

Minutes

Brevard City Council Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee Thursday, September 17, 2015

The City Council Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee met on Thursday, September 17th, 2015 at 8:00 AM in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall.

Members Present: Wes Dickson, Committee Chair, Council Member
Ann Hollingsworth, Council Member
Jimmy Perkins, Planning Board Member
Dr. Marty Ingram
Ben Hardy
Colin Izzard, Carmichael Training Systems

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Joshua Freeman
Lynn Goldsmith, Parks & Property Management Director
Alex Marquez, Parks & Property Management
Kerry Lindsay, Planning Intern, Secretary

Others: Kevin Fuller, Transylvania Times
Jacob Dinkins

Note: The Committee Travelled Via Van to Tour Proposed Project Sites

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair, W. Dickson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM at the lot behind Hog Wild Restaurant.

2. Introductions

All present introduced themselves.

3. Minutes- None

4. Old Business

a. Pedestrian Plan Project Recommendations: The Committee will take a mobile tour of draft 01 Pedestrian Plan project recommendations

i. Pinchot Trail

J. Freeman introduced the tour at this location. He provided a brief description of the project, rough cost estimates for the bridge over the Davidson River, and a discussion about right-of-ways. A. Hollingsworth

suggested speaking with the Forest Service about right-of-ways rather than the private land owners for ease of acquisition.

ii. Intersection @ Hwy 280 & Hwy 64/276

J. Freeman discusses benefits of installing crosswalks, push buttons and sidewalks for the intersection from an economic standpoint. He provides a rough figure of a ½ million for the project and states he is working towards an NCDOT grant. He suggests a roundabout. L. Goldsmith suggests a tunnel underneath. A. Marquez brings up the high speeds on this intersection. W. Dickson suggests a removal of the slip lanes along the intersection in order to slow down traffic and allow pedestrians an opportunity to cross.

iii. Driving

A. Hollingsworth requests a repaint of the “Waffle House Intersection”. J. Freeman says he will request this via NCDOT. He will also look into a pedestrian activated crosswalk at the ball fields.

iv. Ecusta Road Storage Rental Facility Lot

J. Freeman discusses future 4 lane highway with bike lanes.

v. Recreation Center – Hike/Bike path

J. Freeman discusses the benefit of 3 simple connectors to the Recreation Center. M. Ingram suggests consolidating to 2 connectors. J. Freeman mentions the benefit of having these paved, established connectors in ADA compliance. W. Dickson mentions the common route of students through the ball fields. M. Ingram suggests a bike rack at the Recreation Center as well as benches.

J. Freeman discusses the connector into the Pisgah Forest Neighborhood. He mentions the population concentration there and the benefits of a formalized path. He offers the option of going through directly to the neighborhood or through hospital property. The committee is favorable to approaching through hospital property.

L. Goldsmith mentions the tendency of parents to sit along this section of the path during football practice. She mentions that the sign posted is not having any effect. A. Hollingsworth suggests implementing bleachers. Some concern is expressed as to whether those would also be ignored. J. Freeman suggests a small path extension to encourage a new place to sit. The committee is favorable to this suggestion and J. Freeman states he will talk to Carleen Dickson about it.

vi. Hospital Connector Trail

J. Freeman introduces the Hospital Connector Trail. M. Ingram mentions that there is already an established foot trail connecting the Hospital to the Recreation Center. The Committee decides to walk this trail. W. Dickson suggests that they use the established trail, leave it as a dirt trail and make basic improvements such as widening and signage. J. Freeman states that he will remap the Hospital Connector Trail to match the established foot trail.

vii. Allison Connector

J. Freeman discusses this section. He shows that it is underway, but will be discussed in Council due to previous restrictions on the site.

viii. Hospital Bridge

M. Ingram suggests that this site be added to the list for a trash can. J. and suggests it needs “underbrushing” to improve visibility and allow those in the adjacent lot a better path of access to the hospital.

ix. West Loop between Market St. & Catholic Church

J. Freeman provides West Loop project summary. Suggested intersection be created between the two locations so that the Catholic Church and Market Street plaza open onto a new street and that this

street have a marked intersection onto the highway. This would then reroute the intersection, a path would be added here and it would reroute the path away from the boardwalk behind McDonalds. L. Goldsmith appreciates the reroute and expresses concern about the boardwalk upkeep and rot.

x. Drive through M. Ingram's North/South walk route

M. Ingram shows her path to the bike path in a N/S connection.

xi. College Walk Connectors

J. Freeman shows connections between College Walk and Kmart and College Walk and Brevard College. He suggests combining this with a stream restoration project along the creek. J. Freeman suggests a sidewalk from Broad River Terrace to Ingles.

xii. Brevard College

J. Freeman introduces the conversion of the a Brevard College road into bike path through campus. He states that the path would be City property. L. Goldsmith suggests that Brevard College be responsible for landscaping upkeep in the contract. L. Goldsmith also reminds the Committee that any new connectors will require additional maintenance and resources as well. A. Hollingsworth requests a maintenance/mile number from L. Goldsmith.

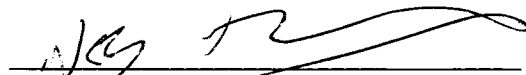
xiii. Railroad Ave (driving)

J. Freeman shows the Railroad Ave portion of the path to be built. He discusses the realignment of the streets here, the replacement of the bridge, and the path vs bike lanes options. He mentions improvements at Railroad and Whitmire intersection as well as improvements at Galloway. He describes a connector going through the tannery property to English Hills with a connection to the historical Bailey's Cemetery & the Music Center.

The Committee requests a constructability vs affordability analysis from J. Freeman for the next meeting.

5. Adjourn

Due to time constraints, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM on Thursday, September 17, 2015.



Wes Dickson, Committee Chair

Kerry Lindsay, Secretary

These minutes were approved but never printed for signature. Since Mr. Dickson is no longer on the Committee, Mr. Daniel will sign as Chair.

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Gary Daniel
Council Member, Chair