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May 5, 2023

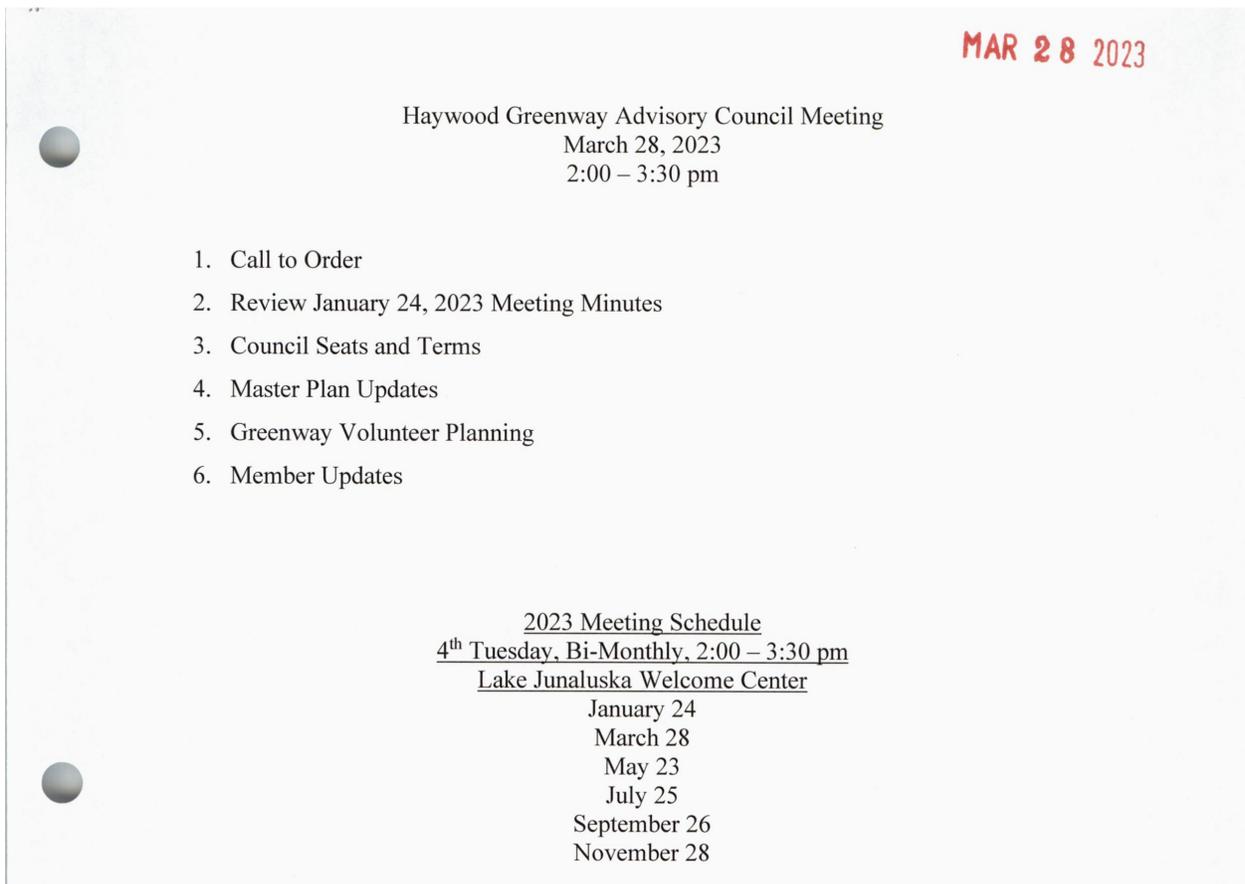
**Subject:** Next Greenway Advisory Council Meeting will be 5/23/2023, Lake Junaluska Welcome Center.

The next scheduled meeting of the Greenway Advisory Council Meeting will be on May 23, 2023 at the Lake Junaluska Welcome Center. The meeting is chaired by **Ian Smith**, with **Megan Hauser** the secretary. The following pages were provided to folks attending the last meeting on 3/28/2023.

