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City Council Parks, Trails, & Recreation Committee

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 3:30 PM
Administrative Conference Room at City Hall

Members Present: Gary Daniel, Chair, Council Member
Maureen Copelof, Vice-Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Daniel Cobb, Planning Director
David Lutz, Public Works Director
Cody Owen, Citizen Member
Keenan Smith, Citizen Member
Jonathan Griffin, Ex Officio

Absent: Colin Izzard, Citizen Member
Gregory Copeland, At-Large Member

Staff Present: Aaron Bland, Planning Department
Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: Torry Nergart, Conserving Carolina
Brooke Burrows, Conserving Carolina AmeriCorps Member
Tricia Davis, Resident

Media: None

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chairman Gary Daniel called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by Executive Assistant Denise Hodsdon.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cobb asked to amend the agenda to remove the Bike Friendly Community Plan

discussion and Mr. Fatland asked to add an item regarding proposed widening of the pavement on High School Road to create a pedestrian path. Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fatland to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2018 Meeting

Motion by Ms. Copelof, seconded by Mr. Owen to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Continued Discussion of Bike Friendly Community Plan

This item was removed from the agenda.

F. Proposed Widening of Pedestrian Path on High School Road

Mr. Fatland said the City has received a request to widen the pavement on High School Road to create a pedestrian path to increase safety in that area. Mr. Cobb and Mr. Bland explained that the road is currently 20 feet wide with no markings and the existing right of way is 60 feet wide. They are proposing adding an extra 2 feet on each side of the road to create two 12-foot travel lanes and adding an 8-foot paved pedestrian/bike path on one side, which could be accomplished within the existing right of way. There was discussion about how to safely separate the pedestrian pathway from the travelled roadway and it was the consensus of the Committee that a grass strip would create a visual and physical separation and would be the most cost effective method.

Motion by Mr. Fatland, seconded by Mr. Smith to direct staff to add a pathway with a two-foot grass strip between the roadway and the pathway. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Discussion Item:

Torry Nergart of Conserving Carolina presented an idea to enhance our area trail system. He proposes exploring a partnership between the City of Brevard and Conserving Carolina to create a program called the Friends of the Brevard Area Trail System. Conserving Carolina can host the program, which would allow Conserving Carolina to be able to work on property and speak in part with the City of Brevard on things like volunteer work days to maintain and add to our trail system and other improvement projects on City property, using Conserving Carolina's volunteer base, staff and other resources. He said the proposal would include all of our trails, no matter the surface or type of user – from the greenway system starting from USFS Estatoe Trail through the City of Brevard, to the Bracken Mountain Preserve to assist with trail construction and maintenance there. He said they would do what they can as far as influencing and

advocating the greater connection in the USFS to Brevard and working on some of the easement properties potentially in the future for expanding the system. Committee members liked the idea of creating a Friends group and Mr. Nergart said this could go wherever the community wants to take it. Initially, they will engage their current volunteer base and figure out a way to start capturing more volunteers. Mr. Cobb said the City could help get the word out by putting information on our website, Facebook page and in the City Connections section of the *Transylvania Times*. Mr. Nergart will keep the Committee updated as to their progress.

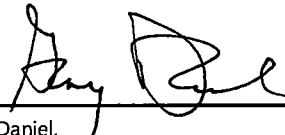
Mr. Nergart also informed the Committee that he will be meeting with the Deputy Director of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund on May 27th to review the proposed trail plan for Bracken Preserve.

G. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Fatland, seconded by Ms. Copelof to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

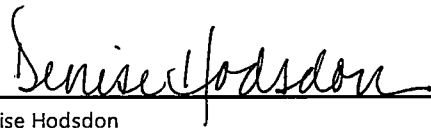
Next Meeting

The next City Council Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 3:30 PM.

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Gary Daniel,
Chair, Council Member

Minutes Approved: June 20, 2018

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Denise Hodsdon
Executive Assistant