

Greenway Master Plan Committee
Meeting Summary
August 16, 2018

The Greenway Master Plan Committee met on August 16, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Athletics and Activity Center located at 708 South Grove Street. Present committee members included: Hunter Marks, Philip Ellis, Chris Burns, Renee Kumor, Scott Rhodes, Mike Egan, Milton Butterworth, Suzanne Hale, and Joe Sanders. Linda Giltz, Rebekah Robinson, and Ken Shelton called into the meeting remotely. Graham Fields, Tricia King, and Jennifer Hensley were absent.

County staff included Carleen Dixon, Parks and Recreation Director, Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director, Janna Peterson, Planner III, and John Mitchell, Business and Community Director. Matt Champion from the City of Hendersonville, Pat Christie from the Village of Flat Rock, and Nicole Sweat from the Town of Mills River were also in attendance.

Chair Chris Burns called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The minutes from the July 26, 2018 committee meeting were unavailable, so it was decided to vote on approval of the minutes at the next meeting.

Committee members received the revised Table of Contents, maps, and the new section “Destinations and Connections.” Suzanne Hale wanted to make sure that the reasons for the priority trails would be clear in the plan since there is no longer a prioritization section. Minor edits were noted for the revised maps including, adding Rhododendron Park and Mills River Park and renaming the Hwy 280 trail to the official name. There was some confusion in regard to the inset map of the Oklawaha Greenway and it was decided that the addition of an inset of the Fletcher greenway would make the insets’ purpose clearer. Committee members discussed different “marketing” techniques for the plan, so that a greater number of people will “buy” into it.

Philip Ellis suggested reformatting the Edneyville Community Plan recommendations, so that readers would not confuse them with this master plan’s recommendations. Committee members were asked to brainstorm recommendations and action steps for the plan. Joe Sanders and Renee Kumor suggested: TAC consider more bike/ped. projects for prioritization. Suzanne Hale suggested the action item: prioritize easements and phase construction. Members also suggested a policy recommendation: include greenway easements when acquiring utility easements. Other discussion included creating greenways to build a sense of community, creating an interactive map for the greenway plan website, and wordsmithing the recommendations section.

The next committee meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Committee Chair - Chris Burns