

# Ohio River Greenway Development Commission

## Meeting Minutes for July 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  
Gil Campbell  
Mayor James Garner  
Philip Hendershot  
Elmer Hoehn  
Paul Kraft (Tom Clevidence)  
Pat Leist-Stumler  
Jane Sarles

**Absent :** Wayne Estopinal, Steve Knowles, Mayor Rob Waiz

**Others present:** Carol Labashosky (Corps of Engineers, Public Affairs); Jenny Eggenpiller (Congressman Hill's office); Scott Wood

### Approval of June 2007 Minutes:

Minutes for June 7, 2001 supplemental meeting and June 21, 2007 regular Commission meeting were approved with no corrections. [Note: Final versions of minutes to be posted to [ohiorivergreenway.org](http://ohiorivergreenway.org)]

### Treasurers Report:

Balances: Checking \$12,618.02; Money Market \$140,978.86 (includes \$50,000 plus interest formerly held as CD)

Leist-Stumler reported that \$10,000 invoices were sent July 2 to each of the three communities for calendar year 2007, along with a written request that \$10,000 be included in calendar year 2008 budgets in each community. No response has been received. Discussion was held on a calendar year 2007 budget, which is to be discussed at August Steering Committee.

### Projects Update:

*New Albany* – Wood gave update on the New Albany project. IDEM has agreed to allow surplus soils to remain on-site, which will be substantial cost savings compared to off-site landfill; Contractor has the RFP for surplus soils movement/placement. New area for soil placement will require deed restriction. Quality of asphalt path on top of levee did not meet expectations. Contractor to replace or overlay with finish material.

Hendershot relayed report by Schueler stating that a slope stability analysis has been completed for the bank area with historic sheet failures. Corps has conceptual design ideas to discuss in upcoming meeting; to be scheduled July 25 or 26.

*Jeffersonville* – Hendershot relayed report by Schueler. Corps had previously directed Contractor to re-assess their approach and cost for waters edge treatment, to include providing a smooth surface with stones, and a sand/grout mixture in-between. Contractor constructed another test strip with larger stones, which was still acceptable to City. Contractor has spent \$20-\$30K on test strips at waters edge, and none have met City/Corps/Greenway expectations. Cost estimates for completion of waters edge change order are now around \$200K, but this work has not been authorized. Corps is waiting on City for further direction. Corps has completed negotiation with Contractor for the lights; 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.

July Update: Hendershot relayed report by Schueler. Corps (contracting division) has agreed that current construction contract can be modified for the add-on project (as opposed to a separate bidding process). This will save time; typically Contractor is given 10 days to respond with a price, once given an RFP. Wood reported that INDOT & DNR confirmed that a new “Section 4f” or “Section 106” determination will not be required for the add-on project, since the prior rulings covered the entire NA design plans (not just the portion built). Meeting to resolve scope of add-on project is needed in next week.

### **Project Coordinator Search:**

Hendershot/Bolovschak provided overview of selection process. Four short-listed candidates had been chosen, but one had accepted another position within the past 2 days. Two of remaining 3 candidates could not be available for July 19 interview with Commission. It was suggested that Commission have a written contract to use for retaining the new coordinator. Templates would be sought from Indiana Greenways Foundation and others.

Commission conducted interview with candidate Rick Menard, P.E. of Jeffersonville, and had discussion thereafter.

It was agreed that a special meeting of Commission would convene July 24 to conduct remaining interviews (2), with a vote for a selected candidate to follow immediately after. Alternate date, Aug. 2, if candidates are not available July 24.

### **Ohio River Greenway 5K Run/Walk- Update :**

Jenny Eggenpiller addressed Commission with an update on the run/walk to be sponsored within the Greenway Corridor. Lots of progress has been made, and a date of October 13 has been set. Sponsorships totaling \$2,000 have been pledged thus far. It was noted that October 13 is also the big weekend for booths at Harvest Homecoming in New Albany. Date for a potential Harvest Homecoming run is still not certain.

**Public Comments:**

Carol Labashosky noted that Corps has lots of photo archives that can be used in our public outreach efforts and in populating the website. She also agreed to help publicize the Ohio River Greenway 5K Run/Walk with Louisville District employees.

**Commission Comments: None**

**Adjournment:**

Motion made and second to adjourn. The motion carried.