

MINUTES
Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board (PRGAB)

Jaycee Park Module - 2405 Wade Avenue
Thursday, November 19, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eugene Weeks, Scott Reston, Jan Pender, Mark Turner, Greg Barley, Rebecca Oxholm, Jimmy Thiem, Gail Till, Doris Burke, Elaine Perkinson, Chris Smith and Jay Chaudhuri

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): Kevin Brice, Shoshanna Serxner

STAFF PRESENT: Diane, Sauer, Dick Bailey, Wayne Schindler, Giavonia Cruickshank, Cindy Trumbower, Stephanie Toftey, David Shouse, Pam Rose, Emily Ander, Lisa Potts, Victor Lebsock, Kim Kittner and David Berra

GUESTS PRESENT: Councilor Russ Stephenson and Councilor Nancy McFarlane, Andy Hadsell – Project Engineer (WSP SELLS - Representative) and Mike Surasky – Transportation Planning and Design (WSP SELLS – Representative)

CALL TO ORDER

The PRGAB meeting was called to order by Chair Eugene Weeks at 5:34 p.m.

Chair Weeks presented two motions to the PRGAB:

1.) Chair Weeks made a motion that the past Chair Gail Till preside over the remainder of the PRGAB meeting as Acting Chair after Eugene Weeks – Chair and Jimmy Thiem – Vice Chair depart from the meeting. His motion was seconded by Greg Barley. The motion passed unanimously.

2.) Chair Weeks made a motion to move the December 17, 2009 meeting to December 10, 2009 the second Thursday of the month. His motion was seconded by Greg Barley. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Volunteer Recognition –Cindy Trumbower and Chair Weeks recognized Altria Company for the landscape project and painting the inside of Eastgate Community Center during the month of October. They also provided the City with a check of \$3,200 toward the purchase of plants and materials. Elizabeth Carol accepted a plaque on behalf of Altria Company.

CHAIR REPORT

PRGAB Retreat – Chair Weeks stated the retreat is scheduled for February 13, 2010. Send Giavonia an email with ideas or topics that you all would like to discuss during the retreat. This is to create a tentative agenda to bring back to the PRGAB in January for review.

Annual Report/Work Plan:

Chair Weeks stated that City Council approved the PRGAB 2009-2010 Work Plan and Annual Report on November 3, 2009.

PRESENTATION

60% Design Review Honeycutt Creek Greenway – Vic Lebsock, Senior Greenway Planner introduced the design team Andy Hadsell, Project Manager and Mike Surasky, Transportation Planning and Design Manager. Vic stated that Honeycutt Creek is a proposed greenway trail from Longstreet Dr. north of Shelley Lake from there it extends up to Mine Creek and Honeycutt Creek. Andy Hadsell, Project Manager presented to the PRGAB the 60% Design Review of Honeycutt Creek Greenway. He stated that WSP SELLS is requesting from the PRGAB to review and recommend the proposed alignment to City

Council. Andy provided the purpose of this particular trail and the background of the project. He stated that this greenway trail is unique in that it is not using all traditional greenway and there are three unique sections connected with this project. The Wayfinding section – use and enhancement of existing sidewalks, Traditional – 10’ wide paved asphalt trail offset from roads, and Hiking Trail – typical hiking trail section consistent with Mountains-To-Sea design. Andy provided an overview from the south end of the trail to the north end on how WSP SELLS have come to the proposed section:

Wayfinding I – Longstreet Drive to Newton Road

Key Connection:

Shelley Lake Trail to the south

Major Design Elements

- Repair and enhance existing sidewalk
- Add new crosswalks as needed
- Provide signage
- Use of existing crosswalk at Six Forks and Newton

Traditional 1 – Newton Road to Clear Brook Drive

Key Connection:

East Fork Mine Creek floodplain

Major Design Elements

- Constrictions along stream and structures
- Tara Farm property impacts coordination
- EFMC stream restoration efforts
- Interaction along sewer easements
- Steep slope issues
 - transition to and from Wayfinding sections
 - proposed use of retaining walls
 - provide safe slope / minimize impacts
 - review and address altered drainage
- Coordinate utility conflicts
 - Sewer line and manholes

Wayfinding 2 – Clear Brook Drive to Chatterson Drive

Key Connection:

