

## **Greenways Commission Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, January 13, 2020; 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Town Hall, Room (109)**

- I. 6:30 pm – Call to Order (Chair)**
  - a. Approval of minutes – (November 18, 2019)**
  - b. Approval of minutes – (December 9, 2019)**
  
- II. 6:45 pm – Update on Multi-Modal Trail Concept**
  
- III. 7:15 pm – Informal Paths**
  
- V. 7:45 pm – Active projects**
  - a. Homestead-Chapel Hill High School MU Path**
  - b. Morgan Creek Greenway**
  - c. Jones Creek**
  
- VI. 8:00 pm – Adjourn**

**Carrboro Greenways Commission  
Minutes  
November 18, 2019**

**Members Present**

\*Dave Mabe (Chair)  
\* Robert Kirschner  
\*Jeff Summerlin-Long  
\*Alyson West

**Absent**

Ethan Beattie  
Rob Crook  
Damon Seils – Board of Aldermen  
Ranee Haven-O’Donnell – Board of Aldermen

\*indicates voting member

**Guests**

Susan Romaine, Carrboro Town Council-elect

**Staff Present**

Tina Moon-Carrboro Planning  
Zachary Hallock-Carrboro Planning

I. **Call to Order:** Dave Mabe called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

a. **Approval of Minutes – (October 14, 2019)**

Postponed to the December meeting.

II. **Update on Bike Plan**

Hallock provided a summary on the bike plan with information on the update scheduled for the Board of Aldermen meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Hallock noted that a preliminary draft plan has been provided as part of the Board agenda materials, but that staff is still reviewing. The schedule for completion is anticipated for early in 2020.

Greenway Commission members, some of whom had participated on the steering committee, offered a number of thoughts and comments on the preliminary draft plan:

- What is the schedule for the project moving forward, in particular, opportunities for steering committee and public input? Have the Board of Aldermen provided comments?
- Have NCDOT’s comments been incorporated into the draft?
- There seems to be some omissions. How were the priority projects determined, what was the methodology? Should the list be further prioritized for recommended order of importance/completion? There doesn’t seem to be a long-term list of project, reference to the greenways included in the 2009 bike plan. Carolina North Forest is “grayed out,” how come?

Staff provided a description of the public hearing process, and an anticipated timeline for next steps. There was discussion about providing a better link between the existing 2009 bike plan and this update, and how will this plan work in concert with other plans—such as the adopted greenways plan and future comprehensive plan and associated elements. Greenway members expressed interest in providing more detailed feedback as the plan gets more fully fleshed-out,

and noted the importance of having that more detailed plan ready for when the public has the opportunity to provide their input.

III. **Update on Data Collection Tools: Strava/Streetlight**

This item was provided as a follow up to a discussion on Strava, an Internet-based software program popular with cyclists (in particular). Individual users can log in trip data with statistics on distance, time and route. It provides a helpful tool to show, with heat maps, which popular travel patterns which can help inform decisions on bike-ped infrastructure improvements. Mabe and West lead the conversation on Strava. Hallock provided background on Streetlight, which is more of a transportation modeling tool. Streetlight tracks locational data from cellphones, mapping travel patterns for different travel modes. Originally limited to vehicular trips, more recent iterations of Streetlight is tracking bike-ped trips as well. Both programs provide mechanisms for the collection of trip data; Strava tends to be more athlete-based; Streetlight more mainstream—but also limited to smartphone users.

IV. **Informal Paths. Moon included the most updated list of projects in the packet, and** Mabe when through the list, one by one, to discuss each potential project. Mabe and Summerlin-Long offered to try to cycle by many of the paths to gain a better understanding of their use and benefit as a connection.

V. **Active Projects**

- a. **Homestead-Chapel Hill High School MU Path.** Staff provided a brief update on the project and noted the requests for dog bag stations and improved signage for the two-lane path.
- b. **Morgan Creek Greenway.** Staff provided a short update on the Town's effort to work with the Town Engineer to make some minor adjustments to the scope of the project and to search for additional funding. Staff will reach out to Berryhill residents when they have a better sense of the project schedule.
- c. **Jones Creek Greenway.** Staff noted the updates presented to the Board of Aldermen on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the third public hearing for 60-percent design was held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Staff noted that the next steps include technical permitting and outreach.

Mabe introduced Susan Romaine, Town Council member elect.

VI. **Adjourn:** Summerlin-Long motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kirschner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9th, 2019.

