

Clayton County Greenway Trail System Public Meeting

Meeting Summary – November 17, 2014

Attendees:

- John Claude Bourget
- Sandra Henderson
- Neil Farmer
- Mr. & Mrs. Terry Baskin
- Virginia Brock
- Lee and Randy Casey
- Tim Hynes
- Dave & Carla Murphy
- Jim Hellerud
- Michael Jones
- Susan Butler
- Donald Gibbs
- Jeff Batchelder
- Mike King
- Mike Ferrara
- Bob Taylor
- Madeline Watts
- Butch R.B. Watts
- Frank Hill
- Joe Hamilton
- Bill Illainger
- Marguerita Thompson
- Gracie Walton
- Nathan Parrott, Clayton County Parks & Recreation
- Detrick Stanford, Director, Clayton County Parks & Recreation
- Ed McBrayer, Executive Director, PATH Foundation
- Jonathan McCaig, Project Manager, PATH Foundation
- Greta deMayo, KAIZEN Collaborative
- Eithe Cosledive
- B.V. Sheth
- Dave & Sheryl Hardeman
- Rod Bowlden
- Stan & Pam Jones
- Donald & Tim Sims
- Thomas & Carol Duke
- Janice Arcuria
- Ryan Morris
- Jane Fountain
- E. Martinez
- Linda & David Zvonar
- Ralph Bilberry
- Raymond Baggary
- Larry Jenkins
- Don McMillians
- Joseph Mitehum
- Milton & Jenny Rooks
- Thomas Mills
- Marie Buckman
- Jim Buckman
- Robert Payne

Meeting Overview:

Upon introductions of the consultant team, Ed McBrayer began the public meeting presentation with an overview of the PATH Foundation and KAIZEN Collaborative. He followed with trail project examples and the importance of trails with a focus on:

- Why build Greenway Trails?
- Why build Trails in Clayton County?



- Why partner with the PATH Foundation?

Greta deMayo followed with an overview of the master planning process and the Clayton Connects Greenway Trail System. She followed with:

- How the master plan vision was developed.
- How implementation could be achieved.

Mrs. deMayo then presented the demonstration trail project from International Park to Lake Spivey Golf Clubhouse. The presentation covered:

- The trail alignment overview.
- Connectivity opportunities.
- Project timeline.

The presentation was finalized with outlining the next steps for the Clayton Connects Greenway Trail System. The next steps presented were:

- Finalize Clayton County Greenway Trail System Master Plan
- Present Master Plan Document to County Commission for Adoption
- Implement each Commission District's Initial Trail project.

Following the presentation, Mr. McBrayer opened up the meeting for general discussion and comments. Topic of discussion included:

- How long will it take? The demonstration project should be completed construction by the end of 2015.
- Who will maintain it? Clayton County Department of Parks and Recreation's Park Services Division will be responsible for maintaining the greenway trail system.
- Will it be completed, as too many things in CC don't? Yes, the county currently has money allocated for the construction of the greenway trails and is dedicated to getting trail segments started in each commission district.
- Natural trails need to coexist with paved pathways? Multi-use, paved trails can coexist with soft-surface, nature trails.
- Afraid of losing soft surface trails? The International Park site and the Reid Stephens greenspace both have plenty of area for both hard surface and soft surface trails. The PATH Foundation will work with the nature trail group during construction to assist in relocation of the nature trail if the group desires.
- Can the Southside of Walt Stephens have access to Model Mile? The southside of Walt Stephens does not have any sidewalks to connect to the intersections of 7 Oaks Drive or Winston Way for pedestrian, so crosswalks have not been shown for pedestrian connections for the demonstration trail project. Bicyclist will have to access the trail at these intersection points by using the existing roads as access points.



- How do we protect ourselves when we open access to everyone? The trail users will stay on the trail and will not desire to be on streets with cars. The access within neighborhoods will be by neighbors and will promote a sense of community for the neighbors to get to know one another.
- Why do we create another way through SCC to IP when we can walk on street? Very few people walk along streets due to potential conflicts between bicyclist, pedestrians, and cars. The proposed multi-use trail connection will provide a trail for all types of trail users to enjoy.
- Security is a big aspect of community buy-in. The Clayton Connects Master Plan is being reviewed by the police department, a commitment for security and bicycle patrol is being included in the master plan and recommended for implementation with the demonstration trail project.
- Bringing outsiders into existing communities will increase volume. The demonstration trail is being designed to accommodate users by utilizing existing parking areas within International Park and allocating an existing parking lot at Lake Spivey Golf Club for neighbor access.
- Maintenance and its funding haven't been used on Jester's Creek trail. The demonstration project will coincide with the renovation and improvement of the Jesters Creek Greenway Trail.
- Will there be a website to show project progress? Project progress can be obtained through Nathan Parrott, Clayton County Department of Parks & Recreation Greenspace Division.
- Will there be any notification given to public prior to BOC consideration? The BOC agenda will have the Clayton Connects Master Plan adoption shown for either the February or March 2015 meeting. The agenda can be found through the Clayton County website.