

**Carrboro Greenways Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**At –Large Members Present**

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

**Representatives Present**

\*Dave Otto (Vice-chair) - Friends of Bolin Creek  
\*Ranee Haven-O’Donnell- Board of Alderman  
\*Gary Junker – Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools  
\*Heidi Paulsen – Planning Board  
\*Eric Allman – Recreation and Parks Commission

**Staff Present**

Randy Dodd- Town of Carrboro Planning Department  
Brendan Moore- Town of Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department  
Jeff Brubaker—Town of Carrboro Planning Department  
Ray Magyar-UNC  
Bill Webster – Town of Chapel Hill

**Absent**

\*Salli Benedict- At Large  
\*Amber Wagner- At Large  
\*Livy Ludington- Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools  
\*Andreas Hays-Environmental Advisory Board  
\*Johnny Randall- Morgan Creek Valley Alliance/NC Botanical Garden  
Nick Parker – OWASA  
Marabeth Carr – Orange County Environmental Resources and Conservation Department

**Guests**

Wendi Ramsden – CJT  
Nina Butler - Environmental Advisory Board  
Casey Dillon - UNC Dept. of City and Regional Planning

\* indicates voting member

- I. **Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** MOTION (Kirschner, Allman second): The Greenways Commission approved the minutes of the May 18, July 20, August 10, and September 14 minutes (unanimous). Dave requested that staff re-post the results from the May 20 Bolin Creek Greenway public workshop.
  
- III. **Morgan Creek Greenway Project Update:** Wendi gave a presentation on the Morgan Creek Greenway alignment. The recommended alignment took into account topography, floodway/floodplain location, the amount of land owned by the Town, connections to other infrastructure and destinations, and cost. Factors in the cost estimate include trail length and the number of creek crossings. Wendi described the greenway alignment in segments while the

Commission provided input for each segment. Commission recommendations included modifying the western loop near University Lake (recommending the northern arc of the loop for a later phase), keeping the greenway north of the creek at Weatherhill Pointe (along Tennis Club property), crossing Morgan Creek at Berryhill (as recommended by an engineer consulted by CJT), looping around the soccer fields (as opposed to crossing south of them), pursuing a second crossing to the north side of the creek on Town property west of the Public Works facility, and including a connector to the Canterbury property. Issues associated with this alignment included the requirements for approval of the second crossing, the ability to locate the trail along a segment of utility easement, and the design of the trail adjacent to Smith Level Rd. The recommended alignment was proposed to be presented at the Morgan Creek Greenway public workshop on Oct. 19.

IV. **Announcements:** The Commission discussed a citizen letter regarding the Bolin Creek Greenway. Randee indicated she and Town staff members would be meeting with the citizens regarding their concerns.

V. **Upcoming Meetings:** Morgan Creek Public Workshop #2, Chapel Hill Tennis Club, Monday, Oct. 19, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Next regular Greenways Commission meeting: Nov. 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Town Hall.

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.