

Minutes
Brevard City Council Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee
June 12, 2015

The City Council Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee met on Friday, June 12th, 2015 at 8:35 AM in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall.

Members Present: Wes Dickson, Committee Chair, Council Member
Ann Hollingsworth, Council Member
Ben Hardy
Jimmy Perkins, Planning Board Member

Members Absent: Dr. Marty Ingram
Colin Izzard, Carmichael Training Systems

Staff Present: Jim Fatland, Interim City Manager
Josh Freeman, Planning Director
Daniel Cobb, Asst. Planning Director
Aaron Bland, Planner & Asst. Zoning Administrator
Alex Marquez, Parks & Property Management
Lynn Goldsmith, Parks & Property Management
Director
Kerry Lindsay, Planning Intern, Secretary

Others: Michael Goforth, Consultant Engineer, High County
Engineering
Derek McKissock, Transylvania Times

I. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Chair, W. Dickson, called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM, all present introduced themselves.

II. Minutes

J. Fatland stated that the committee cannot officially vote until the resolution is formally adopted by City Council, with the citizens appointed and the previous pedestrian plan committee officially dissolved.

III. Old Business

Probart St. Preliminary Report

M. Goforth presented his preliminary proposal for Probart St. He said he would proceed by drawing up 5-6 rough outlines of Probart St. possibilities. After that the committee would need to pick 3 which he would do a detailed report on including budgeting. He stated that he would have aerial photos showing where crosswalks and sidewalks would be located with approximate sizing of any retaining walls. Potential problem areas for storm water and power poles would also be included. He would include contract cost estimates, as well as, options with and without city forces. M. Goforth said he would present these detailed options to the committee, as well as, City Council if necessary.

J. Fatland mentioned the possibility of making a one way street from Rosenwald to W. Main Street. M. Goforth said he would look into that as an option, but he recommended a Traffic Impact Analysis if it became a serious option. A. Hollingsworth expressed a disinterest in this option. J. Fatland suggested communications with homeowners. M. Goforth said that this would provide the most room for the Greenway, but would require many neighborhood meetings. J. Freeman asked if M. Goforth could provide information about the benefits of this possibility.

A. Hollingsworth inquired about the longevity of differing sidewalk materials. Goldsmith said that asphalt would be ideal. M. Goforth reminded the committee that City Forces can't lay down asphalt and J. Freeman said that it is hard to lay down asphalt at a less than 10 ft width. M. Goforth stated that the cost would be higher for asphalt as a result. He also said that David Lutz could easily lay down concrete in the initial sections of the project, but that further along the project would require drawings due to slope and tighter housing. He said he would like to incorporate traffic islands as well.

It was determined that M. Goforth would conduct right of way research with NCDOT and that the committee would proceed utilizing the allotted budget and bring the options to Council later.

M. Goforth mentioned that his proposal would be less detailed in the area extending up Music Camp Rd as it is an NCDOT road. B. Hardy suggested pedestrians would be unlikely to walk up that hill. M. Goforth said he would show it, but due to cost, it would be unlikely to be approved.

B. Hardy ascertained the importance of the sidewalk being on one side of the road, or at least that any crosswalks be limited and highly visible.

M. Goforth stated that he will bring the options in 1 month (July 12th).

IV. New Business

Rebranding the Multi Use Path

J. Freeman requested opinions of the committee regarding a rebranding of the Multi Use Path. W. Dickson emphasized the importance of branding the path with a name specific to Brevard. He also suggested emphasizing the path as a system under one name, similar to the DuPont Trail System. L. Goldsmith and B. Hardy suggested that the path be referenced as a trail or urban trail system. J. Fatland liked the idea of a path with the word 'connector' in it. J. Freeman suggested 'Connect Brevard'. D. Cobb liked 'Greenway' as a name for the overall path. The committee agreed to return with more ideas.

W. Dickson suggested a system showing trail difficulties ahead. He said local bikers were getting lost and ending up on trails of inappropriate difficulty levels. A. Hollingsworth mentioned that the Bracken maps are hard to read and suggested reworking. J. Freeman said he could talk to a graphic designer. W. Dickson discussed the possibility of a two sided map with the overall system on one side and Bracken on the back with an enlarged view of the trail intersections on top of Bracken. J. Freeman said he would come to the next meeting with options.

Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan

J. Freeman provided a brief history of the 2006 Pedestrian Plan with regards to its focus on pedestrian infrastructure. He then suggested that the committee identify long versus short term goals and particularly focus on attaining some short term, easy completion goals.

B. Hardy mentioned that the previous plan had included a goal of outreach to the medical community. He suggested reattempting that contact. J. Freeman said he wants to finish public input and begin formulating plans by the end of summer. D. Cobb mentioned the Planning Department's previous list of contact groups. B. Hardy offered to hold another input session via the Cycling Club. D. Cobb emphasized the importance of targeting those opposed to the bike path as much as those for the bike path. A. Hollingsworth suggested a 4th of July public input booth and J. Freeman agreed. W. Dickson expressed an interest in whether the Transylvania Regional Hospital personnel are utilizing the bike path. It was agreed that public input sessions need a City Staff member present. A. Hollingsworth stressed the importance of streamlining the surveys and targeting public input within 1-2 more sessions. W. Dickson suggested having the

interested parties come to the city rather than vice versa. He stated the importance of finding those people the bike path directly impacts and getting their opinions as well. A. Hollingsworth also wanted information from the elderly and non-bicyclists in the community.

A. Hollingsworth said that the owner of Ingles might be willing to help create a connector between the college and Ingles. L. Goldsmith suggested attempting to gather corporate sponsors for small connectors to the path.

V. Meeting Schedule

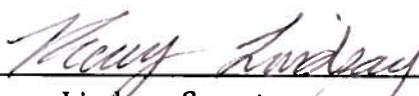
It was determined that the subcommittee would discuss trail names and the Probart St. options at the next meeting when M. Goforth brings his proposal (approximately July 12th, 2015) and that the next meeting time would be discussed at a later date.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM on Friday, June 12th, 2015.



Wes Dickson, Chairman



Kerry Lindsay, Secretary