

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee— Minutes of Meeting of July 9, 2009

(Present: Berndt, Bridgwater, Edeburn, Fowler, Goebel, Healy, Harrison, Kent, Bo Howes (TLC), Jeff Fisher)

- (1) Status of mapping the corridor. Healy noted the preparation of a very useful map of the corridor being compiled by Tyler Waring of the Durham City-County Planning Department. Waring has spoken to Bill Webster about including Chapel Hill information. Healy expressed the wish that the map could be available to us in electronic form, and that it include parcel size, current structures, and other material from the Durham Go Maps data base. Healy will correspond with Waring and invite him to our next meeting.
- (2) Work has begun on the Old Chapel Hill Rd. Park (next to Githens Middle School.) A copy of the final park plan is attached. A paved trail runs through the park. This will connect with the New Hope Githens Trail, but the latter will remain unpaved.
- (3) Proposed high school at Cornwallis and Erwin. DPS (Durham Public Schools) had not, and still have not, notified us about this project. Edeburn said that Becky Heron spoke with Hugh Osteen of DPS regarding the school siting, which she has publicly opposed. He said the Duke Homestead Rd. site is still under consideration. TLC is writing to the school system saying the Cornwallis site is inappropriate. After discussion, the NHCCAC voted unanimously to direct Healy to write a letter to DPS that would point out the many inconsistencies with the New Hope Plan and indicating our strong opposition to its siting at this location. A copy of the letter is attached.
- (4) Turkey Farm Road Bridge. Kent said that the equipment has been removed and the only thing left is paving. [The bridge was completed in early August and opened to traffic.] Kent also said that the 15-501 bridge will allow a 10 ft. wildlife passage as this committee had recommended. Kent said that he saw a dead deer in the roadway that had been unable to get across because of the low temporary bridge.
- (5) Harrison said there is a bill being considered by the NC House allowing local governments to acquire conservation easements by condemnation—but only if there is no alternative.
- (6) Fowler showed us an impressive map of the Haw River that was sold at the Eno Festival. He recommended that we try to do something similar for the New Hope.

**Next meeting Thursday, August 13 at 5 pm at clubhouse of
Garrett Farms development.**