



August 13, 2010

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Rashad M. Young, City Manager *DNY
for*
SUBJECT: Items for Your Information

Contact Center Feedback

Attached is the weekly report generated by our Contact Center for the week of 8/2/10 – 8/8/10.

Library Reported Incidents

Attached is a detailed incident report for the Greensboro Public Library's Central Library from January 2010 – June 2010. This report breaks down the monthly incidents by category and also provides the number of people who were banned from the Greensboro Public Library per category. The total number of incidents equals 157.

Staff from the Greensboro Public Library have prepared a recommendation for managing computer usage and will present it at the August 17, 2010 City Council Meeting. The total number of incidents slightly differs from the 142 referenced in the attachment for Agenda Item #25 (for the August 17, 2010 City Council meeting) as it incorporates incidents that do not result in a patron being banned from the Library (noted with an asterisk) and re-categorizes four trespassing incidents.

Downtown Greenway

As a follow-up to a request made by Councilmember Dianne Bellamy-Small at the August 2, 2010 City Council Meeting, attached are the following updates on the Downtown Greenway Project:

1. Memorandum from Adam Fischer, Director of Transportation, dated August 6, 2010 outlining each section of the project and its various funding sources.
2. Project Status Report from the Oversight Committee dated August 10, 2010 providing more detail about the status of the project, separated by sub-committees.
3. Detailed map of the Downtown Greenway project.

Aquatic Center

The City Manager's Office has approved a change order for TFF Architects and Planners for \$181,775 for the design of the Aquatic Center. This change was necessitated due to additional work required by the architectural firm in order to value engineer the cost of the construction, which then resulted in additional design work. This change order brings the total fees to \$1,461,775, which is still under the \$1.5 million budget for architectural services.

Sustainability Action Plan

Attached is a memorandum from Dan Curry, Manager of Community Sustainability, dated August 12, 2010, regarding the action plan for the Community Sustainability Council.

Habitat for Humanity Impact on Affordable Housing and Neighborhoods

As a follow-up to a request made by Councilmember Dianne Bellamy-Small at the August 2, 2010 City Council Meeting, attached is a memorandum from Sue Schwartz, Interim Director of Housing and Community Development, dated August 11, 2010, providing a report on the impact that Habitat for Humanity has had on affordable housing and neighborhoods.

Zoning Commission Meeting Results

Attached please find the results of the August 9, 2010 Zoning Commission Meeting.

**Public Affairs Department Contact Center Weekly Report
Week of 8/2/10 - 8/8/10**

Contact Center

5313 calls answered this week

Top 5 calls by area

Water Resources

Balance Inquiry – 1095
New Signup – 265
Cutoff – 175
General Info. – 158
Due Date – 157

Field Operations

Solid Waste Changes – 189
Bulk Guidelines – 85
Collection Day – 62
Repair Can/Garbage – 59
Bulk/Recycle Calendar – 57

All others

Police/Watch Operations – 320
Landfill/Transfer/HHW – 126
Courts/Sheriff – 65
Overgrown Lots – 56
Police Records – 53

Comments

We received a total of 6 comments this week:

Field Operations – 1 comment

- Thank you for very good mowing job this summer in Hamilton Lakes Park, city has done a very good job...

Transportation – 3 comments

- Customer called to state that speed cushions on Frazier Rd are simply diverting traffic away from Frazier Rd. Too many bumps in one block. Bumps are also too high. States this is obstructing rather than slowing the pace of traffic. Suggests after 45 years living there that there are other locations this test could have been more suitable for. He would have liked to have seen some speed bumps around the nearby apartment complex where he says the young residents are all speeders.
- The construction on Lake Jeanette includes narrowing the road at the intersection of New Garden Rd and Lake Jeanette Rd. This is an inconvenience to those of us who ride bikes in that area. I would like the city to reconsider narrowing the road in that area.
- Caller drove by the location he reported graffiti at 24 hours ago. He was surprised to notice that the graffiti had already been cleared and painted over. He says "thanks."

