

**Carrboro Greenways Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**At –Large Members Present**

\*George Daniel (Chair) – At Large  
\*Robert Kirschner- At Large  
\*Salli Benedict- At Large

**Representatives Present**

\*Dave Otto- Friends of Bolin Creek (Vice-chair)  
\*Randee Haven-O’Donnell- Board of Alderman

**Staff Present**

Randy Dodd- Town of Carrboro Planning Department  
Trish McGuire- Town of Carrboro Planning Department  
Brendan Moore- Town of Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department  
Nick Parker – OWASA  
Ray Magyar-UNC  
Marabeth Carr – Orange County Environmental Resources and Conservation Department

**Absent**

\*Amber Wagner- At Large  
\*Livy Ludington- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools  
\*Andreas Hay-Environmental Advisory Board  
\*Johnny Randall- Morgan Creek Valley Alliance/NC Botanical Garden  
\*Katie Schwing –Transportation Advisory Board  
Bill Webster – Town of Chapel Hill  
\*Heidi Paulsen – Planning Board  
\*Gary Junker- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools  
\* Eric Allman – Recreation and Parks Commission

**Guests**

Wendi Ramsden- CJT  
Steve Bailey- CJT  
\* indicates voting member

- I. **Call to Order-** George Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** Tabled due to lack of quorum.
- III. **Update on Twin Creeks Greenway:** Steve Bailey of Coulter, Jewell, and Thames presented a brief update on the status of the Twin Creeks Park greenway. The project is still in design phase but is nearing completion and will soon be ready for the creation of specifications and bid manual. The project is in line for federal funding through the Recovery Act via NC DOT. The Greenway will run North/South through the park property on existing OWASA easements. Challenges present include the crossing of Jones Creek, which will require a long bridge to span the flood plain. The design calls for a ten foot wide asphalt trail with three foot shoulders. The majority of the grade is under 4% with a small section over 6% near the Morris Grove School.

IV. **Morgan Creek Project Update:** Wendi Ramsden of CJT presented an update on the Morgan Creek project. A public meeting was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Frank Porter Graham Elementary. The turnout was small with 11 people signing in and only 7 surveys returned. The main feedback from the surveys included a desire to get to University Lake and to Downtown Carrboro. Very little feedback was given concerning trail surface. While there is a desire to end at University Lake, with the park closed 4-5 days a week and the proximity of the Blood Lab, the general consensus is to route the trail to the front entrance of University Lake, thus avoiding the need for signage or gates on the University Lake property. One long term idea mentioned was to create a section of trail below the dam to make use of the suitable terrain and scenery. Wendi also mentioned the challenge in one section where people are making use of the land all the way to the creek, even though it is technically easements. Several homes also come very close to the creek and concerns were raised at the public meeting about proximity of the trail to the back of several homes. CJT is working on two potential creek crossings in this area to route traffic away from homes and the neighborhood playing field as much as possible. Regarding the Smith Level Road end of the trail, the public comment included wanting sidewalk access to the trail from Berryhill and parking at Public Works. The design as of now suggests a bridge over the drain swale near the bridge to allow for a continuous path along the creek. The Commission also discussed ways to better publicize the next public meeting in October, including mailings, email, and through hosting it at a more central location such as the Tennis Club. The next Public Meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

V. **Announcements-** Dave Otto announced his exhibit on greenways in Carrboro will be featured on the August 14<sup>th</sup> Art Walk from 6-8:00 p.m.

VI. **Next Regular Meeting:** September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.