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 1st, Jill Holland 2nd. 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?
  o Ch. 6- Environmental Features /Land Conservation
    ▪ Wildlife corridors- Harmon Den-NC, Newport/DelRio area
• Send pictures, Ideas, research to support to Bridget
• RTP Updates-
  o Rails to trails no go currently- no time for process
  o About $3m to fund
• Council Business-
  o Jane Retiring as of Jan 31st
  o 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 SCROP
      • 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 1st, 2nd by Tony Black.