Summerfield North, West Millbrook Middle School/Park, and Bent Tree

Major Design Elements

- Repair and enhance existing sidewalk
- Add new crosswalks as needed
- Provide signage
- Addition of staggered crosswalk in median along Strickland
- Work to be contained within Right of Way

Wayfinding 2 –Alternatives Analysis:

Issues Considered:

- Connectivity – experience for the greenway user
- Conflicts – management of user conflicts

- Constructability – short and long term impacts from construction
- Cost – available easement and existing Right of Way

Detailed Effort:

- Identified and evaluated numerous sub-sections
- Defined 8 possible combinations of sub-sections to analyze
- Conducted neighborhood meetings (enhanced Public process)

End Result:

- Identified preferred alignment
- Confirmed Right of Way extent through field survey
- Developed preferred Wayfinding design concept
- Considering alternatives
 - Enhanced sidewalk section with new signage
 - Maintain existing sidewalk with new signage

Wayfinding 2 – Issues of having a greenway through a fully developed single family neighborhood

Direct Impacts to Privately Owned Property

Between Old Deer Trail and Clear Brook Drive (Traditional Greenway adjacent to stream within the City of Raleigh Greenway easement)

12 Properties directly affected on same side of stream

1 proposed easement

Between Clear Brook Drive and Strickland Road (Wayfinding section along sidewalks within ROW) enhance sidewalks in front of people's homes

20 Properties along roadway fronted by sidewalk proposed as Wayfinding

2 proposed easements

Loitering

The City does not expect this project to generate the volume of traffic, and is not proposing any locations to support loitering by non-residents. Andy stated that the goal is to make it a quick A to B route through the neighborhood

Maintenance

Parks and Recreation Department will provide and maintain litter receptacles and will provide pet waste stations (bags provided to HOA for restocking by HOA as needed).

Traffic Calming Project

The neighborhood includes a recently completed traffic calming project.

Wayfinding 2 – Strickland Road Crossing

Review Stakeholders

- NCDOT
- City of Raleigh Traffic and Transportation Staff

Proposed Strategy

- Propose pedestrian actuated flashers in combination with staggered median crosswalk
- City will complete traffic counts during first year to determine if warrants for signalization are met
- Considering use as demonstration site for hawk signal – Discussions ongoing
A hawk signal is not your typical signal it is a three headed signal being tested in other cities.

Traditional 2 and 3 – Chatterson Drive to Honeycutt Park

Key Connection:

I-540 Pedestrian Culvert and Honeycutt Park

Major Design Elements

- Use of greenway easements north and south of I-540
- Connection to existing pedestrian culvert under I-540
- Coordination with Progress Energy for design along steep slopes in shared easement
- Connection to existing trail section within Honeycutt Park

Traditional 4 – Honeycutt Park to Durant Road

Key Connection:

Honeycutt Park

Major Design Elements

- Typical 10' paved asphalt offset from road to outside of existing ditch
- Crossing Honeycutt at Loniker with crosswalk and signage
- Complicated stream network adjacent to and across ROW
- Shared easement with Progress Energy north of Loniker
- Crossing Durant at Honeycutt with crosswalk and signage

Trail 1 – Durant Road to Raven Ridge Road

Key Connection:

USACE Property at Falls Lake

Major Design Elements

- Typical hiking trail section
- Use of existing greenway easements
- Multiple crossings of Honeycutt Creek using stick built bridges
- MOU between City and USACE (NCWRC Coordination)

Pre-Design - Engineer's Opinion of Cost (03/01/07)

\$3,577,077.30

60% Design - Engineer's Opinion of Cost (08/26/09)

\$3,079,725.00

Note:

The biggest driver for the reduction in cost was the change in specific sections of the project at Honeycutt, Durant Rd. and Raven Ridge Rd.

Presentation and Project Information Available at:

<http://www.raleigh.nc.gov/parkplan>

NOTE: Mr. Weeks stated the PRGAB would receive information tonight and discussion will occur at the next meeting, and additional questions and answers.

