

## Greenways and Trails Council Meeting –Jan 9, 2020

### Minutes taken by: Hannah Smith

- Meeting called to order- 10:01 am by Tony Black
- Motion to accept the minutes- Bob Yarborough 1<sup>st</sup>, Jill Holland 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved
- Members Present: Tony Black, Bridget Jones, Joanne Mitchell, Patty Schultz, Dave Halstead, Dr. Rick Harris, Jill Holland, Bob Yarborough.
  - Advisory Members: Jane Polansky, Gerald Parish, Michael Meister, Shawn Bible, Jody Sliger, Gary Fottrell
- Michael Meister- Presentation: Mechanized Trail Design Basics
  - Slide show from Meister attached
- SCORP- Bridget – \*will send out follow up email regarding ideas and additions to SCORP to Bridget. \*
  - Ch. 1- add recreation in somewhere
    - Send Jane greenways and trails studies from within 5 years
    - Add economics of Blue-ways per patty- add into plan
    - TN-ECD rural development best practices- good resource
    - Add Health into agency list, TWRA, TVA, TN-AG(forestry)
  - Ch. 2-Descriptions of Trail Facilities
    - Add Recreational use to Blue-ways Definition
  - Ch. 3- Economic Development
    - Look at TNSP economic impact report when it is completed
    - South Knoxville urban wilderness economic development
    - Jackson TN project
    - Gov awards- check in both programs
    - Johnson city economic impact
    - Could add more focal points- Jodi will look into this, additions are requested
    - Sports tourism- ball tournament tourism?- Parks and Recreation focus point?
    - Green county best practice- tennis complex, economic impact as well
  - Ch. 4-Community development
    - Trail town/Main street office-
      - Damascus VA, Erwin, Delonaga GA, Tellico Plains,
    - Talent Attraction- East Nashville, Crosstown/ Overton, Memphis
    - Event Attractions- Geo-Tourism (come home to Mountains, Main-Street Johnson city), OHV Fall Fest at Wind Rock events, Wind Rock(cycling)
      - Dave- Mountain Biking Information
      - BOB- OHV information
  - Ch. 5-Health and Active Living
    - Sarah Cox to take over with assistance of health and active living initiative info
    - HPHP- add focus point

- Trail inventory–Dept. Health. To be determined
    - Generational Impacts- focal point?
  - Ch. 6- Environmental Features /Land Conservation
    - Wildlife corridors- Harmon Den-NC, Newport/DelRio area
- Send pictures, Ideas, research to support to Bridget
- RTP Updates-
  - Rails to trails no go currently- no time for process
  - About \$3m to fund
- Council Business-
  - Jane Retiring as of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Commissioner Reorganization of G&T Council:
    - Reduce Council to 9 members- 3 each region
    - Want to encourage getting involved-
    - 3 people committees-
      - RTP Track Plan committee-Develop SCORP
      - Forum Committee-2021- help plan upcoming forum
      - Review of RTP Manual & Scoring criteria committee
    - Planning grants for distressed counties
    - Quorum will be 5 members
    - Next meeting: will be decided after reorganization
- Motion to Adjourn: Jill Holland 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Black.