

**Henderson County**  
**RAIL-TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

The RTAC held a regularly scheduled meeting on August 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the King Street Meeting Room.

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not in Attendance</b>
Chuck McGrady, Chair	√	
Chris Burns, Vice Chair	√	
Douglas Moon, at-large	√	
Selena Einwechter, at-large	√	
David Adams, at-large	√	
Dr. Ken Shelton, at-large	√	
Brent Detwiler, City of Hendersonville	√	
Nancy McKinley, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Mike Egan, Conserving Carolina	√	

Also present: Chris Todd, Business & Community Development Director; Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director; Marcus Jones, County Engineer; and Vaughn and Melton Consultants.

**Call to Order**

Chair Chuck McGrady called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of July Meeting Summary**

The committee approved the July meeting summary.

**Updates**

**Conserving Carolina**

Rebekah Robinson reported that WATCO's contractor officially finished removing track materials from the trail. Ms. Robinson will follow up with WATCO concerning the track material that is left east of Kanuga Road, but she does not think they will remove the material. Additionally, Conserving Carolina is patiently awaiting notification if the City of Brevard will be awarded RAISE funds for their section of the trail.

**Friends of Ecusta Trail (FOET)**

Mark Tooley reported that the Board held a retreat last month. FOET is still fundraising and is refocusing efforts based on new cost estimates. City of Brevard held a drop-in meeting for adjacent landowners, which he attended. He reported that many landowners were concerned about access and the ability to install fencing or other buffering. He encouraged Henderson County to hold a similar meeting to dispel any misinformation.

**HC Staff**

Staff stated that most comments from the public have been positive, and the others have been related to questions. The County Engineer will continue to work with individual property owners throughout this process. Chris Todd stated that the FOET held another clean up day and these have been very successful in trash removal. Behind the scenes, staff is continuing to work with Vaughn & Melton on beginning Phase 2 of the design.

## **Discussion**

### **Ecusta 30% Design**

Vaughn and Melton presented the 30% design of the first six miles of the trail, which includes Phases A-C. They also specifically presented some of the safety design at key roadway intersections. The plans are posted online along with a recording of the presentation. A cost estimate for the design is expected to be presented at the next RTAC meeting.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.