Water Resources – 2 comments

- Customer does not mind paying for wastewater charges for normal household use. However, he feels there should be a meter for sewer charges so that he is not charged sewer charges when he washes car or power washes house and deck or there should be a way to notify city of uses. Customer suggests supplying general information to customers, number of gallons in units and sliding scale for incoming water. Feels \$3.00 per unit is too much for sewer charges.
- I would like to praise the workers who came to my home on July 31, August 2, and August 3, 2010 for their efforts when I had a backup with my water line. I have a new found respect for the city which is based on the hard work, politeness, and professional behavior I witnessed during this time from these men. Thank you!

Overall

Calls about the Solid Waste changes, including calls about the bulk/recycling calendars, continued to increase last week. Calls about overgrown lots also increased. Call volume was busy through the end of the week.

**GPL January – June 2010
Incident Report**

Overall Central Library Incident by Category

<i>Incident</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Semi-Annual Total</i>	<i>Ban Total</i>
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Alcohol	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	3
Communication Threat	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Computer Misuse	1	3	2	2	6	3	17	12
Customer Complaint*	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Disorderly Conduct	5	2	8	5	5	1	26	16
Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	0
Eating	4	3	0	1	1	2	11	11
Fire	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Indecent Behavior	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	4
Littering*	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Loitering*	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Missing Persons*	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0
Panhandling	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Pornography	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Sleeping	6	1	9	1	7	10	34	28
Smoking	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Theft	3	1	3	4	1	2	14	3
Trespassing	4	1	4	0	4	3	16	2
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	0	2	3	4	0	0	9	1
Other *	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	0
Grand Total	28	16	39	22	23	25	157	85

The "Other" category includes parking issues and customer inquiry about their ban release date.

An asterisk (*) represents incidents that a patron cannot be banned from the library.

**GPL January – June 2010
Incident Report**

<i>Month</i>	<i>Number of Central Library Computer Users</i>	<i>Number of Central Library Visitors</i>	<i>Number of Computer Related Incidents</i>
January	20,102.00	113,499.00	1
February	18,859.00	122,363.00	3
March	20,499.00	120,278.00	3
April	17,708.00	106,375.00	2
May	17,678.00	116,597.00	6
June	19,388.00	117,067.00	3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>114,234.00</i>	<i>696,179.00</i>	<i>18*</i>

*The total number of computer related incidents includes both the “computer misuse” and “pornography” categories from the previous chart.

Department of Transportation
City of Greensboro



August 6, 2010

TO: Mr. Rashad Young, City Manager
FROM: Mr. Adam Fischer, Director of Transportation
SUBJECT: Downtown Greenway Update

The Downtown Greenway will be a 4 mile multi-use trail/path that will encircle downtown Greensboro. Prior to the City's bicentennial in 2008, the City created the Bicentennial Commission who was responsible for selecting a signature project to commemorate the City's 200th birthday. The Bicentennial Commission selected the Downtown Greenway as the commemorative project because it would be a long lasting tangible project that would be available to all members of the community. The total estimated cost of the Downtown Greenway is \$26 Million to be funded by private donations, Local Bonds, State Grants, and Federal Grants over the next 10 to 15 years. In the fall of 2008, the citizens of Greensboro approved Transportation Bonds to be issued over 10 years in the amount of \$134 Million, which includes \$7 Million for the Downtown Greenway.

The first section of the Downtown Greenway, which is 0.37 miles long, was completed in June, 2009 and runs between Lee Street and Eugene Street along an easement dedicated by Greensboro College and Dennis Reittinger. This first section of the Downtown Greenway was funded by Action Greensboro at \$725,000 and features several art pieces, extensive landscaping and extensive lighting to make the Greenway safe, inviting, and enjoyable. This section of the greenway is used on a daily basis by citizens for recreation, as well as an alternative mode of transportation to access schools, employment centers, retail areas, and other recreation areas. Construction on the Greenway crossing at Eugene Street will begin later this fall and is estimated to cost \$75,000.

