

MINUTES
City Council Parks, Trails, & Recreation Committee
Special Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 3:30 PM
Administrative Conference Room at City Hall

Members Present: Gary Daniel, Chair, Council Member
Maureen Copelof, Vice-Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Keenan Smith, Citizen Member
Colin Izzard, Citizen Member
Cody Owen, Citizen Member
Gregory Copeland, At-Large Member
Jimmy Harris, Mayor, Ex Officio

Absent: Daniel Cobb, Planning Director
David Lutz, Public Works Director
Jared Mull, County Representative, Ex Officio

Staff Present: Aaron Bland, Planning Department
Tom Whitlock, Deputy Finance Director
Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: None

Media: Matt McGregor, Transylvania Times

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chairman Gary Daniel welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by Executive Assistant Denise Hodsdon.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Daniel noted that Nicola Karesh was unable to attend the meeting so the item she was going to present regarding the Proposed Historic/Art Mural Project has been

removed from the agenda. Motion by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. Copelof to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2018 Special Meeting

Mr. Fatland said Public Works Director David Lutz requested clarification from the Committee as to what responsibilities the Public Works Department would have regarding maintenance of the trail system now that the Friends of Brevard Area Trail System has been established. The Committee agreed that it was the intent for the work of the Friends group to be supplemental to Public Works' maintaining the trail system. Mr. Fatland asked to amend the minutes to add that clarification. Motion by Ms. Copelof, seconded by Mr. Copeland to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 special meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Proposed Historic/Art Mural Project

This item was removed from the agenda.

F. Update re Bike Path Safety along Route 280

Because Leah Webb who had brought this issue to the Committee's attention at the last meeting was not in attendance, this item was continued until the next meeting. Mr. Smith will contact Ms. Webb to confirm that she will be able to attend the next meeting. Mr. Daniel requested that both Chief Harris and Public Works Director David Lutz be present for this discussion as well.

Mr. Fatland did update the Committee on actions taken by Public Works Director David Lutz since the last meeting, which includes repainting the crosswalks and installation of signs urging pedestrians to yield to traffic.

Mr. Daniel said people need to feel safe on our bike/hike trails and that is a problematic area. He has talked with Chief Harris and he indicated that the Police Department will be more observant regarding enforcement of crosswalk violations. Mr. Daniel thinks it may require some sort of educational campaign in addition to increased enforcement.

G. Horse Cove Road Connector - Bracken Mountain

Mr. Fatland reminded everyone that at the last meeting, we wanted to get an update on the budget for this project. The estimated total cost is \$38,000 and the Tourism Development Authority will fund \$25,000. Mr. Fatland and Mayor Harris met with County Commissioners Larry Chapman and Mike Hawkins to request that the County and City equally split the remaining \$13,000. The County Parks & Recreation Board is meeting next week to discuss and it will then be forwarded to County Commissioners for approval.

Motion by Mr. Fatland, seconded by Mr. Izzard to approve and send to City Council.
Motion carried unanimously.

H. Complete Streets Policy

This item was continued to the next meeting.

Committee Member Remarks

Mr. Fatland thanked the Planning Staff for putting together the Public Input session on all of the projects. He also thanked the Mayor and all Council Members for attending. He said the session was well attended and the Planning Staff will post all comments on the City's website. Ms. Copelof added that she has received feedback from people as to the quality and detail of information provided on all of the projects. She commended Staff for a job well done.

Mr. Copeland asked for clarification regarding the Committee's vote to send the Depot project to City Council. He thought as a Committee, that what we were doing was recommending that it go to Council to determine whether it should be put on the list of projects. Mr. Daniel added that the project was not the same project we were originally tasked to address and that in making the motion to send it to Council, it was not his intent that it go to Council to be passed. He was expecting it to come back to the Committee with instructions to consider the project as presented.

Ms. Copelof said she did not understand it that way at all. It was her understanding that the Committee voted to move it on to Council for a go or no go decision to fund the project. She added that obviously there was not a common understanding of the motion but it is a moot point because it went to Council and Council understood that it was coming up for a vote for approval. Council approved it and at this point we are at a different place.

Mr. Copeland shared that he attended a Parks & Rec Association meeting a few weeks ago and saw a vendor who has a pre-engineered concrete decking system that is being used on trails. Committee members thought that this would answer the struggle of wet rotten decks as it would last forever and would eliminate all of the slip issues. Mr. Copeland will try to get samples of the materials to share at he next meeting.

Mr. Daniel mentioned that the ramps and boardwalks behind McDonald's are rotting out pretty bad.

Mr. Izzard inquired whether the trail extension from McLean Street and Kings Creek bridge were considered a part of the Depot project. Mr. Fatland explained that the project to do the pathway and bridge will be separate from the Depot and they will be done first. He added that we promised the citizens in the King Street area that we would have the pathway built before we tear down the vehicle bridge.

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Copeland moved, and Mr. Izzard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

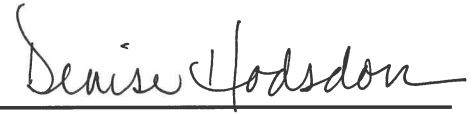
Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled City Council Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 3:30 PM.

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Gary Daniel,
Chair, Council Member

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Denise Hodsdon
Executive Assistant