**Carrboro Greenways Commission  
Minutes  
December 9, 2019**

**Members Present**

\*Dave Mabe (Chair)  
\*Robert Kirschner  
\*Alyson West  
\*Ethan Beattie  
\*Rob Crook  
Kurt Stolka

**Absent**

\*Jeff Summerlin-Long  
Damon Seils – Board of Aldermen

**Guests**

Randee Haven-O’Donnell – Board of Aldermen

\*indicates voting member

**Staff Present**

Trish McGuire -Carrboro Planning

- I. **Call to Order:** Dave Mabe called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes – (October 14, 2019)**  
A motion to approve was made by crook and seconded by West. Ayes, Mabe, West, and Crook. Abstentions, Beattie, Kirschner.
  - b. **Approval of Minutes – (November 18, 2019)**  
A motion to table approval was made by Kirschner, with a request for more information to be added to the comments on bike plan, particularly related to questions and discussion of relationship to other plans, and seconded Crook. Ayes – all.
- II. **Approval of 2020 Meeting Calendar**  
Chair Mabe noted that he will be out of town on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Beattie noted that he is planning to be in town and is available to serve as co-chair. A CHCCS holiday is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>, so it is suggested that the meeting be changed to April 20<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve the calendar with the change to the April meeting date, and subject to any other conflicts that staff might discover going forward, was made by Kirschner and seconded by Crook. Ayes – all.
- III. **Informal Paths**  
Members reviewed images provided by Chair Mabe and discussed. Regarding the greenway connection to Baldwin Park, it was requested that a walk be arranged to visit the location, or that photographs could be taken to better determine a possible connection. Prior to that occurring however, staff is to check in with Chapel Hill staff and discuss connections and is recommended to contact former councilwoman Donna Bell, who is familiar with the location (her residence is nearby). It was considered likely a historic path between Northside and the Lloyd-Broad neighborhood. Discussion continued with examination of the paths near University Lake apartments, the connections to Carolina Apartments at two points, the path to Royal Park from Barnes Street, and the path to Walden. Crook noted that he had emerged closed to homes

on Walden Lane and that a resident had been surprised. Crook shared video he had taken while walking through several locations –Royal Park/Carolina Apartments to Barnes Street/Walden Drive. Mabe noted the possibility of combining three small connections into one projects.

Staff was asked to take a look the sidewalk locations on Broad and Craig (in Chapel Hill) and see if there is right-of-way for a connection. Arrange for visits to sites, (permission likely needed from property owners in several locations). Staff were also asked to check with right-of-way at other locations such as Goldston Avenue and Dillard Street as this connection was raised during the year by a resident. Also, to check the Phipps Street connection from Lorraine Street heading east toward Dillard.

#### IV. **Active Projects**

- a. **Homestead-Chapel Hill High School MU Path.** Staff provided a brief update on the project and noted the requests for dog bag stations and improved signage for the two-lane path. Mabe and others reported that the path had been pretty clean, especially compared with the condition of the trail on the other side of the Jolly Branch bridge toward Seawell – it is quite uneven at the bridge edge and full of roots and bumps. Staff can check with CH, CHCCS, and Carolina North staff. Staff to check about Google Map bike routing as it is not routing bikes through Cobblestone.
- b. **Morgan Creek Greenway.** Same as previous report - Town Engineer to make some minor adjustments to the scope of the project and to search for additional funding. Staff will reach out to Berryhill residents when they have a better sense of the project schedule.
- c. **Jones Creek Greenway.** Work continues toward technical permitting and outreach. Staff is requested to check the sign on Turtleback Crossing – is it Jones Creek in that location? Maybe incorrect.

#### V. **Agenda items for next meeting**

There was a short discussion on the framing of the requested update of the multi-modal trail concept that was presented at the Intergovernmental Parks Work Group in October. Crook provided background on the grassroots efforts to date. Another requested topic of conversation for a future meeting was about the promotion of greenways/programming of greenways, and how that might occur and how the Greenways Commission could lead, possible item for inclusion in a future Recreation & Parks Guide?

#### VI. **Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kirschner and seconded by West. Ayes – all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13th, 2020.

