

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting of March 9, 2017

(Present: Fowler, Goebel, Healy, Welch, Kent, Harrison)

- (1) Sandy Creek Park. Relocating and graveling of the section of trail between the church and the floodplain is virtually complete, including a long section of boardwalk. The last weekend's work was done by TROSA, students of Nicki Cagle and neighborhood volunteers. Phase II will require city permits—more than \$1000 in fees paid already, with more to come. It will also require professional engineering work. For the long trail, \$6-7,000 more will be needed plus a very large amount of volunteer time. Healy said that the Sierra Club has agreed to post a volunteer trailbuilding activity on its MeetUp site upon request. A local neighborhood has received a Neighborhood Improvement grant that can be used for signs on this trail. The Larry Stogner trail is more or less fully funded.

Healy noted that for Creek Week, there will be a bird walk (8 am) and cleanup (10-12 am) on March 18. He will get the materials and supervise the cleanup. Nicki Cagle will do another frog walk during the week. Healy will notify Parks and Recreation about our desire to do a nighttime activity.

- (2) Hollow Rock Park. Kent visited Saturday and said that the store foundations look good. He said that the Garden Club of Durham is ending its activities after almost 100 years and could be approached for a contribution.
- (3) John Goebel offered to lead an informal hike between the end of the Sandy Creek trail on Pickett Rd. and the Candleshop property, where we hope to get a future trail easement. He said that the big hurdle would be the need to build a bridge across Sandy Creek.
- (4) Kent said that, at a station area planning meeting, an assumption was made that the Patterson Place station was to be located east of where it had been placed in the approved EIS. Development is supposed to be clustered around stations and this would potentially mean an increase in density very near the New Hope corridor specifically sensitive lands.

THE COMMITTEE PASSED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ORIGINAL STATION LOCATION AND DIRECTED JOHN KENT TO RAISE OUR CONCERNS AT FUTURE STATION PLANNING MEETINGS. THE NHCCAC ALSO ASKED TO BE NOTIFIED AND INCLUDED IN ANY DECISION PROCESS THAT MIGHT INVOLVE MOVEMENT OF THE STATION FROM THE LOCATION INDICATED IN THE FINAL EIS.

Healy will call Scott Whiteman to discuss this concern.