

# WAKE FOREST GREENWAY ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

January 13, 2009

**Members Present:** Joe Seigler (Chairman), Jeff Poupart, Jan Ammons, Timothy Nau, Lauri Arntsen, Greg Hoit, Emalie Levine and Pete Thibodeau (ex-officio)

**Members Absent:** Bob Johnson and Jeremy Wrenn

**Staff Present:** Candace Davis, Ann Ayers, and Holly Spring

**Visitors:** none

### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Seigler called the regular meeting of the Wake Forest Greenways Advisory Board (GAB) to order at 7:36 a.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**ACTION:** Joe Seigler made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Special Meeting, December 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Regular Business Meeting, and the December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Poupart and carried unanimously.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A story and pictures about the Wake Forest Stream Restoration Walk was featured in the Wake Weekly. See Holly Spring for additional details about this program.

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Goals for 2009  
This item will be the main focus of the February 10<sup>th</sup> GAB meeting. Joe asked the GAB members to review the “Wake Forest Greenways Board ~ Running Wish List” dated October 10, 2008. Members should email their top 5 priorities to Joe prior to the Feb. mtg.
- b. Dunn Creek Greenway Project Update  
The original greenway alignment has been modified to include a connection near Heritage Green which would benefit approximately 200 homes. The add alternate will be included on the revised plans and will be constructed if funds are available and approved by the Board of Commissioners. Staff informed the GAB that the sale of

the bonds for the construction of the Dunn Creek Greenway could be delayed due to current economic conditions. The KCI design plans are 95% complete.

- d. Open Space & Greenway Plan Update  
GAB and staff comments have been forwarded to Greenways, Inc. staff to include in the document revision. The GAB would like to see the revised plan prior to Board review in March.
- e. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)  
The CIP for 2009-2014 (*see attached*) was distributed for GAB review. Ann explained the Neuse River Greenway project and funding implications to the new GAB members. The inter-local agreement with the City of Raleigh is still being negotiated.

**Action:** GAB members asked if the Dunn Creek Greenway project was included in the 2009-2014 CIP. Staff was asked to confirm with Susan Simpson. Greg Hoit made a motion to include the Dunn Creek Greenway project in the CIP 2009-2014. The motion was seconded by Jan Ammons and carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Nominating Committee  
Each year a nominating committee is formed to nominate a Greenway Advisory Board Chair and a Co-Chair. Jan Ammons, Emalie Levine, and Jeremy Wrenn were selected to serve on this committee.  
  
**Action:** Greg Hoit made a motion to approve the Nominating Committee members. The motion was seconded by Jeff Poupart and carried unanimously. The committee will meet in order to recommend potential candidates and contact the nominees to see if they accept the nomination.
- b. Proposed Sanford Creek Greenway Connection  
Harry Mitchell with Bass, Nixon, & Kennedy, Inc. (BNK) will attend the Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide information about this item.
- c. Suggestions for future Take-A-Hike outings
  - Have one hike per quarter and advertise the event on the Wake Forest Community Calendar and Our Town Newsletter. Also submit a Press Release to Wake Weekly and The Wake Forest Gazette.
  - Future hike locations include: bridge at Burlington Mills Rd., bridge at Stadium Drive/Richland Creek, and Joyner Park (February-just GAB, March-Board only).
  - Email suggestions to GAB group and a schedule will be developed at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Change start time to 3:30pm

d. Wake Forest Pedestrian Plan

The Wake Forest Board of Commissioners tasked the GAB with developing the top five priorities for sidewalks in town. Commissioner Thibodeau asked the GAB to consider all areas needing sidewalks, regardless of greenway connectivity. A link to access the Plans below was requested.

- Bicycle Plan;
- Pedestrian Plan;
- Renaissance Plan;
- NE Neighborhood Plan;
- WF DRC sidewalk improvement inventory of downtown Wake Forest; and
- WF Public Works Dept. New Sidewalk Construction Program 2008

Candace will email the web links to the GAB members.

**Miscellaneous**

Greg Hoit asked staff about the United Methodist Church site plan and the greenway connection to the 98 Bypass.

**Action:** Greg Hoit made a motion to ask staff to send the United Methodist Church site plan to the GAB for review. The motion was seconded by Jeff Poupart and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

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Joe Seigler, Chairman

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Candace R. Davis, Secretary