

# **Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2007**

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

### **Attendance:**

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

Valla Ann Bolovschak  
Gil Campbell (John Gilkey)  
Mayor James Garner (Scott Wood)  
Philip Hendershot  
Elmer Hoehn  
Paul Kraft (Tom Clevidence)  
Pat Leist-Stumler  
Jane Sarles  
Mayor Rob Waiz (Chester Hicks)

**Absent :** Ann Banet, Wayne Estopinal, Steve Knowles

**Others present:** Matt Schueler (Corps of Engineers); Ron Carter (Greenways Foundation of Indiana); Al Goodman (Loop Island Wetlands)

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

Minutes for April 19, 2007 meeting were approved with one addition within New Albany project update. Minutes for March 15, 2007 meeting were approved with addition of 2 participants and correction of typos. [Note: Final versions of minutes to be posted to [ohiorivergreenway.org](http://ohiorivergreenway.org)]

### **Treasurers Report:**

Balances: Checking \$12,693.02; Money Market \$140,309.19 (includes \$50,000 plus interest formerly held as CD)

No claims were processed.

### **Greenways Foundation of Indiana:**

Ron Carter, Executive Director, addressed the Commission to summarize the work of the Foundation and its origins. The Foundation has 501(c)(3) status as non-profit and can hold land or other assets for greenway/trail organizations. Foundation started in early 1990s in Marion County but its mission has been expanded state-wide. Provides help with public outreach, legislative support, and small grants for trail system planning. Elmer Hoehn expressed thanks to Mr. Carter on behalf of Commission, and made special note of the significant efforts by Governor Daniel's office on greenway/trails initiatives.

## **Projects Update:**

*New Albany* - Matt Schueler/Scott Wood gave update on the New Albany project. Surplus soils at site were still undergoing testing to determine where they could be disposed or reused. City will take the lead in dealing with IDEM. Primary option under consideration is off-site disposal in permitted landfill, to avoid further delay of project.

Schueler stated that drilling for the bank stabilization design is complete. Rob Wheeler at Corps of Engineers is the lead person for geotechnical design on this assignment. Next step is for Corps to issue a slope stability analysis by 5/31/07. Schueler will schedule meeting in June with City to discuss results and options for mitigation.

*Jeffersonville* - Schueler reported Corp would like to issue notice-to-proceed with waters edge change order by 5/18/07, approximate cost \$50,000. Second change order for lighting yet to be negotiated; original cost of lights was approximately \$60,000. Hicks reported intentions of City to cover the approximate \$55,000 non-federal share of the two change orders. Contractor's end-date for the base-bid work is 6/29/07.

*Clarksville* – Town has a meeting with INDOT on scope change for TE grant, 5/24/07.

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

As reported previously, \$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.

Schueler reported that it is unclear whether Corps will need portion of \$600,000 to cover upcoming change orders on Jeffvl and NA projects; but allocation must be made for Corps construction management and design support for new projects contemplated. Discussion of possible uses progressed, but 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. Motion made by Hendershot to devote the \$600,000 to federal portion of change orders for current Jeffvl and NA projects, with remainder devoted to an add-on construction project within the Scribner Place Segment in NA. Motion passed.

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. After discussion, motion made by Gilkey to authorize Steering Committee to spend up to \$1,000 for advertisement and recruitment costs; second by Sarles; motion passed.

## **Public Comments:**

Al Goodman reported that NA Flood Control had cleared trees along base of floodwall near Loop Island and Tannery, which enhances pedestrian access.

**Commission Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Motion made and second to adjourn. The motion carried.