PRESENTATION

Impact on Summerfield North and Honeycutt Creek Greenway Alternatives: Jim Gallagher, a representative from Summerfield North Neighborhood provided an overview of the impact and concerns of the Honeycutt Creek Greenway to the PRGAB. Neil Perry, a civil engineer with the City of Fayetteville presented the three alternative routes for the Honeycutt Greenway Trail and the benefits of selecting one of the three alternatives. The main alternative focused on was Alternative 1 for consideration. Harry Levin provided comments to the PRGAB regarding concerns of Honeycutt Creek Greenway being located in their neighborhood.

Impacts, Concerns, and issues to Summerfield North:

1. Probability of additional crime
2. Limited Safety of our children and students
3. Loss of privacy
4. Adds automobile traffic and parking
5. Injury and personal liability
6. No provision for restrooms
7. No plan for litter and waste removal
8. Private driveways will be crossed
9. Mailboxes will be in Greenway
10. Home values will suffer

Proposed Alternatives to Honeycutt Creek Greenway: (Neil Perry)

Alternative 1 Highlights (Falls of Neuse and Newton Rd):

- Provides connectivity to Longstreet Dr/Bent Creek Trail and Shelley Lake.
- Utilizes existing sidewalks and signalized crosswalks on Six Forks Rd, Newton Dr, and Falls of Neuse.
- Provides access to public library, and shopping centers.
- Provides access to Ravenscroft and West Millbrook Middle School.

Alternative 2a Highlights (Strickland Rd and Six Forks Rd):

- Provides connectivity to Sawmill Trail, Bent Creek Trail and Shelley Lake.
- Utilizes existing sidewalks and signalized crosswalks on Sawmill Rd, Six Forks Rd, and Strickland Rd.
- Could be extended to connect with Lead Mine Rd and AE Finley YMCA.
- Provides access to West Millbrook Middle School, and shopping centers.

Alternative 2b Highlights (Strickland Rd and Six Forks Rd):

- Extension of Sawmill Trail provides connectivity to Bent Creek Trail and Shelley Lake.
- Utilizes existing sidewalks and signalized crosswalks on Six Forks Rd and Strickland Rd.
- Could be extended to connect with Lead Mine Rd and AE Finley YMCA.
- Provides access to West Millbrook Middle School and shopping centers.

Benefits to the proposed alternatives:

1. Benefit/Cost ratio. Significant cost savings compared to what is currently being proposed by the City. The City would realize a cost savings of 90%-95% for this project, while still meeting the goals of connecting the greenways.
2. Access and connectivity. The three alternatives will have higher usage than the route traversing through Summerfield North because it takes users by schools, shopping centers, restaurants, churches, the YMCA, and the public library while still connecting to Shelley Lake and the neighbors north of Strickland Rd.
3. More users equate to fewer motor vehicles on the roads, less traffic congestion, improved air quality, and exercise benefits.
4. Safety benefits because pedestrians and bicyclists cross roads at existing signalized intersections with existing pedestrian activated crosswalks.

5. Added convenience for City Bus system users, especially buses with bike racks.
6. Summerfield North prefers these 3 alternative

Strickland Road – crossing at Running Cedar:

- The average pedestrian foot speed is 3.5 feet per second. It takes **22 seconds** to cross Strickland Road, 75 feet wide at Running Cedar.
- It takes **25 seconds** to cross Strickland Road; 85 feet wide at West Millbrook Middle School
Two schools are on opposite sides of Strickland where the Greenway is being planned.
 - **Will there be foot traffic to or from either of these schools?**
 - **Do we want middle school children crossing Strickland Road from Bent Tree or other neighborhoods?**

Summary:

Summerfield North does NOT support Greenway plans that come through their neighborhood.

Summerfield North Neighborhoods support Alternative 1 because it:

1. Provides the safest solution for Greenway users to cross Strickland Road.
2. Can be implemented quicker and at less cost to the taxpayers.
3. Provides Greenway users with easy access to the public library on Harps Mill Road.
4. Supports the city’s goal for “The trails to connect many of Raleigh’s parks.”
5. Has minimal impact on individual homeowner’s quality of life or their property values.
6. Allows neighbors to retain their sense of security.

