

Carrboro Greenways Commission  
Minutes  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Members Present**

- \*George Daniel
- \*Philip Duchastel
- \*Robert Kirschner
- \*Michael Flynn

**Representatives Present**

- \*Eric Allman- Recreation and Parks Commission
- \*Jennifer Everett- Environmental Advisory Board
- \*Tom High- Transportation Advisory Board
- \*Gary Junker- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools
- \*Livy Ludington- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools
- \*Dave Otto- Friends of Bolin Creek

**Staff Present**

- Randy Dodd- Town of Carrboro Planning Department
- Adena Messinger- Town of Carrboro Planning Department
- Brendan Moore- Town of Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department
- Ray Magyar- University of North Carolina Transportation Planning
- Nick Parker- Orange Water and Sewer Authority
- Bill Webster- Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation

**Aldermen Present**

- Randee Haven-O'Donnell

**Absent**

- Jacque Gist
- Salli Benedict
- Sharon Cook
- Monica Nees
- Ioana Sherman
- Amber Wagner
- Marabeth Carr
- Johnny Randall

\* indicates voting member

- I. **Call to Order**- George Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Approval of minutes**- Minutes from the February 6th meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Reports**-
  - a. Dave Otto gave a report on the field trip taken along Bolin Creek on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Members walked from Wilson Park to Homestead Road along OWASA easements and

identified numerous design challenges along the way. These included the need for various bridges, erosion control measures, parking along Homestead Road, and connectivity with neighborhoods, schools, Chapel Hill's greenway, and the neighborhoods across Homestead Road.

- b. Jennifer Everett gave a report on the field trip taken along Morgan Creek on February 9th. Members walked from Frank Porter Graham Elementary to University Lake along a mix of undeveloped woods, OWASA easements, and private property. Design challenges identified were linking up with Chapel Hill's greenway and the array of challenges around the Smith Level Road crossing, private property easements, difficult terrain and the costs associated with bridges, connectivity with existing neighborhoods and working with UNC to extend the greenway along University Lake.
  - c. UNC meeting- Randy Dodd gave a brief summary of a meeting between staff and UNC representatives involving the exchange of information regarding the formation of the Greenways Commission and the potential for greenway development through the Carolina North Property. A handout was distributed to Commission members with this information.
  - d. Funding Review- Adena Messinger presented a brief description of the funding available for the Morgan and Bolin Creek conceptual plans. The Town of Carrboro submitted request to the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization for funds totaling \$650,000 for Morgan Creek and \$807,500 for Bolin Creek, with 80% funded by federal dollars and 20% funded through a local match. A handout was distributed to Commission members with this information.
  - e. Easement Status- Adena Messinger presented a brief description of the current accepted and offered easements affecting the proposed greenway corridors. A handout was distributed to Commission members with this information.
  - f. Proposed subdivisions- Adena Messinger presented a brief description of the subdivisions currently being reviewed by the town for development. She described the process by which subdivisions are reviewed by advisory boards and suggested the Greenway Commission set aside time to become familiar with this process and their responsibilities within this process. Commission members expressed an interested in reviewing several subdivision proposals that are in process now. Staff recommended that the Commission invite the developers to attend a meeting to talk about their project; and where the Commission can provide feedback.
- IV. **Issues, Discussions, and Motions**
- a. Pending Easements- Adena Messinger presented a brief description of the pending easements that staff is preparing for Board acceptance.
  - b. Morgan Creek RFQ Recommendation- Adena Messinger asked the commission for any final comments on the RFQ for Morgan Creek before voting to move forward with submission. Changes suggested were to include "Schools" as a component of connectivity. A motion passed to move forward with submitting the RFQ.
  - c. Bolin Creek Municipal agreement- A brief discussion was held on how to move forward with the RFQ for Bolin Creek. Concerns include a paved surface along the creek, which is a requirement for the usage of STP-DA funding. This item will be continued at the April agenda for further discussion and referred to other Town Advisory Boards via their liaisons on the Commission.
- V. **Activity Planning-** A field trip was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 along the Chapel Hill Greenway starting at the Community Center.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Town Hall (Board Room)