

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee 3/14/13 Meeting at Garrett Farms Community Bldg.

Present – Goebel, Kent, Youngblood, Fowler, Edeburn, Brendan Moore, Welch

- Sandy Creek – Goebel
 - ⌚ Groups are lined up for Creek Week cleanup on 23 March, 8:00-3:00
 - Chris Shepard will have youth group to clear clogged culverts
 - ⌚ Should soon have decision on grant application for observation platform at SC
 - ⌚ For observation platform – will need framing inspection and foundation survey
 - ⌚ Kent brought up possibility of outdoor music for cleanup event, and future events – specifically, a group of women that play recorders
- Patterson Place apartments development plans – Kent
 - ⌚ Developer does not want to move dog park
 - ⌚ Developer noted Kent’s comments about lighting spillover
 - ⌚ Youngblood voiced concerns about potential stormwater overflow
 - City needs access to stormwater retention pond – could be opportunity for a trail
- Potential for future pedestrian/bike crossings of I-40 between Chapel Hill and Durham
 - ⌚ Kent discussed plans to widen I-40 north/west of 15-501, to six lanes total
 - Will do CE instead of environmental impact for entire widening project
 - Is a possibility that New Hope Creek crossing could be changed from present box culverts to bridge, providing possibility for interstate crossing by wildlife and people.
 - Possibility of I-40 underpass at Dry Creek
 - Could get Duke lawyers involved – Fowler
- Installation of new natural gas line by PSNC – Edeburn
 - ⌚ The 12” pipeline will run from general area of Chapel Hill, to Durham (Duke Univ. campus)
 - ⌚ A 50’ wide cleared area will be maintained over the buried pipeline where it crosses forested areas
 - ⌚ Mostly follows road right of ways, but Edeburn concerned about crossing of Blackwood Division of Duke Forest. Will cross many streams and an important natural area.
 - ⌚ As it nears Durham, pipeline path will come down Mt. Sinai Rd., then follow Old Erwin Rd., turn right and follow Lemur Lane to where it will pass under 15-501
 - ⌚ PSNC has ability to bore under creeks
 - ⌚ Total project cost of \$6.6 million (with Duke paying approx.\$2 million)
 - ⌚ Will try to have PSNC rep come speak to NHCCAC about pipeline at next month’s meeting.