# \*\*Greenways Commission\*\*

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### USA Holidays and Observances

New Year's Day	Jan 01	M L King Day	Jan 21	Valentine's Day	Feb 14
Presidents' Day	Feb 17	Passover	Apr 9	Good Friday	Apr 10
Easter	Apr 12	Ramadan	Apr 24	Mother's Day	May 10
Memorial Day	May 25	Father's Day	June 21	Independence's Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept 7	Rosh Hashanah	Sept 18-20	Yom Kippur	Sept 27-28
Columbus Day	Oct 12	Halloween	Oct 31	Veteran's Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Nov 26	Hanukkah	Dec 10-18	Christmas	Dec 25
Kwanzaa	Dec 26-Jan 1	New Year's Eve	Dec 31		

Name	Description	Google Maps	Current Usage Level (est.)
Baldwin Park	Connects Broad St to corner of Bynum/Craig on southern end of Baldwin Park	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Barnes+St+%26+Queen+St,+Carrboro,+NC+27">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Barnes+St+%26+Queen+St,+Carrboro,+NC+27</a>	High
Carolina Apts to Barnes St.	North and parallel to Queens St going east to west	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Barnes+St+%26+Queen+St,+Carrboro,+NC+27">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Barnes+St+%26+Queen+St,+Carrboro,+NC+27</a>	Unsure
Royal Park Apts to King St.	NW corner of Royal Park apartments to King St.	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Royal+Park+Apartments/@35.9045883,-79.078">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Royal+Park+Apartments/@35.9045883,-79.078</a>	Unsure
Carolina Apts to Queens St.	SW corner of Queens St.	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Royal+Park+Apartments/@35.9048853,-79.080">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Royal+Park+Apartments/@35.9048853,-79.080</a>	Unsure
Heritage Hills to Damascus Church Road	Long trail	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.8726352,-79.0971701,1761m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.8726352,-79.0971701,1761m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	High
Johnson St. to South Green	Still under construction	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9039718,-79.0703513,439m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9039718,-79.0703513,439m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	Unsure
Old Pittsboro to Laurel	Pipe crossing a gully - very little usage, no trespassing signs	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9065844,-79.0753113,433m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9065844,-79.0753113,433m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	Very Low
Maple to Wannamaker	Sidewalk/steps	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.906489,-79.0706476,105m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.906489,-79.0706476,105m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	High
Roberson Bike Path to Knolls St.	Fence on east side of path - seems like it would make a good connection	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9057936,-79.0693807,115m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9057936,-79.0693807,115m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	Very Low
Libba Cotten to back of 300 E Main (Cat's Cradle)	Pretty good connection but some consider it "uninviting"	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9099055,-79.0695202,195m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9099055,-79.0695202,195m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	Moderate
Bel Arbor to Phipps St.		<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9189116,-79.0879405,194m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9189116,-79.0879405,194m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	Low
Sunset Creek to Circadian Way	Lots of usage, mixed messages from town?	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.935774,-79.0889955,188m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.935774,-79.0889955,188m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	High
Pleasant Drive to Estes Park Apts	Dirt path, lots of usage. Offers nice alternative to avoid Estes Dr/Greensboro intersec	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9181461,-79.0695886,192m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9181461,-79.0695886,192m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	High
Jay St to Village Dr to Estes Park Apts	Official RR crossing still there but fence prevents any usage, lots of history with attem	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9201606,-79.0690338,199m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9201606,-79.0690338,199m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	None
Tallyhoe to Turtleback Crossing		<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9557629,-79.0973411,792m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9557629,-79.0973411,792m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	Unsure
Carrboro High School to Ray Road	Lots of XC and bike traffic	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.8882135,-79.0864561,389m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.8882135,-79.0864561,389m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	High
Prince Street to Jones Ferry Road			High
West Poplar Avenue to Fidelity Street	Long-standing informal footpath. Supposed to be retained as part of Inara Court development.		Unsure
Ashbrook to Poplar Place	Paved path connecting two apartment communities. Doesn't show up on maps.		Low
Hillview Street to Oak Avenue Ext	Chain across paved path was recently removed and replaced by bollard.		Unsure
Quail Roost Drive to McDougle schools	Paved path not shown on maps.		High
Strowd Lane to Anderson Park	Informal path recently paved with gravel, not shown on maps.		Moderate
Robert Hunt Drive to Bolin Forest Drive	Well used footpath connecting these roads.	<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9237796,-79.0820821,220m/data=!3m1!1e3">https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9237796,-79.0820821,220m/data=!3m1!1e3</a>	High
Hickory to Fayetteville Rd?		<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/vx2qvyk1wkmhaq/bethel_hickory_to_old_fayetteville.png?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/vx2qvyk1wkmhaq/bethel_hickory_to_old_fayetteville.png?dl=0</a>	