

**Carrboro Greenways Commission
Minutes
March 15, 2021**

Members Present

*Ethan Beattie
*Jeff Summerlin-Long
*Alyson West
*Mahin Manley
*Meredith Morovati
*indicates voting member

Absent

Staff Present

Trish McGuire -- Carrboro Planning
Tina Moon -- Carrboro Planning

Randee Haven-O'Donnell – Town Council Member
Damon Seils – Town Council Member

- I. **Call to Order:** Ethan Beattie called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.
 - a. **Welcome new members**
Beattie welcomed new members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
 - b. **Approval of Minutes**

December 7, 2020 - Summerlin-Long motioned approval of the December meeting minutes; West seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes (5) Beattie, Summerlin-Long, West, Manley and Morovati; Nos (0); Absent (1) Kallepalli

February 8, 2021 – West motioned approval of the February 8th meeting minutes; Summerlin-Long seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes (5) Beattie, Summerlin-Long, West, Manley and Morovati; Nos (0); Absent (1) Kallepalli

The Greenways Commission meeting minutes for December 7th 2020 and February 8th 2021 were approved.
- II. **Follow-up Discussion of Morgan Creek Greenway**

Moon summarized the key discussion points from the December meeting when the Greenways Commission hosted a meeting with neighboring residents about the Morgan Creek Greenway. Greenways Commission members reported on their takeaways from the meeting and staff provided updates on some of the topics that came up in December and required additional research from staff. Most notably was the reported feasibility of future crossings and alignments for the greenway, after additional study from the Town Engineer. Trish McGuire, the Planning Director responded to technical questions relating to flood studies required for greenway projects involving crossings.

III. **Carrboro Connects**

Moon introduced the item and provided some context for the materials in the packet. West shared her experiences on the comprehensive plan task force and brought new members up to speed on the effort. McGuire helped frame questions for the Greenways Commission to consider while review the project documents, particularly the materials relating to transportation topics.

Members were asked to review the materials in the packet and spend some time on the project website in preparation for a more in-depth conversation at the next meeting, and to participate in the upcoming community meeting for the comprehensive plan.

There was also discussion of the roles of the Greenways Commission and the Recreation and Parks Commission relating to the comprehensive review of greenways for the whole community and the more project specific review and outreach for specific phase or segments of approved greenways. Staff introduced the idea of a joint meeting with the two advisory commission to review the Town's progress on greenways, to date, for April.

IV. **Officer Elections**

After discussion, Summerlin-Long nominated Beattie for chair; West seconded the motion. Beattie nominated Summerlin-Long for vice chair. West was invited to consider an officer position but declined due to other obligations and her name was withdrawn. Votes: Ayes (5) Beattie, Summerlin-Long, West, Manley and Morovati; Nos (0); Absent (1) Kallepalli

The approved slate of officers includes Ethan Beattie as chair and Jeff Summerlin-Long as vice chair.

IV. **Adjourn** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Summerlin-Long and seconded by West. Ayes – all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm. The next meeting will be on May 10, 2021.