

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2009
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Tim Karan, Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Larry Robinson and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson.

Staff: Sandra Harper, City Clerk and Dave Roesler, Planning Director

Planning Board Members: Wayne Cross, Mildred Goss and Suzanne Smith

WELCOME:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Karan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that Mayor Moss had a conflict in schedule and would be arriving late.

Mayor Moss arrived at approximately 7:15 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Piper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Karan

INTRODUCTION:

Commissioner Wilkerson introduced Ms. Scottie Wilkins, Granville County Transportation Planner and Mr. Michael McFadden, Greenway Technical Coordinating Committee (GTCC) Chairman. Commissioner Wilkerson advised that Ms. Scottie Wilkins works on long range plans for highways, bicycle and pedestrian needs for all of Granville County. Mr. Michael McFadden is a citizen of Butner and the Chairman of the GTCC. He expressed that Ms. Wilkins and Mr. McFadden would be presenting a video of greenways in other cities/counties to promote the greenway planning of Granville County. Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that he and Mr. Bob Shope that is present this evening are members of the Granville Greenways Advisory Council (GGAC). Commissioner Wilkerson said that it has been a great pleasure working with the members on this committee and he felt that they have accomplished a lot for the County and for the municipalities of Granville County.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Scottie Wilkins said that she and Mr. Michael McFadden are very lucky to have two good committees with good member representation. Ms. Wilkins and Mr. McFadden presented the following power point:

Granville Greenways

Session Summary:

- History of Greenways in Granville County
 - Benefits of Greenways
 - Demand for Greenways
- Greenways Planning Committees/Objectives
- Granville Greenways Master Plan/Programming Needs
- Current Projects

History:

- **2006 Conception**
 - NC Eat Smart Move More Grant
 - Greenway Master Plan
 - GTCC Created (Greenway Technical Coordinating Committee)

- **2007-2008**
 - Creating an Identity/Logo
 - Research & Development (Site Visits & GTCC)
 - Organizational Structure-Creation of GGAC (Granville Greenway Advisory Council)
 - Implementation Activities, and
 - Community Outreach and Education
- **Research & Site Visit**
 - American Tobacco Trail
- **Funding**
 - **NC ESMM Grant**
 - Greenway Master Plan
 - Butner-Stem School Trail
 - **NCDOT – CMAQ Grant**
 - Awarded 2005
 - Project Years – 2009-2012
 - Project Location – Between Butner and Creedmoor
 - **Granville County**
 - Reserving 225,000 CIP Funds – Match CMAQ Grant
 - **TDA Grant** – (Tourism Development Authority)
 - \$5,000 (Marketing for Greenways)

- **Butner-Stem School Trail**

- 1st Greenway on the Ground

Benefits of Greenways:

- Quality of Life
- Public Health – Exercise
- Air Quality
- Transportation
- Landowner Financial Gain
- Economic Development

Demand for Greenways

- **Public Input**
 - Asking for Safe, Walkable, Bikeable Communities/Walking Trails
- **Surveys**
 - Granville County
 - Transportation Planning Survey
 - Parks and Recreation Survey
 - City of Oxford
 - Recreation Survey
 - Town of Butner
 - Recreation Survey
 - Granville-Vance District Health Department
 - Community Assessment

Greenway Planning:

- **Committees & Organizational Structure**
 - Granville County/Municipalities
 - GGAC - *Granville Greenways Advisory Council*
 - GTCC - *Greenway Technical Coordinating Committee*
- **Granville Greenways Advisory Council Objectives**
 - **GGAC** - *Granville Greenways Advisory Council*
 - Quarterly Meetings
 - Leadership Group – 9 Members: Multi-jurisdictional leaders
 - Gives guidance to GTCC
 - Makes recommendations to the County and Municipal Boards
 - Acts as liaison between GGAC and perspective Boards
 - Partners in County-wide multi-jurisdictional planning efforts
- **Greenway Technical Coordinating Committee Objectives**
 - **GTCC** - *Greenway Technical Coordinating Committee*
 - Meets Monthly
 - Working Group (Approximately 30 members)

