

Greenways Commission Meeting Agenda

**Monday, December 9, 2019; 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Town Hall, Room (109)**

- I. 6:30 pm – Call to Order (Chair)**
 - a. Approval of minutes – (October 14, 2019)**
 - b. Approval of minutes – (November 18, 2019)**

- II. 6:35 pm – Approval of 2020 Meeting Calendar**

- III. 6:45 pm – Informal Paths**

- V. 7:15 pm – Active projects**
 - a. Homestead-Chapel Hill High School MU Path**
 - b. Morgan Creek Greenway**
 - c. Jones Creek**

- VI. 7:30 pm – Adjourn**

**Carrboro Greenways Commission
Minutes
October 10, 2019**

Members Present

*Dave Mabe (Chair)
*Rob Crook
*Jeff Summerlin-Long
*Alyson West

Absent

Ethan Beattie
Robert Kirschner
Damon Seils – Board of Aldermen

Randee Haven-O’Donnell – Board of Aldermen

Guests

Steve Friedman, Berryhill resident

*indicates voting member

Staff Present

Tina Moon-Carrboro Planning
Laura Janway-Carrboro Planning

I. **Call to Order:** Dave Mabe called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Mabe introduced Steve Friedman, a resident of the Berryhill neighborhood, who attended the meeting to discuss the Morgan Creek Greenway.

a. **Approval of Minutes – (September 9, 2019)**

Moon stated that the small projects creating connections project will be titled “Informal Paths” for future agendas, and noted that the Commission’s request to discuss natural areas seemed well suited for inclusion in the upcoming Comprehensive Plan rather than as a standalone topic. West motioned to approve the minutes; Summerlin-Long seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to approve the September 9th, 2019 meeting minutes.

II. **Small projects creating connections.** Mabe shared his spreadsheet detailing a list of small projects that offer potential connections for cyclists and pedestrians. Members discussed specific areas for these informal paths near NC-54, as well as potential locations for a pedestrian crossing on NC-54. Moon reported information about the NC-54 Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Safety Study. Members discussed visiting each path to take pictures and obtain a sense of the type and amount of usage, as well as what changes in usage might occur with Town action. Alderman Haven-O’Donnell noted the importance of bringing the list to the neighborhoods for input. Members will send ideas for new connections to staff for inclusion on the spreadsheet.

III. **Active Projects**

a. **Homestead-Chapel Hill High School MU Path.** Staff provided a brief update on the project and noted the requests for dog bag stations and improved signage for the two-lane path. Staff have relayed this information to Public Works and will report back with more information. Mabe discussed the need for the Town to contact Google Maps to

ensure that the biking and walking directions to Chapel Hill are updated. He also requested that the Town ensure that the connection on Cobblestone Drive to Claremont South is shown on the Google Maps biking and walking directions as well.

- b. **Morgan Creek Greenway.** Staff reported that the Town received two bids for the project, but both were over the engineer's estimate. Staff is reviewing possible next steps, including adjusting the scope of the project and/or searching for additional funding. Staff will reach out to Berryhill residents when they have a better sense of the project schedule. Guest Friedman discussed his concerns with the impact of the greenway on flooding in Morgan Creek. He also stated that he has concerns about damage to the greenway or bridge by flood waters or flood debris. Moon reported that the project includes an approved erosion control plan and noted that the trail surface is currently proposed to be concrete. Crook asked about Town greenway maintenance and Moon reported that staff have had some discussion of maintenance in the past with the Recreation and Parks Department but that an updated discussion seemed timely and should include the Public Works Department as well. Mabe asked if Friedman could assist the Town with outreach to the Berryhill neighborhood and asked about the next outreach milestone. Moon reported that after Phase 1, the Town will begin seeking funding for the next phase, and will take a fresh look at the feasibility of potential crossing locations for the remainder of the greenway.
- c. **Jones Creek Greenway.** Staff reported that a status update was presented to the Board of Aldermen on September 10th and the third public hearing for 60-percent design was held on September 24th. Staff noted that the next steps include technical permitting and outreach.
- d. **Schedule for the Bike Plan.** Staff reported that the Bike Plan will be presented to the Board of Aldermen in November.

Mabe asked if there were any items members would like to put on the agenda for next month's meeting. Summerlin-Long requested that the agenda include more time for the discussion of the informal paths. Alderman Haven-O'Donnell requested an update on the possibility of connecting to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail from the County.

- VI. Adjourn: Summerlin-Long motioned to adjourn the meeting; Crook seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th, 2019.

**Carrboro Greenways Commission
Minutes
November 18, 2019**

Members Present

*Dave Mabe (Chair)
* Robert Kirschner
*Jeff Summerlin-Long
*Alyson West

Absent

Ethan Beattie
Rob Crook
Damon Seils – Board of Aldermen
Ranee Haven-O’Donnell – Board of Aldermen

*indicates voting member

Guests

Susan Romaine, Carrboro Town Council-elect

Staff Present

Tina Moon-Carrboro Planning
Zachary Hallock-Carrboro Planning

- I. **Call to Order:** Dave Mabe called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes – (October 14, 2019)**
Postponed to the December meeting.
- II. **Update on Bike Plan**
Hallock provided a summary on the bike plan with information on the update scheduled for the Board of Aldermen meeting on November 19th. Hallock noted that a preliminary draft plan has been provided as part of the Board agenda materials, but that staff is still reviewing. The schedule for completion is anticipated for early in 2020.
- III. **Update on Data Collection Tools: Strava/Streetlight**
This item was provided as a follow up to a discussion on Strava, an Internet-based software program popular with cyclists (in particular). Individual users can log in trip data with statistics on distance, time and route. It provides a helpful tool to show, with heat maps, which popular travel patterns which can help inform decisions on bike-ped infrastructure improvements. Mabe and West lead the conversation on Strava. Hallock provided background on Streetlight, which is more of a transportation modeling tool. Streetlight tracks locational data from cellphones, mapping travel patterns for different travel modes. Originally limited to vehicular trips, more recent iterations of Streetlight is tracking bike-ped trips as well. Both programs provide mechanisms for the collection of trip data; Strava tends to be more athlete-based; Streetlight more mainstream—but also limited to smartphone users.
- IV. **Informal Paths. Moon included the most updated list of projects in the packet, and** Mabe when through the list, one by one, to discuss each potential project. Mabe and Summerlin-Long offered to try to cycle by many of the paths to gain a better understanding of their use and benefit as a connection.

