Henderson County
RAIL-TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2024

The RTAC held a regularly called meeting on July 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the King Street Meeting Room and via Microsoft Teams. Voting members present online are denoted with the letter "O".

Voting Member	Present	Not in Attendance
Chris Burns, Chair	X	
Selena Einwechter, Vice Chair	X	
Douglas Moon, at-large	X	
Patrick Kennedy, at-large	X	
Bart Salvaggio, at-large	X	
Ken Shelton, at-large	X	
Brent Detwiler, City of Hendersonville		X
Nancy McKinley, Town of Laurel Park	X	
Mike Egan, Conserving Carolina	X	

Also present: Christopher Todd, Assistant County Manager; Matt Champion, Zoning Administrator; Paul Ray, City of Brevard Planning Director; Marcus Jones, County Engineer.

Call to Order
Chairman Chris Burns called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Public Comment
One member of the public commented on concerns about the need for multimodal transportation surrounding the trail when it opens. The county and city noted this, and they will follow up on this issue.

Meeting Summary Approval
One minor change to the meeting summary was noted.

Updates
Friends of Ecusta Trail (FOET)
Mr. Mark Tooley, FOET President, updated the RTAC on sponsorship levels that FOET is working on and a naming opportunity for the trail donors. FOET hopes to work with the RTAC on this item during a future meeting. Currently, 100 people make up the different donor level list that was submitted to the RTAC.

City of Brevard
Paul Ray, with the City of Brevard, did not have any new updates for the RTAC.

Henderson County
Mr. Christopher Todd did not have an update other than the construction update he and Mr. Marcus Jones would provide shortly.

Continued Branding Discussion
Chairman Chris Burns reminded the RTAC that Mr. Mark Tooley presented the Ecusta Trail proposed branding that was included in your agenda packet. RTAC had requested that FOET go back and look at the potential color change to match more with Mr. Hunter Mark's group provided. FOET discussed changing the colors but

ultimately decided to keep it the same. The City of Brevard Council and Brevard's equivalent to the RTAC reviewed the proposed branding and ultimately approved it as presented. Chairman Burns recommended that the RTAC make a motion to adopt the branding and logo as presented. Mr. Mike Egan made the motion to adopt the branding and logo as presented and discussed. Dr. Ken Shelton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Design Amenity Update:
Mr. Hunter Marks with Watermark provided the RTAC with a quick presentation on the 30% amenities design that was presented to a joint meeting with the City of Brevard Council and Brevard equivalent to the RTAC. Mr. Marks asked if the RTAC was in support of the 30% amenities design, the next step would be moving forward with 100% amenities design. Chairman Burns requested a motion from the RTAC to direct Mr. Marks to move forward with the 100% amenities design. Ms. Selena Einwechter made the motion to move forward with the 100% amenities design as discussed. Dr. Ken Shelton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Construction Update
Mr. Chris Todd and Mr. Marcus Jones provided the RTAC with a construction update. Mr. Jones stated that the bridges for the first phase should arrive at the end of July. After the bridges arrive, they should be installed within two weeks. Paving has also started in certain areas within the first phase. A few areas that did not pass compaction requirements are being addressed before paving. Mr. Jones and Mr. Todd will work on addressing safety concerns during construction. The contractor has not asked to close the trail at this moment. Still, for safety purposes, FOET and Henderson County will draft language to inform the public of the ongoing construction and to limit usage.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

This meeting was recorded, and the MP4 file can be made available upon request. Please contact County staff.