

WAKE FOREST GREENWAY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

October 13, 2009

Members Present: Greg Hoit (Vice Chairman), Jeremy Wrenn, Lauri Arntsen, Jan Ammons, Tim Nau and Pete Thibodeau (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Joe Seigler (Chairman), Jeff Poupart, and Emalie Levine

Staff Present: Candace Davis

Visitors:

CALL TO ORDER

Greg Hoit called the regular meeting of the Wake Forest Greenways Advisory Board (GAB) to order at 7:33 a.m. – The Forks Cafeteria 339 S. Brooks Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bob Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8th Regular Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim Nau and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

a. The Reserve

Staff will meet with Harry Mitchell, BNK to show the preferred crossing location and to make sure the easements accommodate the good crossing.

Motion: none

Action: none

b. Adopt-a-Greenway Program

Jan Ammons researched adopt-a-greenway information from different communities and suggested the GAB draft a future motion to take to the Board of Commissioners that would recommend the town start an Adopt-a-Greenway Program in this community.

Summary of Jan's research:

- Different communities use grants that coincide with National Trail Day
- A new House Bill passed in April or July 2009 to fund \$1.5M from DENR for adopt a trail programs, specifically for planning & maintenance.
- The Wake Forest adopt a trail program could be set up similar to the NCDOT Adopt-a-Highway program.
- Volunteer groups could pay a fee to get an adopt-a-greenway sign put up.
- Adoptable greenway sections need to be identified.

GAB discussion and initial recommendations:

- The GAB strongly encourages the BOC indentifies a town staff person to run the program.
- Cutting and maintenance would be the responsibility of the town.
- Present a beautification plaque to groups that add town approved flowers and trees to their adopted area.

Motion: Bob Johnson made a motion to have the GAB draft a motion to take to the Board of Commissioners that would initiate an Adopt-a-Greenway Program for this community. The motion was seconded by Tim Nau and carried unanimously.

Action: Jan Ammons volunteered to craft the draft language for the motion.

c. Greenway Facility Safety & Security

The advisory board continued discussions about safety and security measures that are currently being taken in Wake Forest.

GAB Suggestions:

- Install wayfinding and location identification, mileage markers (yellow or other bright colors), etc.
- Clearly display what someone should do in case of an emergency.
- Heritage Soccer Park could be the first area to receive the safety upgrades.
- Ask Susan Simpson to add safety information to the new Joyner Park brochures.

Motion: none

Action: none

d. Quail Crossing Shopping Center

There will be a new termination point for the Jones Dairy Road greenway connection. NCDOT will not allow the trail connection to extend to the intersection of Jones Dairy Road/NC 98 Bypass in order to discourage pedestrians from crossing that intersection.

Greg Hoit made the following comment on the site plans:

Sheet C1.0 – Need signals & pedestrian cross walk w/pedestrian heads to cross Jones Dairy.

Motion: none

Action: Staff will forward Greg's comment to the TRC committee.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Advisory Board Reappointments

The Greenway Advisory Board has three members with terms ending 12.31.2009; Joe Seigler (Chairman), Jan Ammons, and Bob Johnson. Staff reminded current advisory board members seeking reappointment they needed to complete an advisory board application and appear before the Board of Commissioners at the Dec. 1st Work Session. The BOC will vote on all boards at their Dec. 15th meeting and Deeda will notify everyone after that meeting.

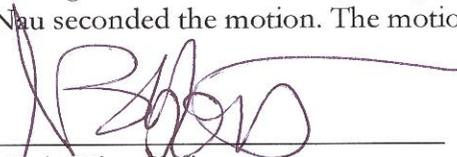
Bill Crabtree and Deeda Harris are working on updating the applications.

Motion: none

Action: Staff will email the updated Advisory Board application to GAB members when it becomes available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jeremy Wrenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 a.m. Tim Nau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.



Greg Hoit, Vice Chairman



Candace R. Davis, Secretary