The next section of the Downtown Greenway to be constructed will be the 0.28 mile long section between Lee Street and Spring Garden Street. This section of Greenway is estimated to cost \$750,000 with construction expected to begin later this year or early in 2011 pending final rail crossing approvals. Bond funds approved for authorization in the City's FY 2010-2011 budget will be utilized to construct this section of the Downtown Greenway with Action Greensboro funding enhancements such as landscaping and artwork. This section of the Downtown Greenway will feature one of the four cornerstone art pieces (southwest) which are being constructed at each of the four corners of the Greenway and will be funded by Action

Greensboro. This section will also feature solar powered lights which will be funded by a portion of the City's Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant.

The City of Greensboro is in the process of applying for a US DOT TIGER II construction and planning grant and the corresponding US Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Challenge planning grant. If awarded, these funds would support the construction of a major portion of the Downtown Greenway estimated at \$15 million as well as planning and design funds for the remainder of the Battleground Rail-trail which will complete the Downtown Greenway and will link downtown Greensboro to the Battleground Rail-trail currently under construction. The \$1.15 million Challenge Grant would be used to leverage an additional \$1 million in revolving capital provided from private foundations, institutional investors and individuals to create an initial \$2 million investment pool with the longer term goal of creating a sustaining Revolving Loan Fund of \$5 million. This strategy will ensure that the Downtown Greenway's ability to spur the community's on-going economic development efforts downtown is successful. Use of the voter approved transportation bonds coupled with private funding would be used for the 20% matching requirements of these grants.

The Downtown Greenway will increase the quality of life for the citizens of Greensboro by enhancing bicycle and pedestrian travel options. The overall benefits of the Downtown Greenway are expected to more than outweigh the cost of the project. The Greenway will provide a safe and convenient environment for alternative travel and recreation and will connect several diverse neighborhoods, colleges, and universities around downtown. As neighborhoods, businesses, and universities are woven together by the Downtown Greenway, it is expected that underutilized parcels of land in close proximity to the Greenway will undergo a major transformation.

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cc: Mr. Andy Scott, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Denise Turner, Assistant City Manager



Project Status Report: 8.10.10

Downtown Greenway Oversight Committee

The Oversight Committee continues to meet monthly to ensure that all parts of the project are moving forward and for committee reports and general updates. Currently, the committee consists of these members: Co-chairs, Andy Scott (City of Greensboro, Assistant City Manager for Economic Development) and Trip Brown (Action Greensboro community volunteer), T. Dianne Bellamy-Small (representative from Greensboro City Council), Dan Curry (Manager, Community Sustainability), Adam Fischer (Department head, Transportation), Dick Hails (Department head, Planning), April Harris (Executive Director, Action Greensboro), Robby Hassell (representative from the Greensboro Bicentennial Commission), Greg Jackson (Department head, Parks and Recreation), Cathy Levinson (Committee Chair, Education and Communications, Bicentennial Commission), John McLendon (Committee co-chair, Technical Committee), Tyler Meyer (co-chair of Technical Committee, City of Greensboro Department of Transportation, Planning Division Manager), Bob Newton (Committee chair, Finance Committee), Ted Partrick (City of Greensboro Engineering and Inspections, City Engineer), Dabney Sanders (Project manager for the Downtown Greenway, Action Greensboro), Sue Schwartz (Interim Department head, Housing and Community Development), Susan Schwartz (Action Greensboro Operating Group Liaison, CEMALA Foundation Executive Director), Captain Wayne Scott (Greensboro Police Department, Central Division), David Phlegar (City of Greensboro, Water Resources, Stormwater Division Manager).

We are currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding between Action Greensboro and the City to establish institutional knowledge about the project regardless of changes in staff and elected leaders. The goal is to have the document signed by October 1, 2010.

Technical Sub-committee

Small Phase 1: Completed and open. Trail is being actively used for recreation and transportation. Urban Ministry has agreed to adopt this section of the trail to provide support to City staff with weeding and trash pickup.