Harry Levin stated that the Summerfield North neighborhood does not want a greenway in their neighborhood. He also stated that a greenway going through the neighborhood would lower the property values of their homes, deny privacy, increase animal waste, increase identity theft, increase crime and an increase in traffic congestion. He stated that they would like to continue living in their comfortable and peaceful community without a greenway in their front yards. They believe with absolute certainty that the alternatives presented by Neil Perry are better suited for the public now and in the future.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING HONEYCUTT CREEK GREENWAY

GG and Dale Dexter – 8009 Old Deer Trail - stated that their property would be adversely impacted by the proposed grade change on the east side of the creek, south of Old Deer Trail. The 8% grade goal would need to extend from the top of the hill (street grade) some 75’ downhill. This fill would not be possible without redirecting rainwater run off directly at their foundation and basement. Current fill depth would be half way up their basement window. The grade that would need to be changed on the west side of the creek utilizing the current and clear sewer easement would be about 6’ tall over a 20’ run. If the greenway path is not put through this area the grading on either side would not be necessary at all. Only the bank grading to reshape the creek for less erosion and better drainage would be done.

Melani Avery – 8116 Clear Brook Dr. – stated that she is in support of the proposed alternatives that Neil Perry presented, she would like for an impact study to be completed in the future

Marilyn Grolitzer – 1304 Milvaney Ct. – she stated that they would like to see the greenway relocated to the west side of Honeycutt and not cross over onto their entrance way on Loniker and proceed up to Durant Rd. They have specific safety concerns; the traffic on Honeycutt at rush hour is very high speed and a lot of traffic in and out of the development. Not good for pedestrians and bicycles crossing right in front of their entrance way. Their stone wall (Sheffield Manor) will be directly impacted by the greenway crossing directly into it and impacting that. There is an issue of wanting to keep away from environmental impact but there is environmental impact on Loniker in that there is a very steep bank you would have to clear trees and take down some steep embankments. Having consulted with Aqua the suppliers of the drinking water, their wells are located in that area. There are million dollar homes in this area with will be subject to having a greenway in their backyards with public access to their backyards. She stated that

they were not properly notified and would like for the neighbors in Sheffield Manor to have the same opportunity to speak their concerns.

Betty C. Rouse – 8312 Running Cedar Trail– stated school buses come through Running Cedar Trail and Mourning Dove and it is hard for them to get through now much less if the road is narrowed. If you put a 10' buffer you are going to take up a third of the road and a school bus would take up any roadway that was left.

Philip Ryan – 8613 Bell Grove Way – Question: Mr. Ryan wanted to understand how the greenway would go through Bent Tree is it to the left or right of the tennis courts?

Andy Hadsell – stated that it would be left of the tennis courts and left of the street.

Mr. Ryan stated that the roads in Bent Tree are very narrow, and he is concerned about parking problems, there is parking for the club house and tennis courts and will have to restrict them to residents only. If people park on the roads they are very narrow not total City wide roads. Asphalt trails are in violation of the covenants.

Greg Harbaugh – 8109 Clear Brook Dr. – He stated that he can not understand why the location was chosen for the trail, he agrees with the alternative created by Neil Perry. With the budgetary issues we are all facing right now if we could save the City, money has already been appropriated we have the money, we can just spend it on something else, or give it back to the citizens. This will save the City money and the citizens.

Elizabeth Blackwell – 8304 Center Wood – stated that several projects in their area over the years have grown beyond the original scope of what was told to them in the past. There have also been parking issues that have developed with parents picking up their children from school. She also stated that the Parks Department and the schools rent out different properties to different athletic groups and people are there on any given Saturday for 10-12 hours a day. She stated that they do not need anything else to invade on their neighborhood.

Holly Hassinger – 7700 Bernadette Lane – stated that she is in favor of the greenway trail as is. She stated she does not understand why individuals think people want to walk pass Tara Farms and Ravenscroft when they can drive by Ravenscroft and Tara Farms. If we could walk along the creek and not everyone is fortunate enough to have a creek behind their homes. She stated she knows that the City of Raleigh planners have worked years on this project presented today.

Julie Woosley – 2811 Gordon St – Raleigh Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission – she stated that she uses the greenways and loves the greenways and want to expand the greenways in Raleigh. She stated that she is representing the people that walk, bike and use the greenways. She stated that North Carolina is in the Top 10 in USA for Childhood Obesity.

