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South River Greenway Trail Phase 3 Project Update

By Wayne Nolde

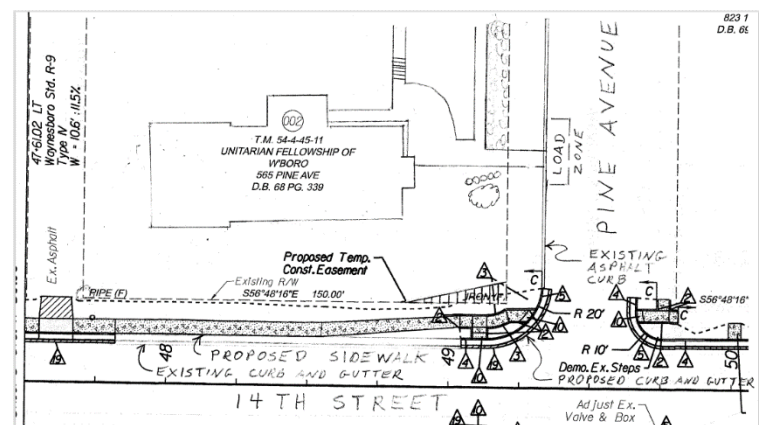
The City of Waynesboro has completed the design of the Phase 3 Section of the South River Greenway Trail project, which is intended to make it easier for pedestrians and bicyclists to access Ridgeview Park from the previously constructed phases of the trail. As many of you may remember, the previous design included a two-way separated bike lanes on the north side of the road and one-way westbound traffic and parking on the south side of the road. There would have been no parking on the north side of the road as shown in the 2021 design.

After a great deal of public outcry, the City Council directed the city's consultant to revise the design to address the concerns expressed by the community at numerous council meetings and public hearings. The final result, which is the current design, has replaced the bike lanes and one-way traffic pattern with a project that consists of sidewalk improvements without any significant reductions in parking or one-way traffic patterns. The current design addresses all of the concerns that I raised with the city on behalf of UUFW.

UUFW will benefit from a new sidewalk within the existing street right of way along the north side of 14th Street as part of the project as shown in the image that I have marked up. The western portion of the sidewalk will be immediately adjacent to the curb but the

eastern portion of the sidewalk will angle away from the curb in order to provide a space between the sidewalk and curb to accommodate an ADA compliant ramp to the street level. While all permanent facilities will be constructed within the existing street right of way, the city is requesting a triangular shaped temporary construction easement of 146 square feet along 14th Street at its intersection with Pine Avenue to allow the grading necessary for construction of the sidewalk and the slope behind it which extends onto the UUFW property. The slopes behind the remainder of the sidewalk fall within the existing right of way and do not require a temporary easement. All slopes will be flat enough to mow.

The project does not include construction of any new sidewalks on the western side of Pine Avenue beyond the improvements at the intersection with 14th Street, as the funding is to be used only for the Greenway Trail Phase 3 project.



As announced by email blast on September 25, a special congregational meeting will be held at the end of the service on October 22 so that the congregation can vote to empower our Trustees to grant approval of this temporary construction easement. Please plan to attend so we can have a quorum present.

The UUFW Service Auction is Just Around the Corner

By Marilyn Nash

As I hope you know by now, the UUFW annual service auction is fast approaching on Sunday, November 12, after the service. For those new to the event, it is a fun, creative, fruitful afternoon from which you can leave with all kinds of unique items in hand and/or activities to attend in the future. Not only does it raise funds for our beloved UUFW, it builds community among members and friends. It's win-win for all. Here are some comments from past participants:

"One year I bid on and won a handmade tray by John Hudson featuring wine bottle labels! It is a real treasure. I use it all the time!"

"We have always enjoyed the service auction. The social activities have been a big part of our social life during the year (picnics, dinners, hikes are always fun). We've also purchased some great art and jewelry items."

"Ah, the many treasures, activities to cheer the heart, the breathless bidding!"

"I've come home with items that always remind me of the special donors – Carroll Lisle's gourd from Africa, a painting by dear Bill Berry, a handmade knitted scarf from Maribeth Nolde, Margo Kiely's wall hanging, Joe Good's painstaking wall painting, and last year's "Burns

dinner" at the Maxwells was a delight and educational to boot!"

So, I hope you see that a seemingly simple auction doesn't last for an afternoon but can bring meaning throughout the year and beyond. AND it financially supports our Fellowship. All the specific auction details will be forthcoming. Your job now is to think about what you are going to donate. We need items/activities/services of all kinds and in all price ranges. Let your creativity run wild! Donation ideas will be accepted beginning October 22 and the deadline is November 5. If you have questions, please contact the service auction committee – Kay Yost, Nancy Lay, Nancy Trimble, Jim Kephart, and Marilyn Nash.



Cats and dogs, geckos and more. Our first "Blessing of the Animals" came off without a scratch or bite!



Average Sunday Attendance in September
Visitors who filled out a visitor form

54
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