V. **Active Projects**

- a. **Homestead-Chapel Hill High School MU Path.** Staff provided a brief update on the project and noted the requests for dog bag stations and improved signage for the two-lane path.
- b. **Morgan Creek Greenway.** Staff provided a short update on the Town's effort to work with the Town Engineer to make some minor adjustments to the scope of the project and to search for additional funding. Staff will reach out to Berryhill residents when they have a better sense of the project schedule.
- c. **Jones Creek Greenway.** Staff noted the updates presented to the Board of Aldermen on September 10th and the third public hearing for 60-percent design was held on September 24th. Staff noted that the next steps include technical permitting and outreach.

Mabe introduced Susan Romaine, Town Council member elect.

- VI. Adjourn: Summerlin-Long motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kirschner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9th, 2019.

Draft Greenways Commission

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USA Holidays and Observances

New Year's Day	Jan 01	M L King Day	Jan 21	Valentine's Day	Feb 14
Presidents' Day	Feb 17	Passover	Apr 9	Good Friday	Apr 10
Easter	Apr 12	Ramadan	Apr 24	Mother's Day	May 10
Memorial Day	May 25	Father's Day	June 21	Independence's Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept 7	Rosh Hashanah	Sept 18-20	Yom Kippur	Sept 27-28
Columbus Day	Oct 12	Halloween	Oct 31	Veteran's Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Nov 26	Hanukkah	Dec 10-18	Christmas	Dec 25
Kwanzaa	Dec 26-Jan 1	New Year's Eve	Dec 31		

Name	Description	Google Maps	Current Usage Level (est.)
Baldwin Park	Connects Broad St to corner of Bynum/Craig on southern end of Baldwin Park	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Barnes+St+%26+Queen+St,+Carrboro,+NC+27	High
Carolina Apts to Barnes St.	North and parallel to Queens St going east to west	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Barnes+St+%26+Queen+St,+Carrboro,+NC+27	Unsure
Royal Park Apts to King St.	NW corner of Royal Park apartments to King St.	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Royal+Park+Apartments/@35.9045883,-79.078	Unsure
Carolina Apts to Queens St.	SW corner of Queens St.	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Royal+Park+Apartments/@35.9048853,-79.080	Unsure
Heritage Hills to Damascus Church Road	Long trail	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.8726352,-79.0971701,1761m/data=!3m1!1e3	High
Johnson St. to South Green	Still under construction	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9039718,-79.0703513,439m/data=!3m1!1e3	Unsure
Old Pittsboro to Laurel	Pipe crossing a gully - very little usage, no trespassing signs	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9065844,-79.0753113,433m/data=!3m1!1e3	Very Low
Maple to Wannamaker	Sidewalk/steps	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.906489,-79.0706476,105m/data=!3m1!1e3	High
Roberson Bike Path to Knolls St.	Fence on east side of path - seems like it would make a good connection	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9057936,-79.0693807,115m/data=!3m1!1e3	Very Low
Libba Cotten to back of 300 E Main (Cat's Cradle)	Pretty good connection but some consider it "uninviting"	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9099055,-79.0695202,195m/data=!3m1!1e3	Moderate
Bel Arbor to Phipps St.		https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9189116,-79.0879405,194m/data=!3m1!1e3	Low
Sunset Creek to Circadian Way	Lots of usage, mixed messages from town?	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.935774,-79.0889955,188m/data=!3m1!1e3	High
Pleasant Drive to Estes Park Apts	Dirt path, lots of usage. Offers nice alternative to avoid Estes Dr/Greensboro intersec	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9181461,-79.0695886,192m/data=!3m1!1e3	High
Jay St to Village Dr to Estes Park Apts	Official RR crossing still there but fence prevents any usage, lots of history with atten	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9201606,-79.0690338,199m/data=!3m1!1e3	None
Tallyhoe to Turtleback Crossing		https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9557629,-79.0973411,792m/data=!3m1!1e3	Unsure
Carrboro High School to Ray Road	Lots of XC and bike traffic	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.8882135,-79.0864561,389m/data=!3m1!1e3	High
Prince Street to Jones Ferry Road			High
West Poplar Avenue to Fidelity Street	Long-standing informal footpath. Supposed to be retained as part of Inara Court development.		Unsure
Ashbrook to Poplar Place	Paved path connecting two apartment communities. Doesn't show up on maps.		Low
Hillview Street to Oak Avenue Ext	Chain across paved path was recently removed and replaced by bollard.		Unsure
Quail Roost Drive to McDougle schools	Paved path not shown on maps.		High
Strowd Lane to Anderson Park	Informal path recently paved with gravel, not shown on maps.		Moderate
Robert Hunt Drive to Bolin Forest Drive	Well used footpath connecting these roads.	https://www.google.com/maps/@35.9237796,-79.0820821,220m/data=!3m1!1e3	High
Hickory to Fayetteville Rd?		https://www.dropbox.com/s/vx2qvyk1wkmhaq/bethel_hickory_to_old_fayetteville.png?dl=0	