Phase 1A: The bid was advertized for this section on 7.29.10. Construction is expected to begin in October. We continue to wait for the signed agreement from Norfolk Southern for the at-grade crossing near Spring Garden Street. Continuing conversations with the owner of the used car lot at the trail and W. Lee Street.

Eugene Street Pedestrian Refuge Island: The bid was advertized in July, the award is expected the end of this week and construction is expected to begin in mid-September.

Phase 1B/C: The Phase 2 environmental report on Phase 1b1 (Bragg Street between South Eugene and South Elm) has been received and there were no surprises in the report. Design can proceed in this area with attention paid to the monitoring wells that will remain in place and to plant placement based on locations of coal ash. Specifications for the Greenway are being included in the South Elm Street Redevelopment project RFP. This past month has seen meetings with New Zion Church and TND Partners on their work on the section of Bragg Street between Arlington and Murrow Boulevard. We expect plans to be presented to the neighborhood in September which will incorporate the Downtown Greenway either along the edge of the properties or within the development site.

Phase 2: 25% design of this section is well underway and expected to be complete in mid-August. Approval to initiate 100% design using federal transportation funds secured by Kay Hagan's office was voted on at the last City Council meeting. This contract for 100% design will likely go to Withers & Ravenel who has a Greensboro office and has a proven track record for timeliness and innovation in stormwater treatment, incorporation of public art, and public involvement.

Phase 3: A public meeting was held with the Cedar Street neighborhood regarding the closure of the end of Cedar Street at Smith Street. Unanimous support for the closure and positive reactions to the greenway were expressed. Meetings have

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been held with Jim Jones/Vernon Powell/George Carr regarding easement needs & the trail design in the block of Smith Street between Eugene and Edgeworth. After initial concern, they are supportive and understanding of the needs and location of the trail. A public meeting was held on July 29th for the entire Phase 3 section. Over 60 community members attended and offered broad based support for the project (93% overall). The plans and an online survey are on the website now and comments will be taken through August 12th. The City is negotiating a contract with Withers & Ravenel to do the design work in this section.

Phase 4: We continue to stay in touch with Chandler Concrete regarding their eventual move or the relinquishing of their rail rights. Talks with Abercrombie Oil are continuing and we expect a positive result. Andy and Trip have met with Kotis Properties about their interest in the Chandler site.

Finance Sub-committee

A revised budget has been completed using actual figures from small Phase 1 and more detailed estimates on Phase 2. This committee continues to monitor expenditures from both the public and private sectors.

Public Art Sub-committee

Brower Hatcher has completed "The Gateway to the Open Book" (SW Cornerstone) and is storing the work in his studio until we are ready for installation following the construction of phase 1a. This work was a collaboration between Brower, local artist Frank Russell, and students from Jones Elementary School and the Warnersville neighborhood.

Juan Logan has completed installation of "Grounded Here" in the Warnersville neighborhood as a commemoration of the history of Ashe Street. A dedication is planned for September.

We received a \$100,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts Mayor's Institute on City Design's 25th Anniversary Initiative for restoration of the railroad underpass in Phase 1A. We were 1 of 21 projects selected from a national pool of over 200 applicants.

Education & Communications Sub-committee

The City's 2010 budget included \$1.482M of the \$7M in voter approved bonds which will allow us to construct Phase 1a, the Eugene Street Pedestrian Refuge Island, and work on design for remaining sections.

The redesigned website launched in July and we have been getting good feedback on it.

