

**New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee
Minutes for Sept. 9, 2010**

(Present: Goebel, Edeburn, Healy, Kent Welch, Bo Howes, Helen Youngblood, Alan Dippy, Howard Lineberger, Dan Jewell) This meeting was held in Sandy Creek Park.

(1) Billboards to go before Durham Board of County Commissioners meeting Sept. 13.

(2) Healy said that SunTrust had very kindly switched our low balance (\$85.73) to another kind of checking account that would continue to be no-fee. Healy is now legal signer for the account; he solicits a second.

(3) Regional Transportation meetings. Kent said that there is a plan for a transit bridge that would cross the New Hope near Funtasia (off Garrett Rd., south of 15-501). He said that his home town, Fort Wayne, Indiana, has a bike/ped greenway with a bridge cantilevered along a highway bridge, something we might look into.

(4) Search for Greg Schuster's position. (Jane K. told Healy applications will start to be reviewed Sept. 23)

(5) Report on trail marking on Durham side at Hollow Rock. Shaw and Korest making more maps of New Hope. Schuster and several NHCCAC members reflagged Hollow Rock trail on Durham side. They noted that old, erosion prone, trail continues to be used. A bridge is needed near Solterra.

(6) Strategy for a wider New Hope Basin initiative. Youngblood noted that the state mandated stormwater plan would define the limits of the basin.

(7) Planning for future improvements at Sandy Creek. Birder Randy Neighbarger visited the meeting and reported that the mailbox had come loose from its post and needed repair. Lineberger (Durham Academy) said that Eddie Culberson (?), who is on the country soil and water board, is planning to do some stream restoration upstream on Sandy Creek around Duke Golf Course.

(8) This discussion was followed by an on-site brainstorming session to discuss trails, bridges, birding platforms, environmental education uses, etc; improving the attractiveness and public usability of the park; and commemorating the life and work of Ken Coulter, who had a special fondness for Sandy Creek. Dan Jewell showed a brief film of an interview with Ken that might be incorporated in our interpretation in some way. Since Healy had to leave early in this part of the meeting additional reports will be incorporated in minutes for October 13 meeting.