New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting of January 12, 2017

(Present: Goebel, Healy, Welch, Kent, Harrison, Scott Whiteman, Brendan Moore, Margaret Sands (TLC), Brigid Hogan)

(1) Membership of the Committee

Friends of New Hope Creek (Healy, Vacant)

Property Owner, Durham (Welch, Vacant)

Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (Goebel)

Duke Forest????

Property Owner, Orange (Fowler, Vacant)

Orange County Commission on the Environment (Vacant)

Chapel Hill Parks, Recreation and Greenways Commission (Vacant)

Advisors: John Kent, Ed Harrison, Bo Howes

Healy will try to fill vacancies and invites suggestions as to people who would be interested. The committee unanimously invited Brigid Hogan, property owner in the Sandy Creek watershed (Durham) and chair of the Cell Biology Department at Duke, to join the committee, occupying the vacant Durham Property Owner spot.

- (2) It was noted that there is a fruit and vegetable stand (Funny Girl Farm) on Mt. Moriah Rd. near the Brown property that seems to source its produce from nearby land. These people might be potential property owner members for the Committee.
- (3) Sandy Creek Park. There have been a number of workdays on the accessible trail. Healy noted that Creek Week will be celebrated countywide March 18-25 and said that several activities, including a cleanup, will take place at Sandy Creek Park. Goebel said that the neighborhood now has a web site.
- (4) Hollow Rock Park. Moore said that the old store had been moved to the property, though it still needs a foundation. He said video footage of the move is available for possible future use. Kent inquired about future plans for funding. Changing government programming might make it difficult to get more federal funds for the site.
- (5) Whiteman said that the Cornwallis Rd. project is coming back as a "by right" project that will not require rezoning. Any building on the site will still involve granting of our long-sought trail easement.
- (6) Moore asked for information that could be used to put Hollow Rock into the overall New Hope context. Healy said that interpretive signs at Sandy Creek could be duplicated with only small changes, since they show the entire NH watershed.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 9, 5 pm at Garrett Farms Clubhouse.