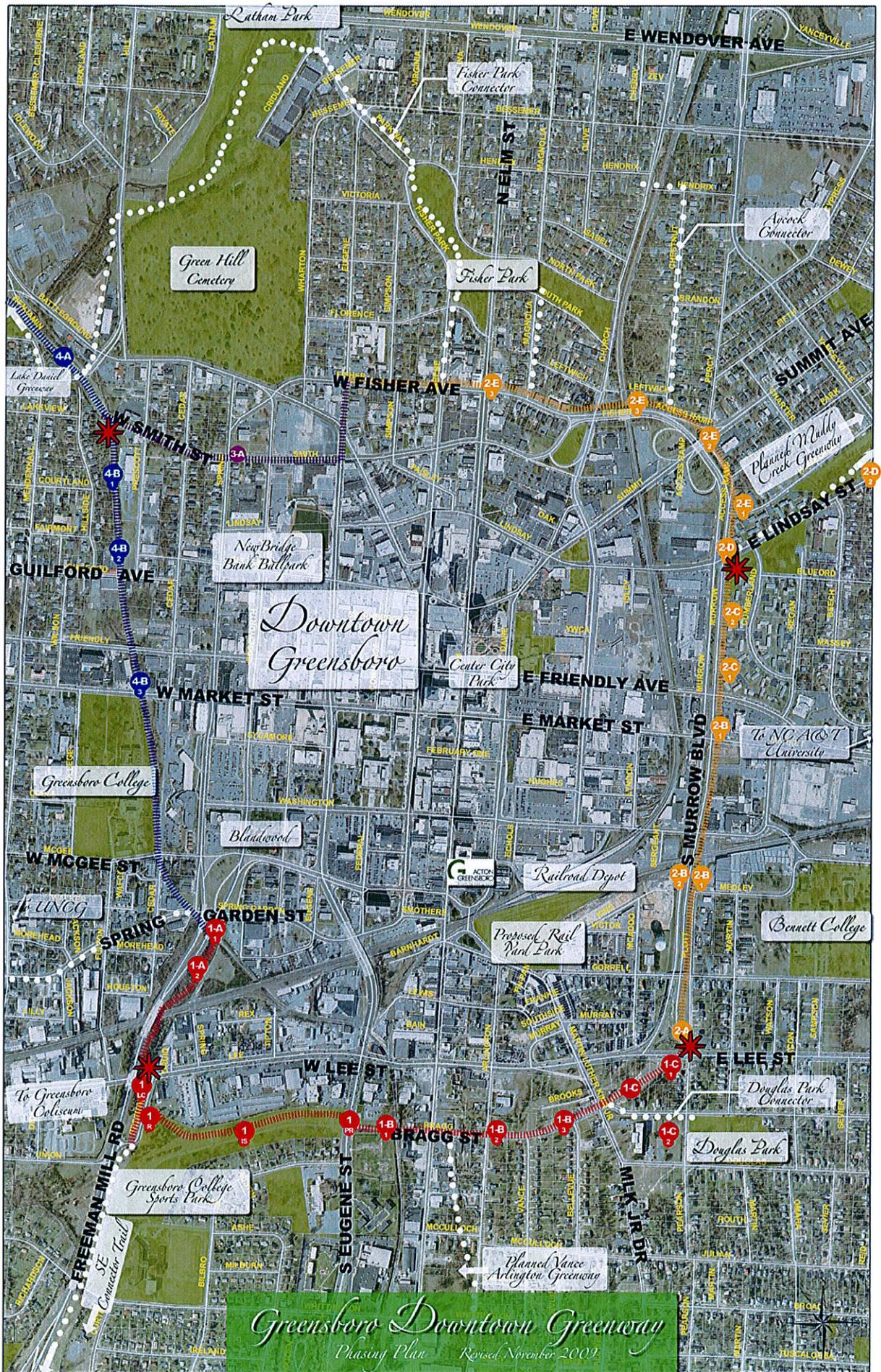
A video is being produced about the Downtown Greenway to be used for educational purposes – will be completed by the end of August.

A Run 4 the Greenway event is being planned for September 11th, 2010. A planning committee of over 30 volunteers is organizing the 8K run, 1 mile walk/run, and party at Center City Park to raise awareness of the Greenway and raise funds for the Maintenance Endowment.

Fundraising Sub-committee

The City has submitted a pre-application for a Tiger 2 federal transportation grant requesting over \$10M to support the Downtown Greenway. Work is underway on the full application that is due on August 23rd. Action Greensboro is providing the narrative on the project details, community support, public art, and private commitment and funding of the project, as well as securing endorsement letters and providing support for an accompanying video and enhanced visual materials. The City is working on the technical aspects of the application including a cost-benefit analysis. The Greensboro Partnership is providing assistance with governmental affairs related to the application in cooperation with Denise Turner. Awards are expected between September 15th and the end of the year. This is a highly competitive national grant.

