

# WAKE FOREST GREENWAY ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

July 14, 2009

**Members Present:** Joe Seigler (Chairman), Greg Hoit (Vice Chairman), Timothy Nau, Bob Johnson, Jeff Poupart, and Jeremy Wrenn

**Members Absent:** Emalie Levine, Lauri Arntsen, Jan Ammons and Pete Thibodeau (ex-officio)

**Staff Present:** Candace Davis and Ann Ayers

**Visitors:** Jason Pace – Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Seigler called the regular meeting of the Wake Forest Greenways Advisory Board (GAB) to order at 7:34 a.m. – The Forks Cafeteria 339 S. Brooks Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** Greg Hoit made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Johnson and carried unanimously.

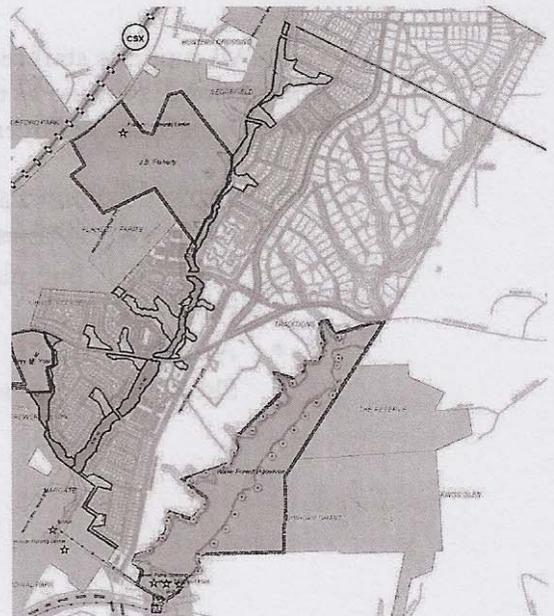
### OLD BUSINESS

a. Traditions Subdivision

Staff has commented on the trails requesting that they be identified as “public” greenways on the Smith Creek Greenway Corridor and the addition of Greenway Easements on the trail and the area connecting the trail to the street through the development to provide access to the greenway. The Planning Director has also requested a narrative from the developer on their plans for the Walking Trails.

The GAB has articulated several positions regarding the Smith Creek Corridor (which is proposed to be the Southeast High Speed Rail Trail through Wake Forest) as follows:

1. It is necessary and appropriate to accept public greenway easements on private land or fee simple dedications on the corridor to accomplish trail construction on the Smith Creek Greenway Corridor (including Smith and Dunn Creek),



2. Public access to the greenway is desired prior to installation of paved trails (on soft trails),
3. The Smith Creek Corridor is the highest priority for the construction of 10' wide paved trails,
4. Staff should negotiate for greenway easements during the review of site plans to connect neighborhoods to trails.

**Motion:** Jeremy Wrenn made a motion to include the following general recommendations for future trail development projects:

1. Do not allow privatization of main corridors no matter who builds the trails.
2. The town needs to acquire public easements all the way up to Franklin County.
3. All greenway construction should be to 10' wide paved trail standards that have been established on the Smith Creek corridor.

The motion was seconded by Tim Nau and carried unanimously.

**Action:** GAB members would like staff to set up a meeting with Ammons Development Group and the Board to continue discussions on the Traditions Subdivision site plan comments.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Triangle Greenways Council Presentation – Bill Flourney, President

*This item was continued.*

**Motion:** none

**Action:** none

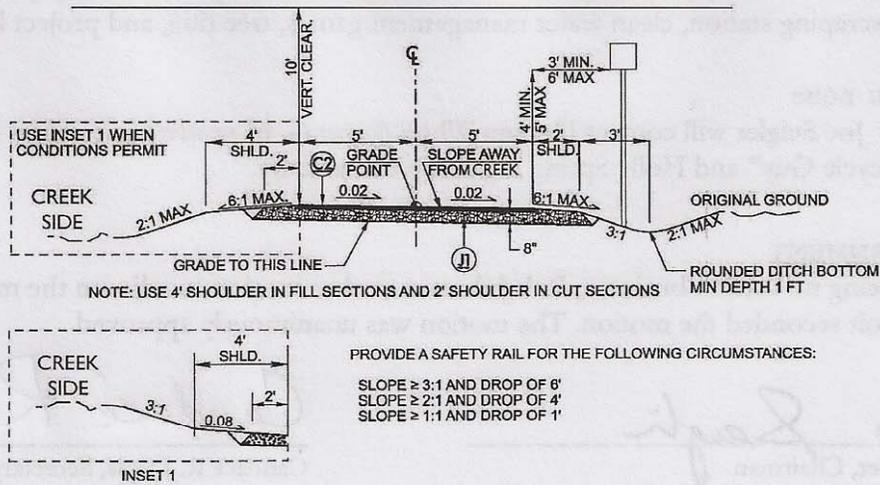
- b. TRC – Site Plan Review - North Loop Extension

The GAB supports staff recommendations (*see below*) for the proposed site plan for the North Loop Extension as they address the pedestrian/bicyclist accessibility criteria outlined in the Open Space & Greenway, Bicycle and the Pedestrian Plans.

