

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

Minutes for August 8, 2013

(Present: Goebel, Kent, Healy, Helen Fischer, Bo Howes, Brendan Moore)

- (1) **Sandy Creek Park.** Goebel said that the \$10,000 DOST matching grant has been released for our use through Keep America Beautiful. \$4000 in wood was immediately purchased—for the fence around the developed part of the park, bollards to keep cars off the meadow and for decking material for the wildlife observation platform. An auger will be rented all next week. **We will have a continuing need, extending into the Fall, for volunteers.** A huge amount of mulch has been obtained, but it must be spread. We are mulching around the existing beds and fence so as to create smooth lines for the mower to follow. Healy has contacted Cisco re volunteers; Moore will ask Net Apps. Butterflies are abundant in the butterfly garden, though Monarchs are strangely absent.
- (2) **Old Chapel Hill Road Park.** Moore said that the boardwalk, despite being greatly strengthened and tied down, still had movement due to floodwaters. Lots of trees were blown down in a recent storm. Three more sections of heavy duty boardwalk have been installed, part of what will eventually be 200 ft. Kent said that the Patterson Place site plan has been approved. The landowner has not agreed to our written proposal to relocate the path so as to reduce tree cutting on the land adjacent to the park. Kent expressed concern about light spillover from the development into the park.
- (3) **Hollow Rock Park.** Nothing new to report. Moor still sees a positive outlook for the federal trails grant. He would like to build the bridges before having the parking lot built.
- (4) With regard to both the I-40 widening and the PSNC gas pipeline, Kent would like more information on the impacts on native mussels. He continues to observe sedimentation from upstream development projects in several important and pristine areas of the stream(s).

Next meeting, Thursday, September 12.