Connectivity is important for the different areas in Raleigh

She also stated that growth is going to happen but we need to figure out how to handle the growth.

Claude Wilson – stated that his home is between two creeks and he is not happy with a greenway in his backyard

Nancy Crossin – 8309 Running Creek Trail – stated that the proposed greenway would pass through her front yard and she has a couple of concerns regarding the maintenance of the area and the vegetation of the existing trees in her yard. She stated she is concerned with the fact that couple of the trees at the edge of her property may be compromised due to the greenway. There is also a concern with people coming through yards getting to the actual greenway. The next concern is the issue of liability if there is a fallen limb or someone falls in the yard, who will be responsible for that and what action needs to be taken.

Elizabeth Knight – 8717 Carrington Dr. – How many walk the culvert? There is gang markings and other things on the walls of the culvert. Pumping station has been vandalized in the past also.

Roger S. – Barrington Woods – stated that Bent Tree was included in the watershed but now it is not, also the roads in Bent Tree are City roads but do not have curbs and gutters and they are narrow roads. The impervious count of the paved section of the greenway through Bent Tree has it or has it not been considered because it is difficult for developers in Raleigh to get additional impervious areas.

Chris Kast – 333 Meeting House Circle - stated that there is not any impervious ground space left in Bent Tree and they can't add anything to the homes. He stated he loves the greenways and uses them all the time but he would like to understand why the City is doing this greenway? Falls Lake is beautiful, Honeycutt Park is great to connect these areas but in reality there is no place to do it. He stated that you are trying to have people cross two dangerous areas Strickland Rd. and I-540 and you are inviting kids to go toward I-540.

Kurt Wahlstrom – 8213 Clear Brook Dr – he stated that they are not against the greenway but they do not need it in our front or back yards and would like for you to consider the Alternative options that Neil Perry presented.

BOARD QUESTIONS/RESPONSES:

- Smith:** **Q:** How many greenways go through neighborhoods?
- A:** Lebsock: All greenways go through neighborhoods but this is the first one going through on sidewalks. This is a connector of the greenway master plan.
- Smith:** **Q:** Is there any historical data that would address concerns about the crime and other things?
- A:** Lebsock: Greenways do not increase crime above the existing rate that is there. They do not create crime neither do they reduce crime. In terms of appraised value, if a property is adjacent to passive areas the values of properties increase any where from 10-20%. Do not know what a greenway would do in terms of being placed on a sidewalk in front of their properties. (Staff will do some checking)
- Smith:** **Comment:** “This is a public meeting with public input, just because someone says something that you do not agree with that does not give you free reign to “Boo” and “Hiss” and “Talk over people” lets be respectful of all speakers. All the board members here are volunteers and our time is precious just like yours. I would like to hear the speakers and get the answers to the questions without having to try to listen over you all. So let's just try to be respectful of each other this will go a lot smoother.”
- Barley:** **Q:** With the proposed greenway what is the timeframe for when the City has thought about putting a greenway through this area vice when this neighborhood was constructed?
- A:** Lebsock: The Capital Area Greenway was adopted by City Council in 1976, and the greenway was on the plan at that point. The connectors were added to the greenway system in 1986.
- Barley:** **Q:** Do we know whether this neighborhood was approved with this in mind?

