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City Council Parks, Trails, & Recreation Committee

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 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
Keenan Smith, Citizen Member
Gregory Copeland, At-Large Member

Absent: David Lutz, Public Works Director
Colin Izzard, Citizen Member
Cody Owen, Citizen Member
Ryan Olson, Citizen Member
Jared Mull, County Representative, Ex Officio

Staff Present: Bryan Brightbill, Planning Department
Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: Torry Nergart, Conserving Carolina
Shyloh and Rusti Broadway

Media: None

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chairman Gary Daniel welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM. Planning Director Daniel Cobb introduced Bryan Brightbill who has joined the Planning Department as a Planner/Assistant Zoning Administrator.

B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by Executive Assistant Denise Hodsdon.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. Copelof to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2019 Special Meeting

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Copelof to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Bracken Preserve Trail Conditions Sign

Mr. Smith had suggested that it would be a good thing for the longevity of our trails and to reduce maintenance if we had some type of signage or oversight during times of inclement weather. After talking with a lot of professional trail builders, SORBA and various other communities that have dealt with this, he suggested that signage is the easiest way to do it. He has talked with David Lutz as well. Mr. Fatland reported that Mr. Lutz has had a sign made and it has already been installed. We will see how that works. Torry Nergart from Conserving Carolina said they will keep an eye on it while they are working up there.

F. Consideration of Construction of Privacy Fence at Skate Park

Mr. Fatland reported that the skate park is under construction and they have made a lot of progress. Mr. Cobb said the owner of the adjacent property has requested that the City build a fence between the skate park and his property to provide some privacy for his tenants and to keep people off his property. The skate park property line is pretty close to the structure that is on the neighboring property. Before construction began there was a natural barrier of trees and shrubs there but was all cleared out when the skate park work began. Mr. Cobb noted that this was brought to this committee back in February and the consensus was to not build the fence at that time but to get some cost estimates and see what it would look like if we did want to do that. He asked the owner to give us some cost estimates and we got one estimate of \$1,800 for 200 feet of wooden fence.

Shyloh and Rusti Broadway, the current tenants at the property, shared photos showing that the gravel path to the skate park is touching the property line which is about 12 feet from their living area and people are starting to come into their yard. They also said there is no noise barrier so it tends to get pretty noisy. They explained that the landlord's request is a privacy fence bordering both the side and back of his property. Mr. Cobb said the quote was for 110 feet of fencing on the right side and 90 feet on the back. Ms. Copelof said to her it makes sense as we have changed the nature of that area significantly. Mr. Smith agreed and asked if it would make sense to put in some plantings to help buffer sound. Motion by Ms. Copelof, seconded by Mr. Copeland to authorize the City Manager to install a 200-foot privacy fence as requested and to look into appropriate plantings to provide a better sound buffer. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nergart suggested that the plantings should be native to the area and said the Conservancy would be glad to lend its advice on that.

G. Update on Relocation of Bike Path along Asheville Highway

Mr. Cobb reported that the Planning Department has been reviewing plans for the new car wash at the former Sagebrush Restaurant site and part of that project is the dedication of a right of way for a bike path across the back of their property all the way to the CVS property line. The plan is for them to build it and then get reimbursed for a portion of it. He said we still need to speak with CVS and Advanced Auto and figure out what we are going to do to get over to 828 Fitness. He said we don't have a detailed estimate yet but the rough estimate is about \$95,000 in materials and that does not include the engineering and design for it, or the property acquisition in whatever form that will take, whether it's fee simple or an easement. Mr. Fatland added that Pisgah Health Foundation has grant money available for Transylvania County and Henderson County and he has been sharing with them all the work that this Committee has been doing on the trail system. He feels that this is an opportunity for safety that we could submit for their approval as well. Mr. Daniel said he feels this is important and will make that section of the trail much more welcoming for people to use.

Other Updates:

Mr. Fatland reported that we now have easements from McLean Street all the way up to West Main Street to extend the trail.

Mr. Cobb reported that the contract has been awarded for the pedestrian bridge on Railroad Avenue and Depot bids are due on May 16th. Mr. Fatland added that David Lutz will be acting as general contractor on the paving of the trail.

Mr. Fatland asked Mr. Copeland for an update on the County Parks & Recreation Committee meetings. Mr. Copeland reported that the focus of their most recent meeting was the potential acquisition of 7 acres on the river near the Barclay Road bridge. That would be another point to get into the river, which is almost equidistant between the Hap Simpson Park and Rosman. He said there is nothing official yet, but this would be a great extension to the whole river system.

Mr. Nergart gave an update on the Friends of Brevard Trails. He said communication with the contracted trail builder is ongoing and he is recommending June 1st as a big volunteer supplement to the trail building. They are also looking towards a mid-May work day out on the greenway to get some downed wood and debris out of the right of way. He said momentum has been good and they currently have about 130 people enrolled.

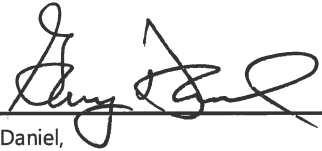
H. Set Date for Next Meeting

Because both Mr. Daniel and Ms. Copelof will be away, the May meeting will be cancelled.

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 3:30 PM.

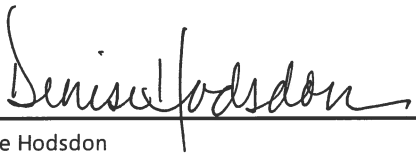
I. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

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Gary Daniel,
Chair, Council Member

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Denise Hodsdon
Executive Assistant