- Members are multi-disciplined, multi-jurisdictional - Citizens and Professionals
- Receives Direction & Works on assignments/projects for GGAC
- Makes recommendations to the GGAC
- Technical Work – Research/Field Work

Granville Greenways Master Plan:

- **Overview:**
 - Section II – Greenways & Maps
 - Section III – Plan Recommendations
 - Addendum Recommendations
 - Organizational
 - Implementation
 - Marketing

Greenway Planning:

- **Main Components - Programming**
 - Programming
 - Build Foundation
 - Leadership
 - Planning
 - Partnerships/MOU
 - Standards/Ordinances
 - Public Outreach
 - Marketing
 - Easement Acquisition/Legal
- **Main Components – Infrastructure**
 - **Infrastructure**
 - Planning & Design/Engineering
 - Environmental Assessments
 - R/W Easement Acquisition/Legal
 - Project Management
 - Construction

Programming Needs

- **Organizational Structure Planning**
- **Implementation Planning**
- **Education Planning**

GGAC & GTCC

- GTCC researched and made these Programming Recommendations – Adopted by the Granville County Board of Commissioners – March, 2008

Organizational Structure Planning:

- **Ownership/Liability** – County or Municipality
- **Current Planning** – Granville County Staff-Primary – Collaborates with City Planning
- **Leadership** – GGAC (multi-jurisdictional)
- **MOU** – County wide partnerships
- **Joint Projects:**
 - CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality
 - SRTS – Safe Routes To Schools
- **Support Staff** - GTCC working group

Implementation Planning:

- **Develop Ordinances that will support and sustain Greenway Programming**
 - Design, Construction and Maintenance Standards
 - Requirements for developers to build greenways, set aside open space or fees in Lieu of
 - Safety and enforcement standards for Greenways
- **Seek Grant Opportunities!**
 - NCDOT Bike/Pedestrian Planning Grants
 - SRTS
 - NCDOT Enhancements
- **Facilitate Acquiring Easements**
 - Participating Property Owners
 - River Easements – Tar River Land Conservancy
 - Abandoned Rail-Road Lines – RR
 - Joint – Use Water and Sewage

Number 1 most important – Easement Acquisition

- Drives Trail location and Priorities
- Most grants require R/W Certification upon application

Seek Partners

- Large Company's, Developers, Industries make good partners

Education Planning:

- **Public Outreach/Marketing/Educate Citizens on:**
 - Greenways & Types of Trails
 - Benefits of Greenways
 - Planning Efforts for Greenways
 - Funding of Greenways (grants-not tax dollars)
 - Easement/Property Concerns
 - Upcoming Projects

Educational Outreach Efforts: (in progress-all done with Grant money)

- **Granville Greenway – Website**
- **Brochures**
- **Canned Presentation – Civic and Public Events**

Maps:

- **Granville County Greenway Master Plan**

Greenways Successes

- **County & City Leaders had the Vision!**
- **Committed to it!**
- **Created Effective Planning Committees!**
- **Greenway Committees Building the Foundation!**
- **Recognized the Strength in Numbers! (County Wide Collaboration)**
- **Public Education & Involvement**

Mr. Bob Shope, Oxford Commissioner said that he was very excited about Granville Greenways. He said that this program is all over the United States, not just Granville County. He said that greenways are good for the environment and our health. This is a great way to help prevent obesity.

Ms. Suzanne Smith, Creedmoor Planning Board Chairman inquired about equestrian trails.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins said that large property owners dedicate areas for this purpose. She said that they want to accommodate equestrians with 15 to 20 miles of greenway and a natural crush & run surface. Ms. Wilkins said that this is still under review.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins said that she could be contacted at (919) 603-1332, e-mail Scottie.Wilkins@granvillecounty.org

Mr. Michael McFadden, GTTC Chairman can be reached at (919) 741-0462, e-mail Michael.mcfadden@kpic.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Darryl D. Moss, Mayor