- A:** Lebsock: We don't know
Potts: As a traditional greenway
- Pender:** **Q:** The alternative that Mr. Perry suggested has the Parks Department looked at these plans or been evaluated?
- A:** Lebsock: We have not evaluated with all the detail, so we have to review the other alignments, there are some issues that will have to be dealt with. Both Strickland Rd. and Six Forks Rd are very high speed and high rate. You can not use a 5' walkway there; they are going to have to widen the sidewalks in that area. Falls of Neuse has an 8' multiuse path along the east side it has been there for years and will probably have to be replaced (cracked and broken in a lot of places). Newton Rd is also a high speed road and the sidewalk area would have to be widening because you will have bicycles and pedestrians on the same path.
- Chaudhuri:** **Q:** What did the consultants of the City provide Barrington Woods pertaining to notification?
- A:** Lebsock: All that staff can do is verify a persons address against what was sent out
Potts: We did notify and went beyond what is required to do which is 100ft adjacent to the project and information was sent to Home Owners Associations if they have one.
- Chaudhuri:** **Q:** Has there been any consultation with traffic engineers with regards to this greenway?
- A:** Lebsock: Yes
Potts: NCDOT
- Chaudhuri:** **Q:** What was the assessment or comments based on what was heard tonight?
- A:** Potts: (NCDOT) recommendation was the plan that the City is proposing
- Chaudhuri:** **Q:** Has the City formed an opinion as to whether the alternative might meet the core principles that were outlined by the consultant on connectivity?
- A:** Lebsock: We will table that question and will get back to you with a written answer.
- Oxholm:** **Q:** She stated that she has been using the greenway going towards Wake Med and when you get off there it really does not start again until you go through Sherwood Forest neighborhood. She stated that she had to go online to figure out how to get from one point to the next because there are no signs. It is designated on how to get there but not sure if it is considered greenway or is it.
- A:** Lebsock: Maybe looking at the bicycle plan as part of the connection but there is not a greenway connection between the two corridors at that location but the greenway map does also include the bicycle route.
- Oxholm** **Q:** Has anyone considered having the greenway part which would be along the creek and then coming up into the neighborhood and that's the end of the greenway?

- A:** Potts: That was a recommendation from the Summerfield group at one of the prior meetings. That is something that the consultants would consider as an option.
- Till:** **Q:** Is that crossing Strickland Rd?
- A:** Lebsock: Wayfinder signs would be used.
- Burke:** **Q:** Concern: Neil Perry stated that he has ways to go around, was wondering if his alternative plan also calls for crossing Strickland Rd.?
- A:** Perry: There is already a pedestrian crosswalk already in place on Strickland Rd. and Falls of Neuse. (three way crossing signal at that particular intersection)
- Turner:** **Q:** This situation is a lot like another greenway in town Northwest, this greenway tends to wind through the neighborhood there. I was wondering what kind of complaints you have heard from neighbors there?
- A:** Lebsock: No complaints have been heard. Problems have been from the users regarding the wayfinding issues, not the residents of the area.
Potts: with the greenway we are trying to provide a greenway experience, which is different than transportation routes.
- Perkinson:** **Q:** With the City Planners and Consultants has all information been shared?
- A:** Lebsock: Yes
- Barley:** **Q:** With regards to the culvert underpass under I-540, is there any where in the plan to help prevent people from going toward I-540?
- A:** Lebsock: Controlled access walkways, there is a barrier already in place
- Barley:** **Q:** Is there any where else in the greenway system where we utilize an under passage as opposed to the bridges over?
- A:** Lebsock: Yes
- Barley:** **Q:** Is there a minimum distance from any of these greenway areas to an actual resident's homes?
- A:** Lebsock: With this proposed greenway there is a 75 ft wide greenway corridor on each side, some have been acquired on each side but not all. There are constraints between the creek and the greenway. They have squeezed as close to the stream as they could go with all of the constraints.
- Oxholm:** **Q:** What is the impervious surface about?
- A:** Lebsock: we have studied and can not say that we have all of the answers, what they are talking about is individual property values. State laws state that you can have up to 24% impervious surface per lot. Verses an open space area that does not have a set percentage.
- Pender :** **Q:** The alternative plan that Neil Perry presented did it come up in any of the public meetings before now?

A: Lebsock: it was put into writing within the last 2 to 3 weeks so it has been seen in that length of time. It was brought up in the Public Meeting on November 3rd, it was mentioned then.

Citizen: Have pedestrian bridges been considered over Strickland Rd?

A: Lebsock: Yes, it was considered

Any additional questions from the PRGAB please forward them to Giavonia or <http://www.raleigh.nc.gov/parkplan>

Till: **Q:** Can you compare plans?

A: Lebsock: Will come back to the board with an evaluation of the alternative plan.

Diane Sauer: Follow up items: 1.) evaluating the other alternatives presented by Neil and 2.) follow up on the impervious surface back to the PRGAB in either December or January. No action will be taken on this item tonight. December or January and the public will be notified

Pender: **Q:** In other public meetings were there any other alternates found acceptable by this group?

