

GREENWAYS COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES		
MAY 4, 2009	4:00 P.M.	CCPC CONFERENCE ROOM
ATTENDANCE	<p><u>Board Members:</u> Jim Bullington, Tina Coates, Dick Cooper, Craig Dowell, Richard Morgan, Nathan Phelps, Dino Pinerola, Jeff Stein, Mary Travelsted, Senad Veletanlic</p> <p><u>Ex-Officios:</u> (none present)</p>	
PROCEEDINGS	<p>Jeff Stein called the Greenways Commission meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.</p> <p>Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined with ten (10) members in attendance at the time of roll call.</p> <p>Jeff Stein asked the Board members if there were questions, comments or any corrections to the Summary Minutes of the April 6, 2009, meeting. After a couple of corrections were made, he asked for a motion for approval.</p>	
ACTION	<p>A motion to approve the corrected Summary Minutes of the April 6, 2009 Greenways Commission meeting was made by Dick Cooper and seconded by Richard Morgan. With a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain from voting, the Summary Minutes were APPROVED as submitted.</p>	
PROJECT UPDATES	<p>Josh Moore reports:</p> <p><u>South Campus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • waiting for drier weather before continuing with dress-up work and seeding. • handrailing around WKU lot and drainage on Creason Street. • retaining wall behind Knicely Center is complete with the exception of backfill and dress-up. <p><u>West Campus Phase I</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project finished with the exception of handrailing along Warren Central Way. <p><u>West Campus Connector Phase II</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scheduled to meet with Scotty's regarding staking retaining wall location. <p><u>Riverfront Park/Weldon Peete Park Connector Phase II</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • path is complete; backfilled, seeded and strawed. • fence to be installed along back side of path. 	
DISCUSSION	<p>Josh Moore responded to questions brought up at the last Greenways meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenways path at Robinson Lane and R/R crossing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -site visit and measurements taken; roadway and the asphalt surface that makes up the R/R crossing are the same width of 19'. -only 4' distance between the crossing arms pole and the edge of the asphalt. -Planning Commission Engineer (Mac Yowell) feels that 5 – 6 more feet of width is needed to continue the existing sidewalk and cross the tracks. -Mac Yowell is in the process of corresponding with CSX for cost estimates and permission to proceed onto right-of-way. <p>Josh Moore and the board members discuss in length the situation of the shared use path on Robinson Lane crossing the R/R tracks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the surface of 19' is not wide enough at the R/R tracks/rails for two cars to pass and to add a sidewalk; approximately an additional 4' is needed. • need permission from CSX to widen the R/R crossing right-of-way. • concerns about safety of crossing the R/R tracks as well as the entrance of Waffle House • the path users and bikers should dismount their bikes and proceed with caution across the tracks as 	

	<p>well as the entrance to Waffle House; proper warning signage be posted; public should assume awareness and responsibility for their own safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the expense of relocating utility pole; acquiring an easement from Waffle House to relocate utility pole. • the expense relocated headwall, culvert and extend pipe to make crossing. • issue of where to redirect drainage water. • paths should be built as safe as possible and need to address unsafe gaps such as at this from the beginning or from the planning stage. • it may take several years to get any response from CSX; CSX will want their contractors to do any work. <p><i>(The entire group discusses among themselves).</i></p>
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>	<p>Josh Moore reports: <u>Executive Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • met and discussed possible grant funding opportunities and participation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of BG/WKU Congressional Earmark funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -WKU has applied for approximately \$1M grant for use in the downtown/WKU area -WKU asked the City of BG to participate and match 10% of the 20% grant (decision of City's participation is unknown) -no discussions for a project have been made yet to apply the funds toward. <p>Josh Moore explains that <i>if</i> the City participates in the grant that they allow Greenways to be involved in possible planning, design or construction. If the grant funds are used for multiuse trails and paths, that the new paths link to the existing Greenways already in use. He asks for a motion from the board for support in making the request by letter to the City of BG to allow Greenways to be involved in any future projects made possible by the grant.</p>
<p>ACTION</p>	<p>A motion was made by Richard Morgan and seconded by Craig Dowell to encourage the City of Bowling Green to partner with WKU in the acceptance of stimulus grant monies and ask that the Greenways Commission be involved in the plan review, design and/or construction of any projects funded by these monies. With a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.</p>
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Future Earmark Congressional funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -potential for congressional earmarks in November 2009 -in 2007, the Greenways Commission submitted a request to receive funding involving downtown trails and construction of a whitewater park. The request was not funded at the time. -essentially, most of the original TCSP funds received have been spent -perhaps need to request for new earmark funding to involve future projects <p>Jim Bullington explains that a round of stimulus funding may be available in the fall of 2009. The administration has asked Congress and Senate to submit proposals for shovel ready projects. WKU has applied for a TCSP grant which is not believed to be part of the stimulus funding. He suggests deciding on an amount to request and then looking into how to submit an application for funds. Nathan Phelps notes that WKU has circulated memos from the Office of Sponsored Programs and he will submit the memo for reference to the committee. Dino Pinerola states that if any board member has ideas of any new areas for future trail development and/or construction that they contact the Planning Committee with suggestions to be submitted to the Planning Committee Board. Craig Dowell adds that preparing a presentation to be submitted to the Planning Committee be as quick as possible as to not miss out on an opportunity for any available funding. Jim Bullington states that a simple brief description of every proposed project with an explanation of the completed Greenways projects will need to be included with the presentation; he has talked to Steve Spencer with Warren County Parks and they plan to prepare a presentation for the whitewater project.</p>
<p>ACTION</p>	<p>A motion was made by Craig Dowell and seconded by Dino Pinerola for the Planning Committee to draft a request for stimulus funding to be used to further the construction of trails as set for the by the Greenbelt Master Plan. With a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.</p>



ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Crawdaddy Run – Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Bottom Land at Weldon Peete Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bowling Green Road Runners will sponsor event and pay for t-shirts• center path issues• need donations of food and water <p>Josh Moore states that he met with Warren County Water District regarding bollards and trees being removed on the border of the Greenways path and Weldon Peete Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-large rocks to be replaced in fence row where trees were to prohibit vehicles from entering and dress up site-patches have been done; replace gravel where needed-assured that all will be done for the Crawdaddy Run on June 20th; maybe a little longer to remove silt fencing <p>The next Greenways meeting will be June 1, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.</p>
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ADJOURNED	Jeff Stein asked for further question and comments; being none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm
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