Evaluation of donor prospects for a future fundraising campaign is underway and work on major donors in a quiet phase of this campaign is expected to begin in October and November.



Greensboro Downtown Greenway
 Planning Plan Revised November 2009

3-A FISHER SMITH ROUTE

Multi-use path along north side of West Fisher Ave to Eugene. On east side of Eugene to Smith, remove section of Battleground Ave between Eugene and Smith. Cross north side of Eugene to follow along north side of Smith to Spring St. Cross east side of Spring St to follow south side Smith to railroad on west side.

4-A SMITH ST TRAIL

Multi-use trail (connects Battleground Rail Trail aka Atlantic & Yadkin Greenway with Magical Mile of Downtown Greenway)

4-B MAGICAL MILE RAIL-TRAIL

- 1 Multi-use trail and stream restoration along Atlantic and Yadkin rail corridor
- 2 Potential trailhead at Guilford Ave
- 3 Potential pedestrian overpass at West Market St

2-A MURROW / LEE INTERSECTION

Reconfigure Murrow /Lee intersection to 'T'-intersection

2-B MURROW BLVD IMPROVEMENTS (EAST LEE ST TO EAST FRIENDLY AVE)

- 1 Linear Park with multi-use trail on East side
- 2 Sidewalk & streetscape improvements on west side

2-C MURROW BLVD IMPROVEMENTS (FRIENDLY AVE TO LINDSAY ST)

- 1 Multi-use trail on East side
- 2 Taper northbound traffic lane to allow for wider linear park

2-D E LINDSAY ST

- 1 Trailhead on City property
- 2 Planned East Lindsay St "Road Diet" (dedicate bike lanes from Murrow Blvd to East Bessemer Ave)

2-E MURROW/FISHER IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 Outside north bound traffic lane on Murrow becomes multi-use trail
- 2 Reconfigure entrance/exit ramps at Summit Ave
- 3 Multi-use path on north side of Fisher Ave with improved crossing of N. Elm St. Continue onto Eugene St.

1-A MOREHEAD LINEAR PARK

- 1 Trailhead with parking
- 2 Multi-use trail using old Cedar/Spring St. underpass below NCRR

1 FREEMAN MILL RAMP IMPROVEMENTS

- LC Signal at West Lee St crossing
- R Multi-use trail on east side of ramp

1 INITIAL SECTION

- IS Multi-use trail along north edge of Greensboro College Sports Park
- PR Pedestrian refuge island on South Eugene St

1-B BRAGG ST IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 Multi-use trail along Bragg St from South Eugene St to east side of RR underpass
- 2 Wide sidewalk along north side of West Bragg
- 3 Streetscape improvements

1-C OLE ASHEBORO CONNECTOR

- 1 Multi-use path or wide sidewalk
- 2 Sidewalk connector to Douglas Park (along south side of Bragg)



CORNERSTONES

4 significant pieces of public art marking the corners of the Downtown Greenway expressing city-wide themes: Motion, Freedom, Innovation, Tradition

Executive Department
City of Greensboro



August 12, 2010

TO: Denise Turner, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Dan Curry, AICP, Manager
Community Sustainability

SUBJECT: Sustainability Action Plan

The Community Sustainability Council (CSC) will soon be submitting a draft Sustainability Action Plan to City Council for consideration. This Plan has been developed over the past year with extensive involvement and input from the community and identifies actions that can be taken by the City of Greensboro and by the community to reduce energy consumption and create economic investment opportunities around the emerging green economy.

In 2008, the City Council established the Community Sustainability Council and charged it with finding ways that City government and the community at large could save energy and create new job opportunities. One aspect of that initial charge was to identify current energy usage and green house gas emissions and to set reduction targets.

