



Ohio River Greenway Development Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2008

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

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

Call to Order and Attendance

Philip Hendershot, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and proceeded with taking attendance.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Two edits were requested of the minutes. Valla Ann Bolovschak moved to approve the minutes with noted changes. Scott Wood seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Pat Leist-Stumler stated the money market account balance as of the bank statement dated March 31, 2008 is \$113,072.88. The checking account balance March 31, 2008 dated is \$20,969.80. A motion was made by Jim Urban to approve the claims as submitted and seconded by Trish Fraser. The motion passed. A quarterly report of the 2008 Operating Budget was presented.

Claim #	Payable to	Description	Amount
723	Shaunna Graf	Consulting Services - Shaunna Graf	\$2,500.00
724	Shaunna Graf	One Southern IN Luncheon, Inkjet cartridges, note pads, cardstock, pens, Business Cards & Labels, Postage, Table Top Display and Graphics, Non-Profit meets Profit Expo	\$1685.12

Gala Update

Phil Hendershot said there was an impromptu subcommittee meeting to discuss the Gala in Jeffersonville. Phil asked Jim Urban to give a synopsis. Jim stated that Event Concepts is recommending that we postpone the Gala. The ticket sales have not been what they expected it to be. Event Concepts would like to delay it to another time and through the events committee come up with a better way to support the Greenway. Valla Ann said she was not at the meeting because she did not know about the meeting. Event Concepts was due to be at this Commission meeting but were not present. Event Concepts will do a release to the media and alter the website about the postponement. Event Concepts suggested that we regroup within 30 days with the events committee to look at another opportunity. Event Concepts will issue refunds for the checks that have been received.

Project Coordinator Report

Formation of Advisory Committees

Shaunna Graf presented a summary of the Advisory Committees as discussed at the March Commission meeting. The Monuments and Memorial Committee met Monday April 14th the next meeting will be May 19th at 1:30 p.m. at 3rd floor of City County Building in New Albany. Shaunna stated that now the Gala is postponed she will be contacting Commission members about the advisory Committee Meeting times and opportunities to volunteer.

Annual Report to Communities (Invoice)

Shaunna attended Clarksville's Town Council workshop session on April 7th and reviewed the annual report as well as plans for Ohio River Greenway for 2008. The additional \$2,000 contribution from the City for 2008 was reviewed and will be finalized at the next Council meeting. Shaunna will be presenting to the Jeffersonville City Council April 21st at 7:30 p.m. She is waiting to hear back from New Albany regarding an appropriate session for review.

Trails and Parks Initiative – Brownfields Program

Environmental work for the bank stabilization area in New Albany will begin once the contract is signed between Indiana Brownfields offices and the Environmental Engineering firm.

Table Top Display

The table top display has been ordered and will be here for the Earth Day Celebration April 19th at Falls of the Ohio State Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Non-Profit meets Profit Expo

Commission Members are needed to attend the 5 o'clock Networking event from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 20th at Newlin Hall 4H fairgrounds on Green Valley Road in New Albany.

Projected Expenses

A spreadsheet was presented with projected expenses. There was discussion about the expenses. Anne Banet moved to purchase a projector for up to \$750 unless the Clarksville Police department projector is not available and compatible. Jane Sarles seconded the motion and the motion passed. Trish Fraser moved to approve the purchases listed for May expenditures. Jane Sarles seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Commission acknowledged that Pacers and Racers will charge a \$300 fee for the 5K on November 1st. Phil Hendershot noted that the presentation work Shaunna is doing before the council members is extremely important. This is a large part of the job description of the project coordinator for the Greenway and that Shaunna is doing her part by getting in front of the council members with the annual report. Phil expressed thanks and kudos.

USACE Status Report

Matt Schueler was not in attendance therefore Phil stated he would briefly review the engineering status for the Greenway. Phil spoke with Matt's supervisor Linda Murphy regarding the fact that Matt is very busy right now with another project. Phil and Linda discussed the need for the Greenway project to garner the needed attention from the Army Corp. Linda was well aware of the Greenway's time frame for action in New Albany in the bank stabilization area and the contracting efforts. Linda is working with other branches of the area to maintain an active status on the Greenway project. Scott Wood stated that he, Mayor Doug England, Phil Hendershot, Carl Malysz, Shaunna Graf, Matt Schueler and other USACE representatives met to go over the plan for the bank stabilization. The plan is to install a stone base at the tow of the river and then level that off with a concrete blanket. Grass will actually grow in between the masonry units armoring the site against the river going up and down. Another contractor will be selected to do this work. The estimation is that this will cost a total of \$1.5 million of which half would come from city of New Albany and half from congressional funds the USACE houses. The work needs to all be completed including the components on top of this area needing the bank stabilization by Harvest Homecoming. It has been requested that IDEM allow us to go through to Phase II and there is talk that we are going to find nonnative materials. Regarding the construction currently going on in New Albany, 41 of 42 bollards are broken. The City of New Albany is working a plan for dealing with vandalism. A&E contract will hinge on getting numbers for construction costs in Mid May for the bank stabilization.

Public Comments

Jane Conrad who is working with Richard Vonnegut of Rails to Trails asked for a copy of the map circulating the meeting. She is interested in the Greenway project.

Commission Comments

Ray Irvin stated that as of May 3rd he will be retiring from INDOT. INDOT is no longer going to be in the "Greenways business." Everything is going over to DNR. Ray is going to be working as an independent consultant. The goal is to get the Greenway and trails efforts to one agency, DNR which will allow for a better flow of information. Ft. Wayne requested a grant from the Oprah Winfrey's "Big Give." The City of Ft. Wayne had 4 weeks to match \$10,000 put in by Oprah. The city had 4 different events even though the weather was awful, still had over

4,000 people show up. They raised \$1.146 Million. This is an option for our Greenway. Ray stated the Ohio River Greenway would be served well to model the organization of our project after the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. There is a need to put together a package which shows the scope of the Greenway project. As a consultant Ray could look at legislation and how to raise money for the Greenway. Ray will still do contract work for the State as well as work hand in hand with DNR. Ray will come to Southern Indiana on an as needed basis. Phil extended the thanks for his insight and role within government. Ray sees opportunities here in Southern Indiana preserving the resources that are along the Greenway to get the processes completed.

Steve Knowles stated that Earth Day at the Falls of the Ohio State Park is Saturday, April 19th. A sponsor is paying for everyone to have free admission. The event is on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Greenway booth will be manned by Shaunna and Jane.

Jim Urban stated he would like for the Commission to meet with the Humana Free Wheeling program. This is a kiosk with bicycles that exists and/or is in development for use on corporate campuses or universities. Jim would like for the creators to make a presentation to the Commission. Shaunna will pursue this.

Jim Urban also stated that there is a program for free bicycle helmet give away. This would be an event for the events committee to consider.

Pat Leist-Stumler asked for a progress report on the Big 4 Bridge. Jim Urban stated that he was writing up a scope of work for the design plans. Jim stated that Jeffersonville has to remain one step ahead of the bridges project. The bridges consultant has to show that the Jeffersonville Big 4 is an okay mitigation for the bridges then they can take it off of the Federal Highways Administration then a memorandum of agreement on how money would be spent. The federal allocation may need to be increased so that the Big 4 Bridge can be built within three years, by 2011. Jeffersonville is partnering with Louisville Waterfront Development Corporation.

The meeting was adjourned.