

## FOUNTAIN CITY CONNECTIONS

Minutes from March 14th, 2007 meeting 8am – 10:00am  
Panera, Fountain City

**Present:** Bob Becker, Donna Bueckman, Bill Cole, Geordy Daws, Jennifer DeAlejandro, LeGrand Gold, Anne Wallace, Thea Yoder, Donna Young and Ellen Zavisca

Donna opened the meeting with a question regarding bylaws and membership: Do the people currently employed by the city want to remain on the board as officials from their various departments, or as named individuals? Bill Cole suggested that he would prefer being listed as City of Knoxville Engineering, that way it would be a more permanent spot on the board. Donna Young suggested then that other members could rotate on three-year appointments. LeGrand and Jennifer are working up bylaws and will take this into consideration.

Thea passed around two photos that had been sent to her by Diane Bunch, who had read the John Z. Wetmore article in the paper and had concerns about the pedestrian light at Hotel and Broadway. Bill and Geordy read the letter, took the photos she had enclosed, made notes, and will follow up on this situation.

Donna had copied all of us on the “*neighborhood*” letter she plans to send out. We all approved the letter as written, adding a description of the PRZs. Donna Young said she would be willing to run off the copies of both the ordinance and the letters. These will then be sent to over 300 neighborhood groups. It was suggested that calls be made to a few of the organizations to alert them to the letter itself. \*Donna B. and \*Thea to divide up the list and make the calls.

Donna reported that she had not heard yet from Mark Donaldson regarding the remaining funds from Mark Fenton’s visit, nor directly from any councilperson saying they were giving money. She had heard from Melissa Peters, the City Council’s Internal Auditor, asking for further information about Fountain City Connections. Donna B. reported that those forms were completed and mailed in. Bob Becker said he had heard that there would be money available to us. (Maybe \$1,400.00)

Donna B. asked Geordy if he had researched the AsphaColor web site. Geordy mentioned that \*Donna B. might consider contacting the company representative to see if he could come and give a demonstration of this product in our area. (See the AsphaColor web site: [www.asphacolor.com](http://www.asphacolor.com)).

Donna B. asked \*\*Donna Young to send her a map of the proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Creek Greenway. There was some discussion on ways to fund this project. Donna Young mentioned that we could send a note to the Mayor asking him to support Joe Walsh’s Tennessee Trail Grant Proposal for the extension of the Adair Greenway. Ellen mentioned that we could add a request for funding for the “Crosswalk Safety Program” that Bill Cole requested. Our thanks to Bill for this pedestrian focus on city streets!

Geordy was asked about his continued discussion with City Engineering (Bill Cole, Tom Clabo, Stephen King, and Brent Johnson) regarding the ordinance. Geordy reported that each member was taking their turn with the proposed ordinance and writing notes and/or suggestions. The original paper has not come back to him yet. \*Geordy will bring the report to Fountain City Connections as it becomes available.

\*\*David Cass will bring us a materials list for proposed sidewalk construction at Knox Road. Donna B. said she checked with him and that he is still working on this. Donna updated him on the plans to run the pedestrian pathway up Maple Street as well as along Knox Road.

Donna B. and Thea met with Jennifer and LeGrand February 28th for about an hour and a half, discussing options for bylaws. Jennifer and LeGrand gave Donna B. and Thea a copy of the proposed bylaws, which they have worked up, based on that meeting. \*Donna B. and \*Thea and will review the bylaws and get back to them.

Donna B. asked if everyone was comfortable enough with us sending out our draft of the ordinance, without making changes, though we had some questions about certain sections. It was decided that more discussion will follow regardless, and that we should sent it out as written with contact information at the bottom of the ordinance. All comments and concerns should be sent to: [info@fountaincityconnections.org](mailto:info@fountaincityconnections.org).

\*\*Donna Y. will continue working on the timeline for our committee.

**Note: \* denotes Action Item.**

**\*\* denotes Old Action Item.**

**Next meeting: 8am Wednesday, April 11th, Fountain City Panera**

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Thanks,  
Thea Yoder

Please contact me for additions and/or corrections (by e-mail or 688-8286)