

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

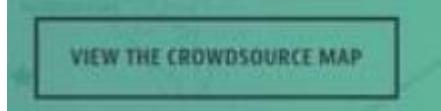
Minutes of Meeting of June 14, 2018

(Present: Fowler, Healy, Hogan, Schreiber, Kent, Harrison, Korest, Reynolds Smith)

- (1) Sandy Creek Park. John Goebel was unable to attend today because he is supervising volunteers working on the trail between the Sandy Creek bridge and Garrett Rd. He hopes to have work on that long trail segment done by early July. Healy said that he had spoken about our Monarch butterfly work with the Mexican Consul General in Raleigh and they have subsequently started to work with the NC Museum of Natural History on a series of Monarch themed events this Fall. We need to coordinate with them with regard to our own Sandy Creek Monarch Festival.
- (2) Hollow Rock Park. Korest said that Orange County Parks did not get the federal/state grant they had hoped for for park improvements. Nevertheless, she thinks that Durham and Orange county staff will meet to discuss using local funds. One aspect of the development plan would involve building an overlook by a scenic bottomland. There was brief discussion of planning for the future of the Hollow Rock store, which is in the hands of Orange County.
- (3) Many trees have been removed from the New Hope slopes in preparation for building the Patterson Place apartments. Kent said that they appeared to be respecting a tree save line. Healy said that both the New Hope Committee and DOST need to contact the developer later in the project to make sure that revegetation is done.
- (4) Patterson Place Compact Neighborhood Planning (LRT) There was a public presentation two weeks ago by Durham Planning. Staff are calling for a 300 ft. setback from the floodway fringe and significant tightening of the steep slope regulations. We need to send individual comments in support of these regulations. We will also prepare a resolution for the New Hope Committee as a whole and hope that DOST and New Hope Audubon will also weigh in. Kent says that staff may want to have this done by November. It will require a vote by Planning Commission, City Council and County Commission.
- (5) Harrison says that UNC Health Care wants to build a large new building in the East Towne complex, replacing smaller buildings. It borders tributaries to Dry Creek though it must meet the Chapel Hill stream buffer protections. This building and future development in the area might make a new multi-modal bridge over I-40 on north side of 15-501 possible, a goal long desired by the NHCCAC.

New multi-jurisdictional study of 15-501 corridor. Korest says that they have a site that can receive interactive comments. We should weigh in with bike-ped friendly ideas, including a bikeway on north side of 15-501 and a bridge over Sandy Creek near the Cornwallis that will allow the current trail to be extended to meet the Duke Golf Course trail. If you go to the web site,

<http://www.reimagining15501.com>

and click on the “Crowdsource Map” button that looks like :  you can provide comments.

- (6) City Greenway Trails. Parks and Recreation wants to see a greenway plan with EXACT locations where future trail easements are to be obtained, not just conceptual ones. The NHCCAC needs to be more specific in its trail wish list.