

Huntersville Greenway, Trail, and Bikeways Commission



SUMMARY MINUTES: March 10, 2026

Members Present: Randy Suggs: Chair, Michael Griffin: Co-Chair, Geoffrey Locke, Christianna Beirne, Maria Reese, Ken Stuart, Leif Stormo, Tylor Buchanan, Aimee Abernathy

Members Absent:

Town Staff Present: Tracy Houk, David Peete

County Staff Present:

Town Board Present: Scott Coronet

Public Present:

Call To Order: 6:03 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 2026 - Approved unanimously

AGENDA CHANGES: Request made by Michael Griffin to add 115/73 widening project under updates/comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS:

- ***“Rules of the Road”*** when you can represent Greenway, Trail, and Bikeway Commission (GTBC) and when you are speaking as a Huntersville Resident.
 - When representing the GTBC before the Town Board, a motion or decision must be made during an official GTBC meeting prior to attending the Town Board meeting and speaking on behalf of the GTBC.
 - Members are always welcome to speak at Town Board meetings as residents. In doing so, they may identify themselves as serving on the GTBC; however, they must clearly state that they are speaking as a private resident and are not representing the commission at that time.
- ***Knox Crossing*** - the applicants have decided to ask for a continuation. It will not be later this month for final action. A new site plan has not been submitted. At the next meeting staff should have an update on plans.
- Wine on The Vine
 - Date: May 12, 2026
 - Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 - Location: Downtown Greenway Trailhead
 - Sponsor: Blue Oak Realty Group
 - Music: Jim Cooper
 - Food/Wine: Table and Board
 - Drop-in event, no tickets
 - Reach out to SulptOUR artists to drop-in if in the area
 - List of vendors to reach out to:
 - Trek
 - Carolina Thread Trail
 - Human Powered Movement
 - Tarheel Trailblazers
 - Mecklenburg County Greenways
 - Marketing: Ad in paper, yard signs 2 weeks prior to event, website, FB event, members can share flyer/images with HOA's
- **2026 Goals** - See attached working document, will update next at next months meeting.
 - Staff are tasked to get a better number of residents connected to greenways, “practical distance” to walk.

- Looking at *Huntersville Walk Score* - Huntersville, North Carolina, has an average Walk Score of 16, classifying the town as car-dependent. While the town as a whole requires a vehicle for almost all daily errands, specific "pockets" of walkability exist, most notably in Birkdale Village and the developing downtown core.
 - Walkability Breakdown
 - Walk Score ratings are based on proximity to amenities like shops, schools, and parks on a scale of 0 to 100.
 - City-Wide Average: 16/100 (Car-Dependent).
 - Bike Score: 28/100 (Minimal bike infrastructure).
 - Transit Score: N/A (Highly limited public transit access).
 - Commuting: Only 1.5% of Huntersville residents walk to work, while 68.2% drive.
 - How can we work on increasing this number over the next 5-10 years?
- Miles of connectivity will be gained with the installation of the multi-use paths along NC73 and NC115

UPDATES/COMMENTS

- **Mecklenburg County joint meeting** with northern town's advisory boards: June 12, 2026
 - Invite Mecklenburg County to our April meeting and the Carolina Thread Trail to our May meeting.
- **Greenway Maintenance** - Call 311 if you see something that is a safety hazard or needs to be repaired along the greenways not maintained by the Town of Huntersville.
- **Downtown Greenway Update:** New directional/informational signage will be installed along the greenway. The signage will be uniform with Mecklenburg County's signage.
- **Projects in Huntersville:** Weather has not been great over the past month and minimal work has been completed on the greenways. North Mecklenburg Park Greenway has been fully paved as of this week; final touches and landscaping should be completed by the end of the month.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 7:46 pm

2026 GTBC Goals

Purpose

- *Make Huntersville a connected, walkable, bikeable town by connecting every neighborhood in Huntersville.*

Goals:

- *Find out numbers that are realistic (baseline #'s)*
- *# of miles/resident*
- *% of residents connected*
- **8 x 8 vision** - Fill in 8 miles of sidewalk/MUP gaps over next 8 years by connecting every neighborhood, park, school, transit stations, and major shopping areas

Objectives:

1. Implement Greenway, Trails, and Bikeways Expansion
 1. Downtown Connector
 2. Feasibility study for Skybrook connection
 3. Continue to apply for grants for funding of future greenway projects
2. Presentation to Huntersville Commissioners at Town Board Meeting twice a year. (January/June)
3. Invite community partners to present at meetings
4. Provide Community Awareness through GTBC hosted events
 1. Wine on The Vine / Biketober Block Party