

Huntersville Greenway, Trail, and Bikeways Commission



Summary Minutes: 3.19.19

Members Present: Diane McLaine (chair), OPEN(co-chair), Robin Underwood, Roger Diedrich, Christopher Boyd, Tim Sanborn, Geoff Steele, Lori Russell, Drew Varnado

Town Staff Present: Tracy Houk, David Peete

Town Board Present: Commissioner Boone

Public:

Call To Order: Diane McLaine (chair) – 6:34 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve February Minutes – Robin Underwood,
Second – Drew Varnado / February Minutes - Approved Unanimously

Public Comments, Requests, or Presentations:

BUSINESS

1. Welcome New Member: Maria Reese

- a. Maria was not able to make it – found out she was voted in the morning of the meeting. April meeting will be her first official meeting.

2. Election for Co - Chair

- a. **Nomination** for Drew Varnado – Robin, Drew Varnado accepted, Second – Tim Sanborn, Approved Unanimously

3. Bond Discussion: Jackie Huffman, Assistant Town Manager Map Update

- a. Per Jackie Huffman \$11.9M left from Nov 2012 bond for transportation (part used in 2013, 2016)
 - i. Could be used for Greenways,
 - ii. Needs to be used in 7 yrs from issuance, town to write a letter to extend 3 more yrs (so would have to be used by Nov 2022)
 - iii. This could be used for road projects, but turn-around may be tight so should find a shovel ready project
 - iv. Also have to consider board appetite to take on debt
 - v. Parks and rec 5 yr plan has about \$8.7 M for Greenways - county owns land for much of the prioritized greenways, we could also consider partnering with county and getting grants to cover this funding
- b. If we pursue a bond in 2020
 - i. Fall 2019 - Have game plan for amount, if packaged with park and/or transportation, what Greenway projects a bond would be used for
 - ii. January 2020 - Present bond plan at board retreat
 - iii. April 2020 - second meeting - look at CIP
 - iv. May 2020 - first meeting - recommend budget, including bond plan
 - v. May 2020 - second meeting - public hearing
 - vi. June 2020 - first meeting - board has to take action for bond referendum notice for public meeting, publish ballot for early voting, etc.

4. Action Items:

- a. See attached Action Item Sheet

Updates/Comments:

- Town Staff Updates:
 - Downtown Greenway Update – waiting to hear back from CMS on use of land and thoughts on design. Meck Co. will possibly work on Land Swap with CMS.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:12 pm - Motion – Drew Varnado, Seconded – Robin Underwood
Approved Unanimously