



DURHAM OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

IN PERSON AT SECOND FLOOR COMMITTEE ROOM AT
CITY HALL, 101 CITY HALL PLAZA

- a) **Call to Order** - Call to order by Carl, as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary were unavailable.
- b) **Approval of Minutes** - September and August minute will be approved at October meeting
- c) **Excused Absence** - Laura. In attendance: Javiera, Dave, Shakira, Harrison, Karthik, Tonia, Bryan
- d) **Adjustments to the Agenda** - Motion by Carl to move Elections to top of the agenda. Second by Harrison.
- e) **Presentations - None**
- f) **Old Business**
 - i) Nominations and Elections
 - 1) The 2022 DOST Nomination Committee recommended Dave Connelly as Chair. Unanimous approval by all in attendance. Dave Connelly is Chair.
 - 2) The 2022 DOST Nomination Committee recommended Shakira Campbell as Vice-Chair. Unanimous approval by all in attendance. Shakira Campbell is Vice-Chair.
 - 3) The 2022 DOST Nomination Committee recommended Tonia McRae as Secretary. Unanimous approvals by all in attendance. Tonia McRae is Secretary.
 - ii) Community Group Liaisons
 - 1) Dave is now a full member of the Durham Parks Foundation and as such has to step down as the Liaison from DOST. Harrison indicated interest and will be sent the info for their meetings.
 - 2) BPAC is still interested in having a liaison from DOST - Tonia McRae will reach out to them.
 - iii) DOST Matching Grants Announcement
 - 1) Jane Korest provided DOST an update on the upcoming Matching Grants cycle. Shakira Campbell indicated interest in being on the Matching Grants team.
- g) **New Business - None**
- h) **Updates**
 - i) Updates from staff
 - 1) Lindsay Smart gave a brief update on trail maintenance projects. Six trails have been repaired and reopened so far. Three additional trails are currently under maintenance construction. Later this fall two portions of the ATT will be repaired.
 - ii) Updates from liaisons
 - 1) Javiera mentioned recent updates from NIS on the Green and Equitable Infrastructure Bond as well as the recent sidewalk assessment update. Carl will work to get information on both to DOST
 - 2) Derrick will be cycling off DOST and DOST will need to appoint a new liaison to the Farmland Advisory Board.
 - 3) Karthik gave update on Wheels redevelopment project. Many opportunities for public input coming up. Carl will reach out to DPR to see if they can give a presentation to DOST on the project.
 - iii) Updates from committees - None
 - iv) Announcements - None
- i) **Adjournment**

DOST Priorities

1. Advocate for increased funding to build out and maintain priority trails and open space
2. Support the implementation of the Durham Beltline Master Plan with a specific focus on equitable community engagement for the components of the plan that can still be addressed
3. Examine the Matching Grants process to encourage applications that reflect the racial and economic diversity of Durham
4. Support implementation of the Trails and Greenways Master Plan with a specific focus on equity.
5. Encourage implementation of the Urban Open Space Plan
6. Pursue ongoing professional development on trends in equitable development of trails and open spaces.
7. Proactively research and implement open space and trails acquisition best practices for ordinances and policy.

DOST Committees

Committee	Chair	Meeting Date/Location
Development Review	Annette Montgomery	As Needed
Matching Grants	Annette Montgomery	
Open Space	Reynolds Smith	Third Wednesday at 5:30pm
Trails	Dave Connelly	Second Wednesday at 7 pm
Equity	Derrick Beasley	First Thursday at 6pm