

Ohio River Greenway Development Commission

Meeting Minutes for June 21, 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
Gil Campbell
Mayor James Garner (John Rosenbarger)
Philip Hendershot
Steve Knowles
Paul Kraft (Tom Clevidence)
Pat Leist-Stumler
Jane Sarles
Mayor Rob Waiz (Chester Hicks)

Absent : Wayne Estopinal, Elmer Hoehn

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

Approval of May 2007 Minutes:

Minutes for May 17, 2007 meeting were approved with minor corrections. [Note: Final versions of minutes to be posted to ohiorivergreenway.org]

Treasurers Report:

Balances: Checking \$12,618.02; Money Market \$140,654.78 (includes \$50,000 plus interest formerly held as CD)

Claim #690 and #691 were reviewed and approved by Commission.

Discussion was held on a calendar year 2007 budget, and the amount of administrative funding to request from the three communities for 2007 and 2008. No request has been made yet to communities for 2007, due to uncertainty regarding the hiring of a Project Coordinator. After discussion, a motion was made by Rosenbarger: to authorize the Treasurer to submit \$10,000 invoices to each of the three communities for calendar year 2007, and a written request that \$10,000 be included in calendar year 2008 budgets in each community. 2nd-Bolovschak. Motion passed.

Election of Officers for 2007-2008:

Nominations from the floor were sought for officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer) to serve from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. After no new nominations were made, Bolovschak

offered motion to nominate and elect current slate of officers: Chairman (Hendershot), Vice Chairman (Sarles), Treasurer (Stumler-Leist). 2nd- Clevidence (for Paul Kraft). Motion passed.

Hendershot reviewed aspects of Greenway charter legislation with the Commission; regarding quorum, membership, elections, and officers. The elected term of the Treasurer is unspecified in the legislation. Chairman and Vice Chairman serve 1-yr terms, but can be re-elected (no term limit specified). Motion was made to direct Steering Comm. to re-examine the term issue with Treasurer.

Projects Update:

New Albany – Schueler/Rosenbarger gave update on the New Albany project. Options for surplus soils at site were still being evaluated. Primary option under consideration is off-site disposal in permitted landfill to avoid further delay of project, but cost is substantial. Contractor has sent letter to Corps threatening delay costs.

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 milestone was for Corps to issue a slope stability analysis by 5/31/07. Schueler not certain if this has been completed.

Jeffersonville – Schueler/Hicks reported on Sasaki visit and status of change orders. Contractor had completed a test strip of waters edge stone placement, as part of change order. Corps, Sasaki, Mayor Waiz, and Hendershot all agreed that the work in the test strip was unacceptable. Corps has directed Contractor to re-assess their approach and cost, to include providing a smooth surface with stones, and a sand/grout mixture in-between. Sasaki and Corps also agreed that current establishment of grass does not meet specification. Corps to keep retainage until satisfactory.

Corps has been waiting on City to provide light specification and to verify a match to the existing lights at Spring Street and Terrace Lawn. Hicks to provide. Once Corps completes final negotiation with Contractor, they will send invoice to Commission for the non-federal share (per June 7, 2007 authorization)

New Albany Add-On Project for Scribner Place Segment:

As reported previously in May 2007, \$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. Motion was passed at May 2007 Commission meeting 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. Remaining \$592,000 from TE grant to be used as non-federal match. Wood and Schueler to prepare a scope and preliminary cost of a potential project.

June Update: A project scope and cost estimate has still not been prepared. Schueler is not certain whether Corps will allow modification of existing construction contract for new work of this magnitude. Given pending change orders and allowance for future construction management and Corps support costs, a construction contract scope in the range of \$800,000 to \$850,000 should be pursued.

Project Coordinator Search:

Hendershot reported that job posting was made in Courier Journal on June 2, and on-line posting with Careerbuilder.com will continue through July 5. Steering Committee intends to interview candidates on July 12 and present short listed candidates to Commission on July 19.

Public Comments:

Jenny Eggenpiller addressed Commission with Congressman Hill's suggestion that a run/walk be sponsored within the Greenway Corridor to raise awareness of the project. Discussion concluded that this is a good idea, and could possibly be coordinated with dedication of Jeffvl segment in Sept-Oct. 2007. Bolovschak volunteered to meet with Eggenpiller on details.

Commission Comments:

Mill Creek Bridge Lights – Clevidence reported that 7 of 8 lights on bridge had been broken by rock-throwing vandals. Duke Energy has been hired by Town to replace, possibly with bullet-resistant fixtures.

Greenway Entranceway Sign Design - Bolovschak has met with Cheryl Smith, as authorized by Commission. A licensing agreement and proposal/contract were reviewed. Motion by Leist to allow Chairman to sign the agreement and authorize up to \$750 for the design effort; 2nd by Sarles. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Motion made and second to adjourn. The motion carried.