



Buncombe County Open Space Bond: Passive Recreation Lands Subcommittee

***Minutes
23 July 2024***

Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Kevin Conrecode, Lena Richards, Bob Gale, Ann Babcock, Matt Fusco, David Burdette

Staff in Attendance: Jill Carter, Rachael Sawyer, Nathan Pennington, Thomas Gull, Amy Broughton, Nnweyna Smith

Buncombe County Administration: The July 23, 2024, meeting of the Buncombe County Passive Recreation Lands Subcommittee was called to order at approximately 12:03 pm. Six subcommittee members were in attendance.

Approval of July 23, 2024 Agenda

The Subcommittee voted to approve the agenda for the July 23 meeting.

Open Space Bond Update

Jill Carter presented an update on the status of the Open Space Bond. The update included the following items:

- Today's meeting will include a review of projects. If there is not time to review all projects, staff will work with the subcommittee to call a special meeting to continue the project review.
- After all projects are reviewed, staff will contact subcommittee members individually to collect votes for top projects to be included in the funding portfolio.
- The regular August meeting will be discussing top projects and discussing funding amounts.
- Staff is present to answer any questions but is not involved with the scoring or funding recommendations.
- Review of the Subcommittee Questions & Answers document that was included in the meeting packet.

Discussion

The Subcommittee discussed each project individually, reviewing an overview of each project, providing input from site visits and asking questions as needed. The following projects were reviewed and discussed:

- 33 Acres on Sandhill Road
- Deaverview Mountain
- Gateway Park
- Haw Creek Park Greenway

- Hominy Creek Greenway Trail Improvement
- Warren Wilson College Trails
- Ridgecrest Connector

Public Comment

There was a technical issue which prevented public comment. Buncombe County's Communications and Public Engagement staff will gather public comments to share with the subcommittee members.

Next Special Meeting Date: August 13, 2024, at 12 PM

Next Regular Meeting Date: August 20, 2024, at 12 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 1:28 pm