

Greenway Master Plan Committee Meeting Summary September 13, 2018

The Greenway Master Plan Committee met on September 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Athletics and Activity Center located at 708 South Grove Street. Present committee members included: Hunter Marks, Chris Burns, Renee Kumor, Mike Egan, Milton Butterworth, Suzanne Hale, Joe Sanders, Rebekah Robinson, Ken Shelton, Graham Fields, Sharon Carlyle and Tricia King. Scott Rhodes, Linda Giltz, Philip Ellis, 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. Nick Kroncke from the FBRMPO, Matt Champion from the City of Hendersonville, Hunter Jones from the Town of Fletcher, 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.

Chris Burns introduced the newest member of the committee, Mrs. Sharon Carlyle, who is a board member of the Tourism Development Authority (TDA).

The minutes from the July 26, 2018 and August 16, 2018 committee meetings were both approved.

Nick Kroncke gave a presentation on the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization's (FBRMPO) Regional Trail, the Hellbender and the various ways that greenways can be funded through state and federal money.

Overall thoughts and concerns were discussed regarding the Master Plan as a whole. Graham Fields and Milton Butterworth recommended adding the County's Community Health Assessment in the section that discusses previously adopted plans that relate to greenways. The committee all agreed to remove the "call-out" of the Oklawaha Greenway that is frequently flooded. Other grammatical and spelling errors were noted.

Committee members reviewed the "Recommendations and Implementation" chapter as a group. A few clarifications were made to the section as well as omission of the recommendation that stated that, the existing County-maintained section of the Oklawaha Greenway needed to be addressed before new greenways would be built. Wording was changed to avoid negative connotations; the term 'acquisition' was replaced with 'procurement' and members suggested replacing 'donations' with 'contributions'. Other rewording included changing 'health care system' to the actual name, 'Partnership for Health'. The order of the recommendations in the policy section were recommended to reflect the importance of the recommendation. A rewrite was suggested for the Ecusta Trail recommendation in the "Complete Priority Greenway Segments" action step. Hunter Marks offered to email a revised version. A sentence was added to clarify that the 'action steps' are not in a particular order. The "Identify Funding" action step was renamed to "Identify Funding and Community Partnerships" to better encompass its recommendations. The items in that section were also rearranged to emphasize the most important recommendations. In the "Funding Considerations" portion of the chapter, it was recommended to add a paragraph about the Partnership for Health and its complementary goals. It was decided to nix the Town of Woodfin example and instead include a paragraph on the County's TDA. Lastly, Rebekah Robinson offered her professional expertise in writing the "Methods of Procurement" section.

Autumn Radcliff reviewed the time schedule for upcoming meetings and deadlines. Committee members decided that it is important to get the Master Plan's public input accomplished first and to get the plan adopted

before the Oklawaha Feasibility study holds a public input meeting. The Greenway Master Plan will be presented for public input sometime in late October.

The next committee meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM to review the Appendix and any lingering comments or concerns regarding the final draft.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Committee Chair - Chris Burns