

10/10/13 meeting of New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

Present: Goebel, Kent, Welch, Fowler, Moore, Waldroup, Helen and Stan

- Kent brought up alternative routing and carrier type for local mass transit now in planning stage, as formulated and proposed by Terry Rekeweg (TR).
 - ⌚ TR plan has been presented to TTA, MPO, Durham and Orange counties
 - ⌚ Kent reports there is no Environ. Impact statement yet, so all still open with regard to plan selection.
 - ⌚ Moore would like to see overlay of TR plan with TTA plan, and know more details about plan.
 - ⌚ Will consider inviting TR to next NHCCAC meeting to learn more about his transit plan.
- Goebel reported on plans for 19 Oct. festival at Sandy Creek (SC)
 - ⌚ Festival time 9:00 to 1:00. Helpful if volunteers can show up at 8:30 for set up.
 - ⌚ Healy has worked up a poster on Sandy Creek Park area history
 - ⌚ Stan will do archeology
 - ⌚ Support funding for festival from Allenton, TICON, Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- Goebel other SC news
 - ⌚ Nice article in Durham Herald Sun about EPA volunteers working at SC, and Jim Wise working on an article about SC for the N&O.
 - ⌚ Moore – Net Ap is a company which is a good source of volunteers (for future work at SC)
 - ⌚ Good progress on observation deck.
 - ⌚ Need to find out of the way permanent location for chip mulch dumping, which will continue to be delivered.
- Kent reported potentially troublesome erosion at construction site of apartments near Patterson Place (Southwest Durham Blvd.)
- Kent reported logging on north side of 15-501, west of New Hope Creek (site of former proposed car sales lot). No info as to whether construction will follow, but Moore to investigate and report at next meeting.
- Hollow Rock report – Moore
 - ⌚ Still have not received definitive confirmation of \$200,000 grant from RTP, but chances very good. Contracts executed in January.
 - ⌚ Grant is reimbursement type, and if received will fund parking lot and bridges
 - ⌚ Orange County has funded second, more in depth archeological study. Study completed but results not known. Moore will check on results.
- Goebel announced matching grants available to NGOs from DOST. Is a 4 Nov. deadline
- Kent reported on plans to widen I-40
 - ⌚ Need Environmental Assessment
 - ⌚ Categorical Exclusion often being used now to satisfy NEPA
 - ⌚ As planned would impact future trails and aquatic habitat
 - ⌚ Widening entirely in Orange County

- Kent reported on natural gas pipeline installation for Duke
 - ⌚ 2 mussel surveys conducted
 - ⌚ Upstream – 1 state listed species
 - ⌚ Downstream habitat is good

Meeting adjourned