The 2009, ARRA economic stimulus program provided the needed funding for the City to tackle this project. As a result, a draft Sustainability Action Plan has been prepared and is undergoing final reviews and edits by the Community Sustainability Council. CSC Co-chairs Joel Landau and Bob Powell jointly authored the letter to the editor this past Sunday in the News and Record describing the process of developing this Plan and its primary recommendations. Included in the Plan are estimates of current energy usage and green house gas generation for the City organization and for the community. An overall goal has been developed to hold energy usage and green house gas generation at current levels. The action strategies in the Plan will be a modest beginning to meeting this goal and the CSC envisions regular updates to these strategies as other opportunities emerge in future years.

The CSC has hosted numerous meetings to gather information and listen to the community as they described their priorities and the barriers and challenges to achieving energy and cost savings. Based on this feedback, the Plan has identified eight focus areas, including:

- Transportation and Land Use
- Green Jobs and Buildings
- Waste Reduction and Recycling
- City Operations
- Nature in the City
- Education and Outreach
- Green Technologies
- Adaptation

The policies and strategies for each focus area were based on the work of CSC sub-committees that met with community members with experience and expertise in these areas. The strategies take into account current budget realities and available technologies. The Plan does not request any changes in current fiscal year budgets or planned activities. Most of the recommended policies and strategies focus on longer-term actions that would be implemented as resources are available.

The Plan does recommend that the City consider the implementation of a Cash Flow Sustainability Account that would capture a percentage of the cost savings achieved through the City's energy efficiency efforts so that those funds can be applied to other sustainability initiatives. This would not include revenues from the City's current and planned energy performance contracts since those revenues have specified uses.

We expect to forward a final draft of the Sustainability Action Plan later this month for consideration by City Council in September. The current draft is available on the City website at www.greenbsoro-nc.gov/sustainability.

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cc: Mr. Andy Scott, Assistant City Manager for Economic Development
Ms. Sue Schwartz, Acting Director of Housing and Community Development
Mr. Steve Randall, Energy and Sustainability Manager – E&I Department



August 11, 2010

TO: Rashad Young, City Manager
FROM: Sue Schwartz, Interim Director
Housing and Community Development

**SUBJECT: Habitat for Humanity Impact on Affordable Housing and
Neighborhoods**

Over the past 23 years, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro, Inc., has grown from a small group of committed individuals to one of the most productive affiliates of the international organization for a medium-sized city. They have built and sold 350 houses in Greensboro (location map attached) with City involvement in financing the construction of 220 of the housing units through grants, loans or lot donations. From City data records, a typical Habitat homeowner household earns less than 50% of the area median income or less than approximately \$25,000 at home purchase date.

City funded single family housing development activities typically carry long term owner-occupancy requirements. A recent tenure study of the Heath Park neighborhood area indicated that Habitat sponsored properties are maintaining homeownership.

Construction quality and design have been an increasing focus. All Habitat new construction houses are built to Advanced Energy's *System Vision* standard for energy efficiency. This program guarantees extremely low utility payments for homeowners due to the attention to energy related construction details. More recently, new Habitat homes have also been built to the Green Building Standard of the National Association of Home Builders, which assures water and resource conservation, the use of sustainable or recycled products, and measures to protect indoor air quality, in addition to energy efficiency. Habitat house designs have evolved to be more reflective of neighborhood standards and functional uses by owners. They have broadened their housing products to include a wider range of household types and affordability. Two years ago, the City and Habitat carried out a design charrette process which focused on the differences between a typical suburban style housing development plan and a mixed use, mixed income plan. The results of that study will inform future Habitat development plans.

As described in the attached information from Habitat, they have recently incorporated neighborhood support into their activities to assist Habitat homeowners and their neighbors in working together to achieve neighborhood goals.

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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro was formed in 1987 as a Christian ministry to bring together people of all faiths to work as partners building quality, affordable housing with God's people in need. Habitat sells these houses at cost with a 0% interest mortgage.

Since 1987, Habitat has built 350 houses for first-time homeowners. These families in turn will pay over \$400,000 in property taxes to Greensboro/Guilford County in 2010. Over 300 of these houses are still occupied by the original homeowners, and in the next 12 months, 27 additional families will become first time Habitat homeowners.