A: Potts: Yes

A: Lebsock: At the public meeting, they did not want any alternative

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION – Greg Barley moved to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting with grammatical error changes on page 4 the second paragraph “there” to “their” also the fourth paragraph “were” to “where” and on page 5 paragraph one “Cycle-cross” to “Cyclo-cross” stated by Mark Turner. Add Jay Chaudhuri to the Members Present section. His motion was seconded by Chris Smith with the necessary changes. The motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fletcher Committee – Elaine Perkinson stated that the brochures have been sent to the printer and there was only one change with the date of the event. Elaine has contacted Elizabeth Garner and she has it on her calendar, has asked Elaine to get back in contact with her in March.

Mordecai Historic Park Advisory Board – The board met on November 12, 2009, the Haunted Mordecai went well the attendance was good but not great, Troy Burton suggested it was the damp weather. The trolley will be running in the Raleigh Christmas Parade on November 21, 2009. The park center location is still being discussed. The funeral home on Wake Forest Rd. declined the offer to purchase the property, the board is back to talking about the lot behind Mordecai as a potential place for the center.

COR Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board – Doris Burke stated that they are in the process of writing a matching grant. They are partnering with the Raleigh Historic District Cemeteries. They are also working on installing bollards at the entrances of various cemeteries; the caretakers will be able to move them if there is a funeral or a need to enter and exit the cemetery.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Fees and Charges Committee – The committee met Monday, October 26, 2009 and Monday, November 2, 2009. The department looks at a subset of the fees for the department, Kim Kittner walked the committee through the reasoning for choosing this particular subset for this year.

ACTION – Scott Reston made a motion present the proposed 2010 Fees and Charges information to City Council for review and approval as submitted. His motion was seconded by Greg Barley. The motion passed unanimously. (Kevin Brice, Shoshanna Serxner, Eugene Weeks, and Jimmy Thiem were absent).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Appointments for Committees:

Jan Pender – Parks Committee

Jay Chaudhuri – Greenway and Urban Trees

Scott Reston – Greenway and Urban Trees

New PRGAB member Rodger Koopman will begin at the next PRGAB meeting

UPCOMING DEDICATIONS:

- *Green Road Gymnasium Addition Dedication – December 3, 2009 at 6:00pm*
- *Greystone – December 8, 2009 at 11:00am Ribbon Cutting ceremony and at 5:30pm the Official Dedication ceremony.*
- *Lane Street Mini Park Dedication – December 12, 2009 at 12:00noon*

Winter Retreat – February 13, 2009 at Walnut Creek Wetland Center

An additional item has been added to the Work Plan by City Council and will be presented at the next meeting, from the Comprehensive Plan the category of Nature Parks and Preserve and staff has been authorized to work with the PRGAB and with Wake Nature Preserve Partnership.

A sign up sheet was disseminated to sign up for items for the Holiday Social in December

BOARD COMMENTS

Jay Chaudhuri – stated he will be out of the country for December meeting

Scott Reston – Good to see the community involvement, would have loved to see that type of involvement at the service project that was in their community a couple of weeks ago.

Mark Turner – Walnut Creek Greenway – pleased with the wayfinder signs would like to see signs that state cross streets you are approaching.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is now starting up and some of their questions overlap with greenway usage. Something we may want to consider is how we (PRGAB) interact with the Bicycle and Pedestrian committee.

Jan Pender – Would like to commend Kevin Brice with the wonderful Conservation Summit, also to commend the staff for being in attendance. Also for the retreat it would be nice to have a discussion on the public participation, and what are the roles and responsibilities of the board?

Becky Oxholm – Honeycutt connector that ends at Falls Lake, she stated she has been using the trail and it is great, they are marked and with beautiful lake views. If you are able to walk it you should.

Doris Burke – what is the date of the next Parks Committee meeting - (December 3, 2009 at 6:00pm)

Gail Till – stated that there is a conflict with the Green Road Dedication on the same date and time as the Parks Committee meeting.

Diane Sauer – stated that we will follow up with Jimmy with the Parks Committee conflict and let everyone know

Greg Barley – Appreciated Gail Till for the way she handled the meeting during the public section.

Chris Smith - stated that he is nearing his term and his patience for rudeness is waning.

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| ADJOURNMENT |
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Greg Barley moved to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Chris Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02p.m.