



**Ohio River Greenway Development Commission**  
Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2008

Old Bridge Building  
315 Southern Indiana Ave.  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

<p><b>Voting Members Present:</b>          Clarksville – Jane Sarles          Clarksville – Paul Kraft (Proxy)          Clarksville – Gil Campbell          Jeffersonville – Mayor Tom Galligan(Proxy)          Jeffersonville – Philip Hendershot          New Albany – Mayor James Garner (Proxy)          New Albany – Anne Banet          New Albany – Pat Leist-Stumler (Proxy)          Governor’s Appointee for Clark County-          Elmer Hoehn (Proxy)          Governor’s Appointee for Floyd County-          Valla Ann Bolovschak  <b>Non-Voting Members Present:</b> Steve          Knowles – DNR</p>	<p><b>Proxies:</b>          Trish Fraser to Paul Kraft          Scott Wood to Mayor Doug England          Jim Urban to Mayor Tom Galligan          Nancy Kraft to Elmer Hoehn          Letty Walter to Pat Leist-Stumler</p> <p><b>Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</b>          Jeffersonville – Wayne Estopinal</p> <p><b>Non-Voting Members Absent w/o Proxy:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Project Staff:</b>          Shaunna Graf – Project Coordinator          Matt Schuler – USACE</p>	<p><b>Members of the Community:</b>          Charlie Martin          Bill Beam</p>

**Call to Order and Attendance**

Philip Hendershot, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

**Approval of December 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Valla Ann Bolovschak asked for the minutes to reflect that her total contribution for the 2007 5K race was \$1000 worth of gift certificates to the Admiral Bicknell Inn. However, this item was never discussed at the December meeting, therefore, it was decided that it would need to be addressed during commission comments during this meeting. Jane Sarles moved and Anne Banet seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

**Resolutions 08-01 and 08-02**

Philip called everyone’s attention to the resolutions numbered 08-01 and 08-02 recognizing the service of the former mayors of Jeffersonville, Rob Waiz and James Garner, respectively. Trish Fraser moved to approve the resolutions and Valla Ann seconded. The motion passed.

**Event Concepts - Fundraiser**

Bill Beam and Charlie Martin of Event Concepts proposed to hold a fundraiser for the Ohio River Greenway on Derby Eve. The event would be the “Ohio River Greenway Gala”, and would be held within a temporary structure(s) to be located at Spring Street and Riverside Drive in Jeffersonville. There would be an admission charge equivalent to other Derby Galas. The intent would be to have celebrity appearances. Governor Mitch Daniels would be invited to attend. The event could raise at the minimum of \$100,000 for the Ohio River Greenway. Event Concepts is leasing the facilities of The Menu/Jimmy’s on the River for Thunder over Louisville and the weeks up through the Derby. Since the facilities are essentially paid for due to the Thunder over Louisville event, those costs would not be part of a cost for the fundraiser.

Trish Fraser asked how it would be promoted and who will be in charge of it. Event Concepts would orchestrate the event with the help of the Commission. Valla Ann stated that the Greenways Foundation Luncheon in Indianapolis charged \$100 a ticket for a luncheon. This exclusive Derby event would charge a minimum amount on ticket price of \$300.00. Production of it would have estimated costs of \$120,000, to be funded via donors and Event Concepts. The Commission would have no cost. The profits would be split.

Valla Ann has already met with Event Concepts to further the concept. The venue would be on the equivalent to what is at the Ryder Cup and at Churchill Downs during Derby time. This would be an annual event. There is no monetary investment required by the Commission. The Commission needs to provide resources available to sell 1000 tickets.

Jim Urban suggested setting up a committee and bringing more information back to the Commission in February. It was decided that an advisory committee of commission members would be formed. Anne, Jim Urban and Valla Ann volunteered to be on the committee. Event Concepts will draw up an agreement for the Commission to review. Trish Fraser made motion to form a committee exploring the partnering with Event Concepts for a Gala to benefit the Ohio River Greenway on Derby Eve. The Commission would bear no financial responsibility and that need no insurance or permitting other than as stipulated in the signed contract. Jane Sarles seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Shaunna Graf stated the money market account balance as of the 12/31/2007 bank statement is \$112,545.28. The checking account balance is \$30,684.38

<b>Claim</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Payable to</b>
716	\$2333.33	Project Coordinator Services (January 2008)	Shaunna Graf
717	\$75.00	Web Hosting Services (January, February, March)	Shaunna Graf

Claims 716 and 717 were presented to the Commission. Trish Fraser moved to approve the claims. The motion was seconded by Jim Urban. The motion passed.

### **Construction Updates and Project Status**

Matt stated that it is winter time; therefore, there is not much to go over for construction. Matt handed out a sheet listing the areas being considered for design and added cost estimates. It was decided that this sheet would be studied in further detail at the strategic planning session, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Matt stated the \$1.5 million discussed at the special session in January is actually for the Ohio River Flood Protection, which cannot be used for bank stabilization in the Scribner Place section. Scott Wood stated he was still looking into details of whether the \$1.5 million is not able to be utilized for the Scribner Place section. The City of New Albany and Baron Hill's Congressional staff will find out definite answer prior to the Strategic Planning Session.

### **Big 4 Bridge Connection**

Phil stated a meeting with Louisville Waterfront Development Corporation (LWDC), Mayor Galligan, Jim Urban, Phil and Shaunna took place. Jeffersonville is in discussions with the design firm RW Armstrong to have the switch back design be revisited for a wider path. LWDC presented an alternative concept coming over the floodwall to Mulberry and Market Streets. Mayor Galligan is looking at this seriously. Jim Urban stated consideration was due to preliminary engineering regarding the hanging structure of the switch back being too heavy for the existing structure on the bridge. Also with the width at 8 foot, there is no opportunity for emergency vehicles to access the bridge from the Indiana side. The Federal Highways Association (FHWA) requires 17' wide. FHWA likes that the alternative concept would directly link to the "Wheels and Heels Trail" that is planned to begin on Mulberry. Meetings have taken place with community associations in the past, and more public input will be sought on the new alternative. LWDC and Jeffersonville received a verbal notice to proceed with transferring funds from FHWA – downtown bridge to the Big 4 Bridge. The figures were 13 million, 10 million for decking and 3 million for Indiana approach. Jeffersonville met with INDOT to go over the timeline for transfer of money.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Shaunna reported she is awaiting comments from Dave Mosley regarding the need for Commission member insurance. He will be reporting on the caps for liability (legal representation was his main concern) and will be talking to the Indiana Insurance Commissioner's Deputy Chief.

The approved environmental firms visited the site in New Albany proposed for the TPI award. Decisions will be made in February regarding Phase I. The decision to provide funding for a Phase II would be made at a later date.

Attendance requests have been made of INDOT and Commerce/Economic Development. Ray Irvin will attend the Commission meetings starting with the February meeting. The Indiana

Office of Community and Rural Affairs, David Terrell's offices have made no response to repeated requests.

**Public Comments**

Greg Sekula, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, presented the Commission with the idea of using an orphaned historic bridge for the Silver Creek connection or any other section during the planning and design process for the Greenway. His organization is currently trying to relocate a historic bridge for reuse at Charlestown State Park.

Trish Fraser moved to adjourn. Anne Banet seconded.