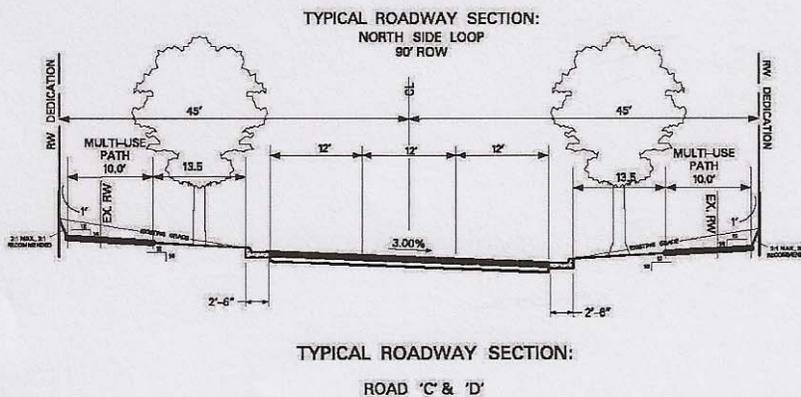
#### Staff Greenway Comments

- Add a vertical cross section.
- 8' specified, but minimum of 6.5' between curb & sidewalk allows for street tree planting.
- Add trail detail.
- Sheet C-5, tie proposed trail into... not tie sidewalk into... (see note near #22).

Trail Detail follows:



Cross Section from Traditions.



Discussions for this project sparked additional conversations about greenway facility safety and security. Jeff Poupart expressed concern about addressing this issue in some manner prior to a greenway incident occurring. A suggestion was made to possibly have random patrols on greenways to show a police presence, such as K-9s, bicycle patrol, and horse mounted patrols. Staff reminded the GAB that recommendations were made in the 2009 OSGP plan update (*see OSG, Appendix D*).

**Motion:** Bob Johnson made a motion to have someone from the Wake Forest Police Department attend a GAB meeting to talk about security on the greenway system. Greg Hoit seconded the motion.

**Action:** Staff will contact the Wake Forest Deputy Chief of Police to make the request.

c. Good Neighbor Day – Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Holden Park from 1-4pm

Commissioner Anne Hines contacted Joe Seigler regarding the GAB participation in the September 20<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbor Day festivities. The Wake Forest Human Relations Committee needs volunteers to assist with event set-up and breakdown. The committee would also like the GAB to provide the greenway exhibit table again this year.

GAB members will participate in Good Neighbor Day again this year. As with last year, the Human Relations Committee would like the GAB to provide the recycle stations, compost scraping station, clean water management games, tree ring, and project learning tree.

**Motion:** none

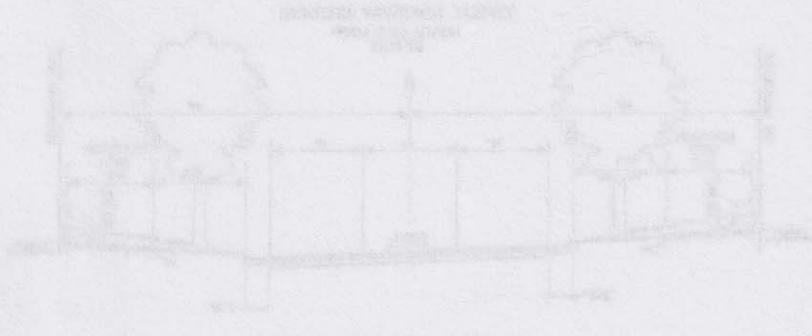
**Action:** Joe Seigler will contact Debora White (*former GAB member*) to confirm participation from the "Recycle Guy" and Holly Spring regarding this activity.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Bob Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 a.m. Greg Hoit seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Joe Seigler  
Joe Seigler, Chairman

Candace R. Davis  
Candace R. Davis, Secretary



Discussion for this project sparked additional conversations about gateway facility entry and security. Jeff Poirier expressed concern about addressing this issue in some manner prior to a gateway incident occurring. A suggestion was made to possibly have random patrols on gateway to show a police presence, such as K-9 bicycle patrol, and have mounted patrols. Staff reminded the GAB that recommendations were made in the 2007 OSGP final update (see OSGP Appendix D).

Further, Bob Johnson made a motion to have someone from the Wake Forest Police Department attend a GAB meeting to talk about security on the gateway system. Greg Hoit seconded the motion.

Action: Staff will contact the Wake Forest Deputy Chief of Police to make the request.

Good Neighbor Day - Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at Holden Park from 1-4pm

Comments: Anne Hines contacted Joe Seigler regarding the GAB participation at the September 30<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbor Day tent area. The Wake Forest Human Relations Committee needs volunteers to assist with set-up and breakdown. The committee would like the GAB to provide the gateway exhibit table again this year.