

Henderson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2020, East Flat Rock Park Shelter

In Attendance: Jeff Donaldson, Hunter Marks, Terry Maybin, Milton Butterworth, Ralph King, Katie Breckheimer, Corum Smith, Phillip Ellis, Tricia King, Robert Smith, Stephanie Cantwell

Staff in Attendance: Carleen Dixon, Jason Kilgore, John Mitchell, Autumn Radcliff, Janna Peterson

Speakers in Attendance: AECOM Consultants

A. CALL TO ORDER – 12:10 PM

B. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve September 2020 minutes made by Terry Maybin, second made by Katie Breckheimer, unanimously approved

C. Consent Agenda: N/A

D. Public Input: None

E. New Business:

1. AECOM GREENWAY STUDY PRESENTATION

Janna Peterson introduced the two consultants Mary and Jason and briefly introduced the Mud Creek Study that they would be reviewing.

Mary with AECOM noted that the project began in April 2020. They were asked to look for route opportunities for a potential greenway along Mud Creek. She shared a handout with everyone and reviewed the findings that were in the handout. She noted that they hosted a property owners' workshop about two weeks ago to discuss options with them.

Jason with AECOM then reviewed the cross sections of the layout on the maps in the handout.

Tricia commented that the White intersection was very busy and that the Erkwood Drive floods a lot. She noted her concern about not elevating this section due to the flooding.

Katie noted that she likes the idea of getting across White St because it could potentially connect to the future Ecusta Trail.

It was noted that this was a "destination trail" in the Greenway Master Plan.

Katie also noted that she does not want another flooded section of greenway because of all the challenges with the Oklawaha section that floods.

Milton asked about maintenance costs on install a boardwalk.

Phillip asked what the difference in costs long term would be between a boardwalk vs staff maintaining a flooding section of trail.

Jason with AECOM then talked about building sections of trail that would shed better after rain events unlike the section of the Oklawaha.

John Mitchell noted the history of our current greenway, the challenges and the current budget impacts from COVID. And he strongly noted that we are ONLY looking at potential properties where we have willing owners.

Phillip commented that he loves the idea of having a boardwalk that is done in a sustainable way and can we show how this can be done well and long-term?

Tricia sited an example in Burlington Vermont where a boardwalk has been done well.

Katie noted that it needed to be connected to the future Ecusta Trail.

Janna noted in the discussion about the future connection to Ecusta and Mud Creek that the city is aware and working to keep the options in the NCDOT plans.

Katie said she appreciates Planning Department connection with the Advisory Board and for keeping them informed.

Stephanie noted that safety and security needed to be included in planning.

2. Memorial policy review for adoption

Carleen reviewed the policy. Robert made a motion to adopt. Terry seconded. Unanimously approved.

3. Memorial proposal for AAC

Carleen reviewed the proposal for a memorial tree to be placed at AAC in memory of Deputy Ryan Hendrix. Terry made a motion to approve. Stephanie seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Budget requests for next fiscal year

Carleen discussed the upcoming preparation cycle for the Fiscal Year 22 budget and noted that if any of the Board members had items, they would like included for consideration to please get the information to Carleen.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Update on Edneyville Stream Restoration

Carleen noted that one grant had been awarded for \$150k or half of what is needed, and we are waiting to hear back on other grants for the remainder.

Jason and Carleen provided brief updates on Parks and Recreation operations.

3. Member Comments:

Tricia King – noted a concern about maintaining a Greenway section that could possibly be flooded regularly in the future because we already have segments existing in Jackson Park that we have to repair/cleanup every time it floods. I think we had asked if the consultant had figured costs of cleaning up the Greenway per flood or event in comparison to building an elevated boardwalk (Short term cleanup versus long-term cost). I had mentioned that the Greenway should be higher adjacent to Erkwood Road and not lower in that section if possible or if one side could be elevated like the sections near Publix.

But after the latest flood where the entire area (Erkwood at Kanuga) was a series of rapids with higher velocity water running through that area, I think there's a greater need to address flooding on a larger scale in a preventative and wholistic manner that would benefit business and home owners and greenways. Obviously there are many factors that go into this proposed greenway section and would involve more study and discussion but wanted to bring up the recent flooding.

Motions:

1. A motion to approve September 2020 minutes made by Terry Maybin, second made by Katie Breckheimer, unanimously approved
2. Memorial policy review for adoption. Robert Smith made a motion to adopt. Terry Maybin seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. Proposal for a memorial tree to be placed at AAC in memory of Deputy Ryan Hendrix. Terry Maybin made a motion to approve. Stephanie Cantrell seconded. Unanimously approved.

G. Adjourned at 1:23pm.