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ECUSTA TRAIL ADVISORY BOARD 2.0

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 3:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present:	Mac Morrow, Vice Chair, Council Member Larry Chapman, Transylvania County Commissioner Dee Dee Perkins, Transylvania Development Authority John Ditillo, Friends of Ecusta Trail Doug Miller, Heart of Brevard Rebekah Robinson, Conserving Carolina (joined via Zoom) Chris Burns, Ex-Officio
Absent:	Aaron Baker, Chair, Council Member Sheila Carland, Transylvania Economic Alliance Meredith Carli, At-Large Appointment Madeline Hanley, At-Large Appointment (joined via Zoom)
Staff Present:	Maureen Copelof, Mayor, Ex-Officio Madalin Baker, Board Secretary Wilson Hooper, City Manager Aaron Bland, Assistant Planning Director
Guests:	Mark Tooley, Friends of the Ecusta Trail Lonnie Watkins, NCDOT

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A. Welcome and Call to Order

Committee Vice Chair Mac Morrow welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by Board Secretary Madalin Baker.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as written by L. Chapman, seconded by D. Perkins. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the March draft minutes as written was made by L. Chapman, seconded by D. Perkins, carried unanimously.

E. Public Comment

None.

F. New Business

1. Consideration of Trail Access via Pisgah Labs Property

A. Bland gave the presentation regarding the property in question on behalf of McAdams, attached.

He detailed the question before the Board is whether they would look favorably upon the acquisition of this plot of land or not. L. Watkins confirmed that NCDOT could add this into the existing plan proposal for federal funding assistance. The Board discussed. D. Perkins made a motion to recommend the acquisition of the Pisgah Labs Property, D. Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Vote: Ecusta Trail Rules & Etiquette Final Draft

Guests in the room noted rule 12 of the proposed rules document should read "do not block the trail" instead of "do not black the trail," and that prohibited item number 12 should include a lowercase "v" instead of the existing uppercase one. D. Perkins made a motion to adopt the rules with those edits, D. Miller seconded, passed unanimously.

G. Unfinished Business

1. Further Discussion of Trail Funding

W. Hooper provided an update on trail funding, sharing the funding is still on and moving ahead at the present time. He noted that any reports to the contrary are not accurate, and that some media sources seemed to misconstrue those facts following the last meeting. M. Morrow and M. Copeloff noted their support.

W. Hooper shared the in-town trail extension, officially the Estatoe trail, can be enhanced as part of R-5800.

H. Remarks/Future Agenda Considerations

M. Tooley shared Friends of the Ecusta Trail were negotiating signage and amenity designs for the first 6 miles of the trail with Watermark Landscape Architecture.

C. Burns shared regarding special events to be held on the trail that one set of rules for the entire length of the trial would be ideal.

I. Adjourn

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There being no further business, D. Perkins motioned to adjourn, M. Morrow seconded, passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.

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Aaron Baker, Chair

Minutes Approved-_____

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Madalin Baker, Board Secretary

Attachments: ETAB Draft: Ecusta Trail Rules and Etiquette

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