

**Carrboro Greenways Commission
Minutes
September 13, 2021**

Members Present

*Alyson West
*Mahin Manley
*Meredith Morovati
*Jeff Summerlin-Long

*Indicates voting member

Randee Haven-O'Donnell – Town Council Member
Damon Seils – Town Council Member

Absent

*Ethan Beattie
*Satya Kallepalli

Staff Present

Trish McGuire -- Carrboro Planning
Tina Moon -- Carrboro Planning

Guest(s)

- I. **Call to Order:** Summerlin-Long, called the meeting to order at 6:37PM.
 - a. **Welcome**
Summerlin-Long welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - b. **Approval of Minutes**
May 10, 2021 – Morovati made a motion to approve the May 10th minutes. West seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes (4) West, Manley, Morovati and Summerlin-Long; Nos (0); Absent (2) Beattie, Kallepalli

The Greenways Commission meeting minutes for May 10th, 2021, were approved.
- II. **Project Updates**
 - a. **Jones Creek Greenway**
Moon provided a brief report on the status of the greenway. Staff met with Orange County over the summer to discuss the access to the project from Old NC 86 and the location for a potential staging area. Sixty-five percent plans, draft categorical exclusion documents and environmental permit applications were submitted for NCDOT review in the fall. Staff is looking to meet with NCDOT and the consultant later in the fall to discuss any review comments from the department and to update the project timeline. Once the design and permitting is close to being finalized, staff will shift back to complete the necessary easements.
 - b. **Morgan Creek Greenway**
Staff has received updated information from the Town Engineer relating to the cost to prepare updated bid documents (plans, associated environmental permits and specification manual) to readvertise the project along with preliminary construction costs. In June, the Council approved a proposal to request a reallocation of Orange County Transit funds to

cover the redesign costs. Staff met with NCDOT in early September to discuss the status of the project, the updated project schedule, and next steps.

c. Updated schedule for NCDOT SPOT 6.0 – future project funding

Staff shared information from NCDOT that the department has decided to suspend SPOT 6.0. SPOT, (the Strategic Prioritization Process) is the methodology that NCDOT uses to develop the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). MPOs submit transportation projects (highway, bike/ped, transit, etc.) to NCDOT to be evaluated using a data driven scoring system. The selected projects are programmed into NCDOT's ten-year capital improvement program. The prioritization process typically occurs every two to three years. SPOT 6.0 was originally intended to select projects for the FY2022-2031 period, the timeline was subsequently delayed for FY2023-2033. The anticipated timeline is now FY2024-2033. Consideration of new projects will likely be delayed until SPOT 7.0.

III. Carrboro Connects – Next Steps

Trish McGuire, the Planning Director, provided an update on the next steps for the Town's comprehensive planning effort, including information relating to the schedule for the community open house on September 22nd, the advisory board review of the preliminary draft plan, and the anticipated public hearing on November 16th. The Greenways Commission's review of the preliminary draft plan will be the focus on the October meeting

IV. Adjourn A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Manley and seconded by Morovati. Ayes – all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be on October 18, 2021.