

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting of October 13, 2016

(Attending: Healy, Kent, Welch, Bo Howes, Brendan Moore)

- (1) Kent raised the issue of milkweed cutting in the course of maintenance of parks and sewer easements by Durham General Services and powerline maintenance by Duke Power. This affects Monarch habitat in Sandy Creek Park and the adjoining New Hope bottomlands.
- (2) Sandy Creek Park report. The Monarch Festival for October 8 was cancelled due to rain from Hurricane Matthew. Healy said that Larry Stogner passed away last week. Fundraising for the Stogner accessible trail is ongoing. Moore suggested that we apply for a DOST grant for the trail.
- (3) Hollow Rock Park report. Rich Shaw, Dan Derby, Mary Beth Carr and Brendan Moore visited the park to map an ADA accessible loop trail and prepare a cost estimate. The trail would be ¼ to 1/3 mile long, with length limited by the need to construct boardwalks. Renovation of the existing barn as a shelter could be tied to the trail. The barn already has electric power and water available. Flooring might be installed. The trail proposal could also involve interpretive signage. Moore would like to have public participation in coming up with content. Areas of interpretive emphasis would include history and culture, geology, archeology, and the natural environment. There could be a mix of large and small signs, given that the large ones are expensive. Moore said that part of the funding for the trail and other improvements could come from a state park bond issue. Kent said that there was a short ADA trail at the ranger station in Uwarrie National Forest. Moore said that Hollow Rock store could be moved within the next two months, weather permitting. Healy asked that he be informed of the move so the media could be notified.
- (4) Trail report. Moore said that Hurricane Matthew had messed up a couple of boardwalks at the New Hope bottomlands, but no major damage was done. He could use volunteers to help with repairs.
- (5) Membership of NHCCAC. Healy said that the Committee needs at least 3 new members, which would be (1) a member from Orange County Open Space Commission (2) a landowner from Durham County (3) a landowner from Orange County. Moore suggested that we use listserves from New Hope neighborhoods. He also suggested that we prepare a list of our accomplishments since 1992.
- (6) Kent said that he has made an MP4 file from the Reynolds Price narrated film about the New Hope. Healy suggested putting together a program using the film and discussion of accomplishments. Moore said that a presentation should be made near the corridor, for example at New Hope Improvement Association.

Next Meeting Thursday, November 10 at 5 pm