

GREENWAYS FOR OLDHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 10, 2008
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Ashli Collins at 6:10 p.m. at her residence on Perrin Court. Directors present were Ashli Collins, Paul Culbertson, Ted Merhoff, Doug Wampler, Judy Hall and Bob Clifford. Director absent was Ann Clinton. Also present were Rhonda Bozich, Fran Scott, Rita Willis and Emily Liu.

Commerce Parkway Bike and Pedestrian Trail. Emily presented a report (copy attached) that described the current status of this project, including a description of grants awarded to date, the costs and expenses that have either been paid or are anticipated and the requirement for local matching funds. Emily's report showed that grants have been received totaling \$1,015,625 which means the 20% local match requirement is \$203,125. Greenways is committed to providing up to one-half of the local match with the understanding that the county would underwrite the remaining one-half. In this instance one-half is \$101,562.50. The City of LaGrange has committed to providing asphalt, having a value of approximately \$55,000, for the initial 1.6 miles of the trail, thus reducing the remainder of the local match to approximately \$46,562.50. One of the expenses paid by the county has been \$49,150 for easement acquisition. Bob moved that this cost of \$49,150 be paid from funds in the Head Trust account at Chase Bank, contingent upon getting a determination from the trustees of the Head Trust that such expenditure complies with the conditions of the grant. The motion was seconded by Doug and passed unanimously. Ted agreed to contact the Head Trust. Emily said construction of the Commerce Parkway project should begin in May, 2008 and the entire 3.2 miles should be completed within two years.

Matching funds for other projects. Emily agreed to provide GW with a letter summarizing other grants and the extent to which GW has made commitments to provide matching funds. She said it would be beneficial if GW could get the people who provided letters of support and financial commitments to the unsuccessful grant application that was made last year, to write identical letters for the grant application that is due on March 20. Because of the difficulty in accomplishing this in such a short time, Ted suggested that GW write a letter to the Governor stating that its commitment to the project remains the same as it was last year; further that GW, knowing of the dedication and commitment of the citizens of the county to this project, assures the Governor of the same and guarantees the commitments contained in last year's citizens letters of support. All agreed.

Oldham County Bike, Pedestrian and Greenway Trails Master Plan. Emily said P & Z personnel have scheduled an informal hearing for tomorrow from 4 to 6 p.m. to discuss, explain and provide an overview of the master plan, how it will affect property owners and to address questions and concerns expressed by those in attendance. She also said that P & Z, at its regular meeting on Tuesday March 25, would consider the master plan and give the citizenry an opportunity to comment on it. Emily encouraged all who favor the plan to be in attendance at this meeting to show their support of it.

Greenways Lake Trail (Wendell Moore Park). Ashli said she had not received a response from the prospective donor she had approached to provide major funding for the physical therapy elements of the trail and its being connected to the new seniors center. It was the consensus of the board that if she thinks it appropriate, she should explore other possible funding sources for this. She noted the Get Fit Kentucky grant application was not successful because of a withdrawal of funding, but that the Recreational Trails grant application is still “alive”.

New board members. It was moved by Ted, seconded by Doug and unanimously passed that Rhonda, Rita, Ed Kalmey and Mark Lund become directors. Fran expressed appreciation of the desire for him to become a member of the board, but he felt this could present unnecessary conflicts of interest (or appearances thereof) and that he could perhaps be more effective in his support of GW by not being a member of the board.

Minutes of the meeting of January 14, which had previously been sent to all board members, were approved.

Treasurer’s Report. None. Ted said Ann’s next report will show that the annual premium on the Directors and Officers liability insurance policy had been paid.

Annual tax return form 990-N, an e-postcard return, was filed by CPA Mike DePrie on February 15, according to Ted. A copy of such return will be placed in the minute book.

Annual report to Secretary of State. Ted said this report has been filed and a copy placed in the minute book.

Membership letter. Ted reported that \$1,695 had been received to date from the membership mailing that was made on January 15.

Federal Earmark request. Doug said he is willing to continue working on this and will be contacting Rep. David Osborne.

Kentucky Wild Rivers legislation. Ted said that Scott Miller, former state senator from Jefferson County, suggested to him that Oldham County and Greenways for Oldham County request Sen. Ernie Harris to propose legislation to designate Harrods Creek in Oldham County as part of the state’s wild river system. The purpose would be to give the county the right to purchase easements along the stream. Mr. Miller observed that it would be much easier and cheaper to do this now before more development occurs along Harrods Creek. Fran thought the county already had this power. Doug said he will contact state representative Osborne to learn more about this and what, if anything, should be done.

Next meeting will be open to the general membership and will be held the second Monday of April, which is April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the “Y”.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Ted Merhoff, Secretary