You will remember **Megan Hauser**, the plant on this committee from DSS who gives away free needles, (from [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net)) -

[Get your Free Syringes and Fentanyl test strips from Ira Dove - Haywood County DSS / Megan Hauser at Haywood County DSS / NC Harm Reduction Coalition. 8/13/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220813IraDove-GetYourFreeSyringes.pdf>



1. Call to Order – Ian Smith called the meeting to order at 2 pm. In attendance were Kathy Odvody, Hannah Bagli, Rob Roland, Megan Hauser, Jan Grossman, David Nicholson, Kay Kirkman, Ryan Manning, Kaitland Finkle, Preston Jacobsen, Elizabeth Teague, Ben Williams and Matt Settlemyer.
2. Review of November 22, 2023 Minutes – The minutes were presented for review. There was one correction needed, the removal of 7(e). With that correction, Jan motioned for approval of the minute; it was seconded by David and approved by all members present.
3. Master Plan Updates -  
Ian explained the final draft of the Greenway Master Plan will be presented for adoption at the February 6 County Commissioners meeting. There will be a presentation and all Greenway members are welcome to attend.
4. Waynesville Greenway Update –  
Ian stated there is a 20 year agreement between the Town of Waynesville and the County to maintain the part of the greenway from Howell Mill Rd , through the industrial park to Dellwood Rd. There were 8 or 9 trees removed which presented a safety hazard, a culvert is being replaced and part-time Recreation employee Doug Garner has been clearing back the overgrowth.
5. Greenway Volunteering Planning –  
Ian stated an organized cleanup program utilizing Greenway volunteers can be scheduled 3 times annually with the assistance from Haywood County Recreation to coordinate the area to be worked on and the work required. Rob, Kay, Elizabeth, Kathy, and Preston volunteered to help get the program started and Preston stated any area adjacent to waterways Haywood Waterways Association would manage. Kathy, who is part of the Environmental Action Community of WNC, offered their assistance in planning and partnering with the Greenway Council on upcoming cleanups. There was discussion of possibly beginning the cleanup program on March 11, the Lake Junaluska cleanup day.
6. Member Updates –  
Ian Smith – The youth basketball program is underway; a bike repair day is being planned for this spring; hikes are being planned for NC Year of the Trail.  
Jodie Ferguson – the County is in the final stages of flood recovery and grant funds.  
Elizabeth Teague – Work has been completed on Russ Ave & W Marshall by the “BI-LO Apartments”. The Town is working with Tourism and Development and the apartment’s developer on connection point with the greenway; the dedication for the greenway bridge will be in March; the Town is working on design a loop trail on the other side of the bridge this summer.  
David Nicholson – The culvert repairs at the lake are scheduled to begin February 22 and be completed by April 5; the DOT will be creating a 4-way stop by the crosswalk across from the school; there will also be one installed in Clyde on US 23.

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Haywood Greenway Advisory Council Meeting  
January 24, 2023

Ben Williams – Canton is working on the recovery of Camp Hope from flood damage; the Polar Plunge is scheduled at the Canton Rec Park on February 11.

Hannah Bagli– The urbanized areas in the master plan have been revised and the Asheville area has been separated from Canton and Waynesville; there will be a Greenway Regional Forum in August or September.

Jan Grossman – An Earth Day presentation is being planned and more information will be shared as it becomes finalized.

Kathy Odvody – The EAC, an outdoor mission and climate action commission will be having a stream clean-up and are partnering with Wal-Mart to focus on the nearby Hazelwood area.

Megan Houser – FYI to riders, First Baptist Church on Main St has a bike repair station in their parking lot.

Preston Jacobsen – There will be a Hominy Creek clean-up at Chestnut Mountain Bike Park; reminder to participate in the Polar Plunge fundraiser on February 11.

With no other updates, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.

You will also recall the summary of the last meeting on 3/28/2023 (on [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net))

[Greenway, a.k.a. Needleway, Advisory Council Meeting - Greenway path now on GIS. 3/28/2023. 3/29/2023...](http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230329NeedlewayAdvisoryCouncilMeeting.pdf)

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and the current Greenway Advisory Council (also on [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net))

Haywood Greenway Advisory Council (Updated March 21 2023)		
Agency	Term Expires	Representative
Bicycling Community	5/31/2026	Marc Miller
County at Large	5/31/2023	Melissa Tinsley
County at Large	5/31/2023	Kathy Odvody
County at Large	5/31/2024	Kay Kirkman
County at Large	5/31/2024	Rob Roland
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Haywood Community College	5/31/2025	John Sherman
Haywood Waterways Assoc.	5/31/2024	Preston Jacobsen
HC Health/Human Services	5/31/2024	Megan Hauser
HC Recreation/Parks	5/31/2025	Ian Smith
HC Soil & Water Cons. District	5/31/2024	
Hiking Community	5/31/2025	Jan Grossman
Lake Junaluska Assembly	5/31/2023	David Nicholson
Southwestern NC RC&D Council	5/31/2023	Matt Sttlemeyer
Town of Canton	5/31/2025	Ben Williams
Town of Clyde	5/31/2025	Amy Russell
Town of Maggie Valley	5/31/2023	Kaitland Finkle
Town of Waynesville	5/31/2025	Elizabeth Teague

Looks like they are having some problems over in Asheville, with garbage being dumped under a bridge, across the river from their Greenway, and people are not happy!

