

Meeting: Greenway Discussion – 7/13/06
Location: Planning Conference Room – Hendersonville City Hall
Attendees: Jamie Clary, Tom Evans, Fred Rogers, Timothy Whitten

Meeting was called by **Jamie Clary** to review with **Fred** and **Timothy** the request of the Greenways Committee to provide a focal point for future Greenway Projects and assistance from State Resources to be facilitated through **Joyce Hoyle**.

Tom reviewed for **Fred** and **Timothy** the meeting that **Jamie, David Hardin, Diane Black, Joyce**, and he had on March 24, 2006 to identify opportunities for State assistance for our Greenways. In that meeting we had identified the need to establish a focal point on City Staff and determine the receptivity of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (**BOMA**) and City Staff.

Fred presented the plans for **Hendersonville Tomorrow** to schedule a review with **BOMA** of the major sub-committee reports, such as that submitted by the Greenways Committee. He did not provide a timetable. He identified that greenway project work was shared on City Staff with Planning Department outlining what needs to be done and with Public Works (**Jerry Horton**) implementing plans as approved by BOMA. **Jamie** said that this division made interaction with outside resources difficult and proposed a central Project Manager as is done in most cities and that this manager should be in the Planning Department. **Fred** and **Jamie** discussed how to approach that alternative with Mayor Foster. **Fred** wanted everyone to know that although he is receptive to the Greenways Project Manager he is not requesting this work for the Planning Department.

Fred and **Timothy** discussed current projects:

- 1) **Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan Update** (**Timothy**) – should be completed by the first of August. Upon completion **Tom** would like review by the Greenways Committee before we present it to the Planning Commission and then with their recommendations to BOMA.
- 2) **Phase II of Greenway Projects: Drakes Creek to Veterans Park** (**Jerry**) – project is at TDOT awaiting the award. We discussed the issue of path width. Although none of us had seen actual project proposal **Timothy/Fred** assumed it to have only **8-ft width** paths and in our previous discussions **Mike Goff** (Gallatin Greenway Projects Manager) stated TDOT would not fund paths less than 12-ft wide. **Tom** was concerned that the path width in the Hendersonville Project may be a “poison pill” that may be delaying the award. **Fred** felt confident the proposal had no issues and it would be a “short” time for the award. Please note e-mail from **Joyce** below.

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To: tom@evanscenter.com; twhitten@hvilletn.org
Subject: Re: City Budget

In order to seek federal funds, the law is very specific regarding the width of trails.
Please call **Neil Hansen** at **TDOT 741-5314**

Joyce Hoyle

- 3) **Phase III of Greenway Projects: Friendship Bridge to Sanders Ferry Park** (**Jerry**) – Enhancement Project has been rejected by State for funding. **Fred** did not know the reasons for its rejection, but stated the City could use help (**Joyce** or **Dianne**) in clarifying the issues and moving the project forward. As we supposed early this year this project is very ambitious and may need to be sub-divided.

ACTIONS PLANNED:

- 1) *Jamie* will meet with *Mayor Foster* to discuss further Staff actions. I don't expect any further action until after *BOMA* conducts its reviews of the proposals of the sub-committees of Hendersonville Tomorrow Committee and establishes its priority list. Most likely this will not occur until early 2007.
- 2) Review of the Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan. Timothy feels he will have it completed by the first of August. With consideration of everyone's vacation schedules I recommend a meeting of the full committee in early in September. My primary concern now is very likely repeat of the Indian Lake Blvd design rejection of Bikeways when the designs of the Wessington to Indian Lake connector road and bridge are presented.
- 3) Assistance for Project III from *Joyce*. I recommend that *Joyce* not get involved until we get a "buy in" from *Jerry Horton*. He has the authority and responsibility for this project. Our communications with Public Works is inadequate and suggests to me that without improvement he is likely to consider our involvement as interference.
- 4) Fred asked, "Who is *Joyce Hoyle*?" I think the following is a great introduction

JOYCE H. HOYLE RECEIVES THE HAROLD D. MEYER PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD National Recreation and Park Association

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) presented the Harold D. Meyer Professional Excellence Award to Joyce Hasty Hoyle, Director of Recreation Services for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The award was presented at the NRPA Southern Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March 29, 2004.

The award is presented to honor and recognize a professional that has made outstanding contributions to the parks and recreation profession in the place they work and through dedicated service on a regional and national level.

Ms. Hoyle is a certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and has a career that spans over 38 years where significant contributions have been made in the states of North Carolina and Tennessee. She has served on the board of both NRPA and the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA) and is a past recipient of the TRPA's Fellow Award, the highest honor that a parks and recreation professional can receive on a state level.

She has authored numerous articles and publications and created several trends, policies and practices used by parks and recreation practitioners in the field today. Currently, she is on the Board of Director's of the University of Georgia, Athens, Executive Development School for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. David Lose, NRPA Chair, congratulated Ms. Hoyle on her distinguished achievements in the field, especially the impact she has had as a leader in the State of Tennessee. NRPA is a national professional society organized to unite in one association all those interested in the recreation and parks movement. "We are fortunate to have leaders such as Joyce to serve and enhance the awareness, focus and effectiveness of parks and recreation as it contributes to improving our quality of life."

In accepting the award, Ms. Hoyle expressed her appreciation for being recognized with such a distinguished group of professionals. She stated that she was honored to receive the award, but more humbled that it was named for Dr. Meyer, her long-time professor mentor.

"The field has grown over the years from an insignificant component of the infrastructure to a major force in the state's quality of life, tourism and the economy," Hoyle said. "Natural, cultural and historic areas in Tennessee are amongst the nation's best. I am proud to be on the State of Tennessee team in developing a model parks and recreation delivery system, seamless by all levels of governments to meet the needs of our citizens."