

# MINUTES

## COUNCIL PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 3:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

**Members Present:** Gary Daniel, Council Member, Chair  
Ann Hollingsworth, Council Member, Vice-Chair  
Ben Hardy, Citizen Member  
Jimmy Perkins, Citizen Member  
Dr. Marty Ingram, Citizen Member

**Members Absent:** Colin Izzard, Citizen Member

**Staff Present:** Jim Fatland, City Manager  
Josh Freeman, Community Development/Special Projects Director  
Daniel Cobb, Planning Director  
Lynn Goldsmith, Parks & Property Management Director

**Others:** Susan Brown, Citizen

### A. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 PM.

### B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified.

### C. Review of the Minutes

The 3/16/16 meeting's minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.

### D. PARTF Grant Application Introduction

J. Freeman explained the PARTF Grant and gave an overview of the project scope for application purposes. He identified that the project was to improve and add to the current Estatoe trail (a part of the Brevard Area Trail System). The main improvements he identified were the: Davidson River Bridge, a dog park, a path through the Tannery Property, and an extension of the Estatoe Trail along Railroad Avenue.

## **E. Public Input Session**

The discussion regarding each element of the application went as follows:

### Davidson River Bridge

J. Freeman presented a plan including both a parking lot and the pedestrian bridge over the Davidson River. He explained that this would create additional parking for the summer, create a place to park for tubers (who traditionally have made the dangerous walk back up the Hwy 276 to get back to their vehicles), and help with overflow from the newly established Pilot Cove and the newly upgraded Hub. He showed two designs, both of which would be presented in the PARTF application.

### Dog Park

J. Freeman presented his concept drawing of a dog park for the Rathie land. S. Brown pointed out that the parking lot was across from the dog park and suggested that might be dangerous. J. Freeman suggested a crosswalk with stop signs and also indicated that this is a fairly preliminary plan.

### Railroad Avenue Connector

J. Freeman presented the Railroad Avenue connector as both a large extension to the multiuse path, but also as the connector that brings the Estatoe into Downtown Brevard.

### Additional PARTF ideas

S. Brown inquired whether there would be an attempt to connect to Hap Simpson Park. J. Freeman said that that was the eventual goal, however from both a constructability and land acquisition standpoint that would have to happen later. He also stated that the Railroad Ave Connector and the Tannery Property paths combined would make a large extension towards the eventual end goal of Hap Simpson Park. There was further discussion regarding the possible routes to make the connection to the French Broad via the current plan.

J. Fatland informed the Committee that the City will also be working towards getting benches donated and some other small improvements. He suggested a community garden be included in the PARTF application.

While discussing small projects, J. Freeman suggested the inclusion of a connector to the Pisgah Drive/Temple Church Road neighborhood. The Committee agreed that this small stretch of multiuse path would connect a very large neighborhood to the path at minimal cost.

The Committee made a motion to include a dog park, the Davidson River Bridge, a community garden, the Railroad Avenue Connector, and Tannery Park pathways in the PARTF grant application. The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed upon.

## **F. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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Gary Daniel  
Council Member, Chair

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Kerry Lindsay  
Secretary