See on WLOS -

<https://wlos.com/news/local/I've-never-seen-it-so-bad-concerns-mount-over-trash-piled-under-asheville-craven-street-bridge-river-arts-district-ncdot-french-broad-river-garbage-dump#>

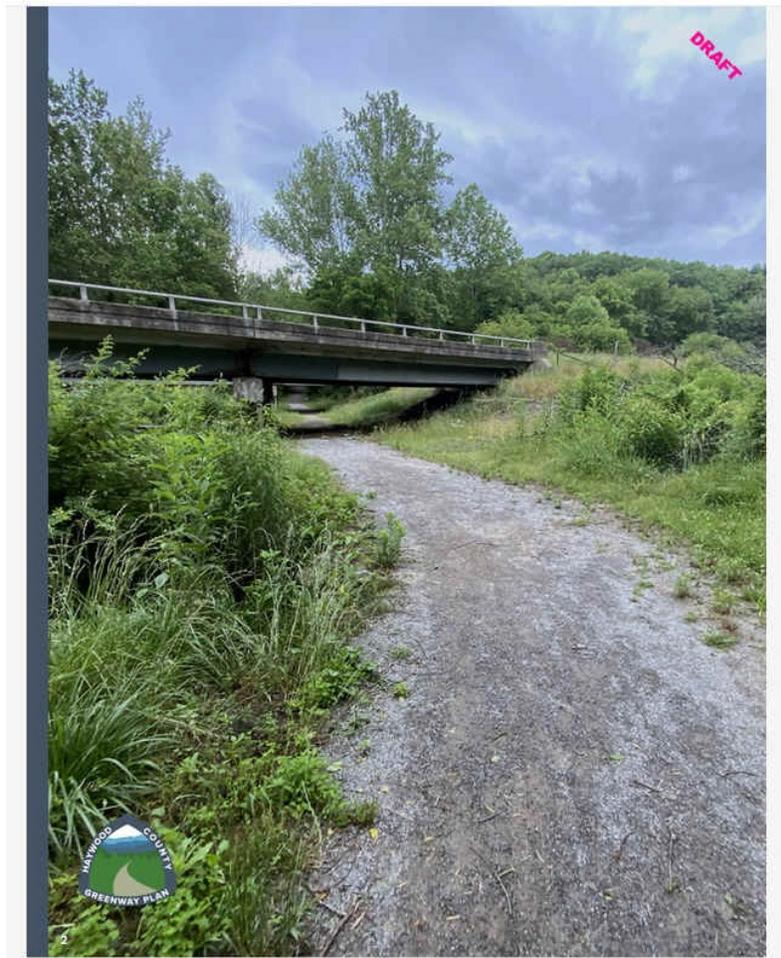
'I've never seen it so bad:' Concerns mount over trash piled under Asheville bridge, by Andrew JamesThu, April 27th 2023, 5:59 PM EDT

There are people over here in sleepy little Haywood County that are starting to complain about abandoned vehicles (on private property) next to the Greenway. Can you imagine that?

Here is a photo of a section of the Greenway in Haywood County that adorns page 2 of the Haywood County Greenway Plan, Final Report - 2022 (long download time on this report, and you cannot save it - be patient)

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A59934e47-d0f1-3590-83d9-6602e4b54b80&viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover>

Haywood County Greenway Plan\_Final Draft\_for ... PDF



Can anyone guess where this is?

This next meeting should be exciting, as we are all waiting for new ideas from this bunch of people on how to:

- Keep the existing Greenway clean of overgrowth, etc.,
- Provide a plan for security when walking on the existing Greenway in the evening or night,
- Provide a plan for keeping used needles, homeless tents, crime, etc., from the Greenway,
- Much, much more. Etc., etc., etc...

Don't forget to attend. The event is free, open to the public, but refreshments will probably not be served.

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