As our community grows and its needs change, Habitat Greensboro is changing its strategic priorities to address those needs. Two years ago, Habitat began constructing 20 townhouses in the Eastside Park neighborhood to meet the needs of smaller families and older individuals. This year, with funding from the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Habitat began purchasing and rehabbing foreclosed and/or abandoned homes in neighborhoods that have struggled with high rates of foreclosure.

In the winter of 2008-2009, Habitat conducted a series of listening sessions with our homeowners. This revealed a need for more resources to be dedicated to building neighborhoods, resulting in the creation of the Neighborhood Outreach and Advocacy Task Force within our affiliate (NOA). The NOA's responsibility was to listen and communicate with homeowners, review current and past programs of our affiliate and other affiliates, identify programs and partners, implement programs, and develop a new vision and roadmap. We have obtained these goals in the following ways:

- In September of 2009, we partnered with the residents of Poplar Ridge to create a 5 year plan of action to empower the community to make the changes they want in their neighborhood. We are continuing to work with the families in Poplar Ridge as they implement the plan they created during this process.
- In April of 2010, we partnered with Lowe's and Housing Greensboro to bring home maintenance classes to the residents in Eastside Park.
- In June, 2010, in collaboration with the Cooperative Extension, the Redevelopment Commission and Greensboro's Master Gardener Program, Habitat worked with residents of Eastside Park and Arbor Court to construct the Eastside Community Garden.

Because of recent successes with our community efforts, Habitat of Greensboro was selected to participate in the launch of a program by Habitat for Humanity International called the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. We are eager to engage in more transformational programs like this that will promote lasting and positive change. By doing so families can build better lives in Greensboro and our community as a whole will be stronger.

Mission Statement:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro is a Christian ministry that brings together people of all faiths to build quality, affordable homes and thriving neighborhoods where families can build better lives.

ZONING COMMISSION RESULTS

MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2010

AGENDA ITEM	REQUEST/LOCATION	PROPOSED USE <small>* (Not binding if not stated as a condition)</small>	ACTION/VOTE	STAFF REC	STATUS	SPEAKERS
Z-10-08-001	Establishment of a Downtown Design Overlay District (DDO)	Establishment of an overlay district to guide downtown development	Favorable Recommendation <small>(Includes a recommendation to change the DDO boundary)</small>	Approval	Public Hearing - September 7, 2010 City Council Meeting	9 for; 4 opposed
	Generally located west of Murrow Boulevard, south of Fisher Avenue, east of the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway tracks and north of Bragg Street (Downtown Greensboro)					
	City of Greensboro					
Z-10-08-002	PI and LI to CD-C-M	All uses allowed in the C-M zoning district except sexually oriented businesses	Approved	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	1 for; 0 opposed
	Northern portions of 3919 and 4015 West Wendover Avenue					
	Dean Green					
Z-10-08-003	PI and LI to CD-LI	Auto Auction	Approved	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	1 for; 0 opposed
	Southern portions of 3919 and 4015 West Wendover Avenue					
	Dean Green					
Z-10-08-004	R-5 to R-3	All uses allowed in the R-3 zoning district	Approved	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	1 for; 0 opposed
	4900 Troxler Road					
	City of Greensboro					
Z-10-08-005	CD-RM-18 to CD-R-3	A place of religious assembly and permitted educational facilities	Approved	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	4 for; 0 opposed
	6705 West Friendly Avenue & 613 Pompano Dr					
	Korean Baptist Church					
Z-10-08-006	LI to CD-GO-M	Rehabilitation and counseling services	Approved	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	3 for; 0 opposed
	2607 East Wendover Avenue					
	Thomas A. Baynes for self, Walter Monroe Baynes and Mary Sue Delle					

To view agenda with zoning conditions and maps, please visit our web site at:

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Planning/boards/zoning/>

If you have any questions about these results, please contact Rawls Howard or Frederick Boateng (373-2144)