

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee Minutes of the August 12, 2010 Meeting

(Present: Goebel, Shaw, Korest, Kent, Fowler, Schuster, Welch)

(1) Bob Healy sent word that he had sent the NHCCAC resolution concerning electronic billboards to both the Durham City Council and the Board of (Durham) County Commissioners. In addition, Healy testified at the City Council meeting, where the ordinance to ban such billboards was upheld. The County Commissioners will take up the issue at their next meeting.

(2) John Goebel plans to meet with Rosetta Radtke of Parks and Recreation to discuss projects at Sandy Creek Park. Once they have met, Goebel plans to contact the Coulter Jewell Thames firm to see if they would be willing to help with the design of either a bird observation deck or the Sandy Creek bridge (or both). NHCCAC would like to name some feature at this park after Ken Coulter, who fought to save the Park and who was instrumental in writing the Master Plan for the New Hope. John Goebel will also contact Howard Lineberger of Durham Academy after meeting with Radtke and discuss what project the DA students might work on in the park. It was the feeling of those present that Sandy Creek, rather than Hollow Rock or the Old Chapel Hill Park would be a more appropriate place for these students to work.

(3) Jane Korest announced that Greg Schuster will be leaving the county at the end of August to take a job with the US Forest Service in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona. Before he leaves, Greg hopes to work with an Eagle Scout Candidate to build a kiosk at the Githens / Old Chapel Hill Park entrance to the New Hope Trail. In addition, Greg will lead a hike at Hollow Rock on August 28th to reflag the trail that he has laid out.

(4) The Old Chapel Hill Road Park will formally open on August 26th at 5:30 PM with a short ceremony. Healy has proposed that the NHCCAC had a table at the ceremony to share the work that our committee does. Prior to the event, we should check to see how long the ceremony will be and if such a presence is appropriate.

(5) Partly in preparation for such events and for future planning, we discussed maps that we would like to have in large format. Fowler suggested that we might have three maps; one including the entire New Hope Creek (River) Watershed, (2) one of the area of the New Hope that is covered by the New Hope Master Plan, and (3) the area of the New Hope that is under the most intensive growth (southern Durham). Shaw and Korest will work on coordinating these maps so that information from both Orange and Durham Counties is included.

(6) Kent announced that Bolin Creek Mural by Emily Weinstein is now on display at University Mall in Chapel Hill and urged all to see it. An exhibit of photographs of the Bolin Creek Trail by Dave Otto is also on display.

Submitted by John Goebel
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