

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 15, 2017

SUBJECT: City of Hendersonville Greenway Proposal

PRESENTER: Marcus Jones, PE

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. March 3, 2017 Letter from City Manager

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On March 3, 2017, we received the attached letter from John Connet, Hendersonville City Manager. The letter is in response to the Board's condition that the City construct a gravel greenway over the sewer easement provided by the County for their sewer line through Jackson Park. The letter proposes a payment of \$173,031.26 in lieu of constructing the greenway over the easement. The payment amount is generated from the City Engineer's estimate of the cost to construction the greenway over the sewer easement.

The letter further recommends the payment to be used for reconstruction of the Oklawaha Greenway between 4th Ave and Four Seasons Blvd. This reconstruction will eliminate the significant drainage problems that require the greenway to be closed after heavy rain. The cost to reconstruct this section of greenway is \$260,000 which will elevate the portion of the trail three feet and above the floodplain elevation.

In addition to the reconstruction option, Staff has identified other possible projects for the City's payment:

1. Extend the Oklawaha Greenway from its end point in front of the Jackson Office across the park to the Glover Street entrance side of the Park. The Recreation Advisory Committee is currently evaluating options for the alignment of the extension. Costs for the different alignments range from \$125,000 to \$280,000.
2. Extend the Oklawaha Greenway to the Athletic and Activity Center. Detailed estimates for this greenway have not been developed but preliminary estimate could be in a range of \$300,000 to \$400,000 depending on alignment and right of way availability.
3. Construct a pedestrian bridge over Mud Creek to connect the 4th Ave sidewalk to the Oklawaha Greenway: estimated cost \$300,000.
4. Develop a Recreation and Park Master Plan to include an extensive, Countywide Greenway plan. Estimates for this Master Plan are between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

It might be possible to use the City's funds to leverage a PARTF, RTP, MPO or other grants to address several of these projects. Pursuing these grants would delay the agreed to priority of the greenway reconstruction but could pay dividends by taking care of the reconstruction as well as others.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: To evaluate the options presented above and direct the staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion:
None

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The City of Four Seasons

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March 3, 2017

Mr. Steve Wyatt, County Manager
Henderson County
1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 2
Hendersonville, NC 28792

RE: Jackson Park Access Road or Path

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

In June 2013, the City of Hendersonville (City) and Henderson County (County) executed an Inter-Local Agreement (Agreement) establishing the conditions for the conveyance of a Deed of Easement from the County to the City for the Jackson Park Sewer Project. One of the conditions of the conveyance was the construction of a stone path five (5') feet in width along the easement. The stated reason for the path is to allow walking and biking by City and County residents. The agreement specifies that Henderson County will be responsible for maintaining the path.

The City of Hendersonville would like to request that the Agreement be amended to eliminate the requirement for the construction of the path for the following reasons:

1. The path alignment is located within the floodway and jurisdictional wetlands and is covered by standing water a significant portion of the year. Any placement of stone or gravel will be washed away or covered by mud within a short period of time.
2. Due to the nature of the area and numerous creek crossings, which cannot be piped, it will be difficult for most residents to use the path for biking and walking. In fact, the creek crossings and high water cause one section of the path to be cut off from reasonable access from any portion of Jackson Park.
3. Even if the path is constructed, we believe it will cause a significant maintenance burden for the Henderson County Parks and Recreation Staff. We believe that burden may be so great that the path will be absorbed by the wetlands environment.
4. Finally, due to the aforementioned reasons, we do not believe that this is a wise expenditure of public funds. We believe that due to environmental conditions the trail will be used on a very limited basis, if at all, by local residents and therefore does not justify the short term investment by the City of Hendersonville or the long term investment by Henderson County.

However, we realize the construction of the path was an important consideration in the conveyance of the Deed of Easement and we would suggest the following alternative.

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The City of Hendersonville will provide a not to exceed amount of \$173,031.26 to fund the elevating and reconstruction of the existing Oklawaha Greenway from the US 64 Bridge to 4th Avenue East. This amount is based on the estimated construction cost of the aforementioned access road or path. I have attached a copy of our construction estimate for your review. The funds will be paid to Henderson County upon the completion of the work.

If this proposal is acceptable, I would request that our attorneys prepare the appropriate amendment to the 2013 Inter-Local Agreement and submit this amendment to our respective governing boards for final approval.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. The City looks forward to discussing this matter further with the County. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (828) 233-3201.

Sincerely,



John F. Connet
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and City Council
Sam Fritschner, City Attorney
Brent Detwiler, City Engineer
Lee Smith, Utilities Director

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE								0337363043		FACTOR	
JACKSON PARK SEWER ACCESS ROAD											
BID DATE: 7/29/2015		8500 LF		BIDDERS							
TIME: 9:30 AM		1800 LF		10037		ENR Constr Est Index		10281.93		Current ENR	
Quantities revised from bid to reflect actual installed quantities from Pay application #7 (9/12/16)											
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	STD. ITEM NO.	SECTION #	UNITS	QUANTITY	ORIGINAL BID PRICE	TOTAL UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT			
1	Grading	004300000-N	226	LS	0.34	\$ 197,000.00	\$ 201,807.33	\$ 68,081.34			
3	Undercut Excavation	005700000-E	226	CY	404.84	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.85	\$ 6,013.36			
7	38" HDPE Pipe Culverts	098600000-E	310	LF	33.74	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.66	\$ 933.11			
16	Aggregate Base Course	112100000-E	520	TN	1922.97	\$ 21.75	\$ 22.28	\$ 42,845.22			
26	Rip Rap, Class B	364900000-E	875	TN	13.49	\$ 48.00	\$ 49.17	\$ 663.54			
31	Temporary Silt Fence	600000000-E	1605	LF	1180.77	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.23	\$ 3,810.19			
32	Seeding and Mulching	608400000-E	1660	AC	0.67	\$ 3,825.00	\$ 3,918.34	\$ 2,643.81			
51	Geogrid for Soil Stabilization		5P	SY	3778.47	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.87	\$ 18,385.69			
53	#3 Ballast		5P	TN	168.68	\$ 41.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 7,084.71			
								SUBTOTAL		\$ 150,461.95	
								15% CONTINGENCY		\$ 22,569.29	
								TOTAL		\$ 173,031.26	