

**Carrboro Greenways Commission
Minutes
April 11, 2016**

Members Present

*Ethan Beattie
*Rob Crook
*Charlie Hileman (Chair)
*Randee Haven-O'Donnell – Board of Aldermen
*Robert Kirschner
*Mary Parker Sonis

Absent

*Lydia Lavelle—Board of Aldermen
*Johnny Randall (Vice-chair)

* indicates voting member

Staff Present

Randy Dodd-Carrboro Planning Department
Trish McGuire-Carrboro Planning Department
Tina Moon-Carrboro Planning Department
Kurt Stolka-UNC Transportation Planning

Staff Absent

Marabeth Carr – Orange County
Bergen Watterson- Carrboro Planning Department

- I. **Call to Order:** Charlie Hileman called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
- II. **Minutes:** The Greenways Commission unanimously approved the January 11th, 2016 meeting minutes.
- III. **Public comments:** There were no public comments.
- IV. **Vision 2020 Review:** The Board of Aldermen asked advisory boards including the Commission to take another look at the Vision 2020 document to provide clarity to their previous comments and/or to add new comments. The Commission discussed the document and provided this edit (motion by Robert, second by Mary): “For Section 5.33, a statement should be included adding reference back to Sections 1.11 and 1.15.”
- V. **Project updates:** Trish McGuire, Tina Moon, and Randy Dodd provided a summary of current greenway projects.
 - Homestead –Chapel Hill High School Multi-Use Path: Construction is set to start on May 4th and be complete by end of November, 2016. A preconstruction meeting is being planned. A communications strategy is also being considered, e.g., to notify users if flooding of the trail is possible in anticipation of/response to a storm.
 - Morgan Creek Greenway Phases 1 & 2: Trish said that not much has changed in the status of this greenway since the last meeting. Preliminary engineering is essentially complete; construction is funded, but not fully. The Town is working on acquiring easements. The Town is still considering various issues regarding flood impacts and creek crossings in consideration of the permitting and design processes. A potential scenario could be for construction to be pursued in 2018. Connectivity improvements

are anticipated in association with the South Green development and a sidewalk on South Greensboro Street.

- Jones Creek /Morris Grove connector: The CMAQ section is fully funded. Town staff initiated a municipal agreement with NCDOT in early January and will release a RFQ for design/engineering in the summer 2016. Staff anticipate one year for design and one year for construction.
- Jones Creek /Turtleback Crossing to Brace Lane connector: The Commission had a follow up discussion after the March site visit. Rande suggested that the Commission develop a written recommendation for the Board of Aldermen regarding a connection from Turtleback Crossing to Brace Lane; the group developed a recommendation (motion by Robert, second by Rob). "Members of the Greenways Commission made a site visit on March 14th, 2016 to a section of Phase II Bolin Creek Greenway between Turtleback Crossing and Brace Lane. We find that this a valuable crossing between two neighborhoods and could be constructed as an independent project."
- Campus to Campus Connector: The Town of Chapel Hill submitted the Campus to Campus Connector to NCDOT's SPOT 4.0 prioritization process. The group reviewed the proposed route of the connector. Staff will check on the point of connection to Carolina North as part of the development agreement.
- Chapel Hill Greenways: A report from Chapel Hill staff (Bill Webster) on the status of greenways projects was passed out. Bill has indicated that he is available to come to the July meeting and provide an update to the Commission.

VI. **Other Matters:** The group decided to plan a site visit for the Morgan Creek greenway on June 13th, with a backup date of June 6th.

VII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.