

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 5, 2007

TITLE: Town Code Amendment Establishing a Greenways Commission

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. April 3, 2007 Greenways Commission Resolution B. February 14, 2006 Appointments to the Morgan Creek Trail Planning Committee C. Proposed Town Code Amendment	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Anita Jones-McNair – 918-7381 Adena Messinger – 918-7329

PURPOSE

At the recommendation of the Greenways Summit Work Group, the Board of Aldermen voted to create a Greenways Commission and adopted a resolution to that effect on April 3, 2007. An amendment to the Town Code that formalizes the structure and defines the mission of a Greenways Commission was noted as necessary. A proposed Town Code Amendment is provided for the Board's approval.

INFORMATION

A general time line of events surrounding the Greenways Commission is as follows:

- On October 28, 2006, the Town held a Greenways Summit to discuss the Morgan Creek and Bolin Creek stream corridors.
- Following the summit, a Greenways Summit Working Group met to review and report on the feedback provided. A key recommendation from the working group was the creation of a Greenways Commission.
- On April 3, 2007, the Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution to create a Greenways Commission. *Adoption of this resolution dissolves the existing Morgan Creek Trail Planning Committee and gives members appointed to the MCTPC the opportunity to choose whether or not they would like to serve on the Greenways Commission. (Attachment A)*

The following 7 neighborhood representatives, appointed to the Morgan Creek Trail Planning Committee on February 14, 2006 (**Attachment B**), were contacted to determine their interest in serving on the Greenways Commission. Residency and responses as of June 1st are in parentheses:

Madeline Blobe (In-town; yes)
Michael Flynn (In-town, yes)
Greg Junker (In-town, yes)
Chloe Karsten (In-town, has not responded)
Robert Kirshner (In-town, yes)
William Mackin (In-town, has not responded)
Kelly Swords (In-town, no)

It is noted that the April 3, 2007 resolution instructs that four neighborhood representatives be appointed to the Commission **and** that all prior appointees to the Morgan Creek Trail Planning Committee be given the

option to serve on the Commission; however, seven neighborhood representatives were appointed to the Morgan Creek Trail Planning Committee.

The full structure of the Commission is outlined in the proposed Town Code Amendment (**Attachment C**).

In order to allow the newly formed Commission to meet and begin the “Request for Qualifications” process for conceptual plans for the Morgan and Bolin Creek greenways, appointments to the Commission will be brought to the Board for approval at the June 19, 2007 meeting.

Representation will be requested from Chapel Hill, Orange County, OWASA, and UNC-Chapel Hill but any designees from these jurisdictions will not be voting members of the commission.

Town staff designees will be appointed by the Town Manager.

FISCAL IMPACT

None noted

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached Town Code amendment.