



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2020

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, held a special called meeting on Thursday October 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain NC. The purpose of this meeting was for the Board of Aldermen to discuss the Riverwalk Greenway.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Larry B. Harris
Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle
Alderman Archie Pertiller – absent
Alderman Jennifer Willet
Alderman Ryan Stone – absent
Alderman Tim Raines

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Town Clerk
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Town Manager Josh Harrold reminded the Board that the Riverwalk Greenway is a federally funded project. Because of the stringent nature of the requirements the project has been tedious. Manager Harrold also reminded the Board that the town is required to submit 60% of the engineering work to the N.C. Department of Transportation before moving to the right-of-way acquisition phase of the expansion. Mayor Harris stated that the purpose of the meeting is to inform both the public and the Board about details concerning the engineering portion of the project.

Manager Harrold moved through a brief history of the project. The original plan was to design and build a 1.5-mile route along Flat Creek that would travel under U.S. 70 through an existing tunnel system near Flat Creek Road. That path would continue south behind property at the end of Center Avenue where the creek meets the Swannanoa River, where a bridge would be built to enable users to cross. However this plan does not meet federal regulations which require a No-Rise Certification for projects in a floodway. Manager Harrold presented three possible alternative options for the board to consider.

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The Board has the option to explore purchasing four lots which would mitigate the issue. Additional federal funding would be needed, and it is not clear that the current owners would be interested in selling.

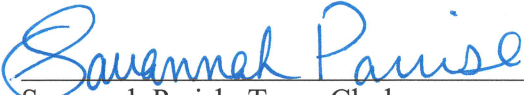
An alternative route is available but alters the initial concept and design. This alternative route is an “on-road” design would not require a no-rise scenario by avoiding the river crossing and would eliminate the need to cross under U.S. 70, reducing the amount of construction needed to complete Phase 2.

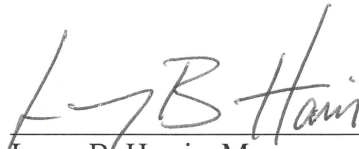
Manager Harrold stated that a third option could present itself as staff continues to work on the project.

Manager Harrold stated that there is no action needed at this time, but this is information the board will need to consider moving forward.

There being no further business Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah Parish, Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor