



D U R H A M 2012

Open Space & Trails Commission

M I N U T E S

January 18, 2012
2nd Floor, Committee Room
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jeffery Bakalchuck, Toby Berla, Dan Clever, Derwin Dubose, Bo Glenn, John Goebel, JoEllen Mason, Annette Montgomery, Deborah Morgan, Jason Nelson, Steve Schewel, Reynolds Smith, David Smudski, Tom Stark, LaDawanna Summers, Charlie Welch, Will Wilson

Members Excused: Glen Bowles, Kelly Bryant, Jr, Artemas Holden, Ellen Reckhow

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jane Korest, Helen Youngblood

Guests Present: Jeff Masten, Mike Shiflett, Mike Woodard

I. Call to Order 7:00pm Chairman Will Wilson

II. Approval of Minutes

- By unanimous consent, the November minutes were approved.

III. Agenda Adjustments

- The clerk to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will have to reschedule giving oaths to the BOCC's DOST appointees.
- Password for Committee Room PC
- Committee membership

IV. Consent Agenda

None

V. Announcements and Introductions

- Derwin Dubose was introduced as the City Council's new appointee to DOST. His term expires June 30, 2014.
- Steve Schewel was introduced as the Mayor's appointee to DOST from the City Council.

VI. Presentations

Horton Grove Trail Expansion Grant

Mr. Jeff Masten, Director of Conservation Strategies for Triangle Land Conservancy, requested a letter of support for their application for a grant from the NC Recreational Trails Program to expand their trail system at Horton Grove.

Motion: Moved by Bo that the Chair write a letter to TLC in support of their request.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: Moved by Deborah that the Chair write a letter to TLC regarding concerns DOST has about the trails at Horton Grove (ie support for equestrian use, which is not presently allowed, and concern about trail safety since hunting is allowed near trails).

MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Committees

Will gave the Open Space Committee report.

Jason gave the Education Committee report.

Annette gave the Matching Grants Committee report.

John and Deborah gave the Trails Committee report.

The Trails Committee in conjunction with DOST endorsed the Trails Grant application for the Adopt- A-Trail Grant Program.

Annette and Helen gave the Development Review Committee report.

Deborah gave the Finance Committee report.

LaDawna gave the Bylaws Committee report.

Charlie gave the report for the New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee.

Toby and Dan gave the report for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

Dan requested that the Trails Committee review the NC54 Corridor Study and provide comments on trail related issues.

Deborah gave the Earmark Committee report.

Steve will request assistance from the City Manager to get General Services to provide requested information to Congressman Price's office.

VIII. New Business

Retreat Planning

It was agreed that Will would send out a survey to members regarding options for the retreat.

Password for Committee Room PC

Deborah requested the password for the Committee Room PC, so members could use it for presentations. Mike provided it.

Committee Membership

Deborah requested that committee chairs request that the DOST chair appoint their members as required by the bylaws.

IX. Adjournment

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Minutes prepared by Deborah Morgan, Secretary