

Advisory Board Updates

January 2023

General Updates

At meetings in April and May, Advisory Boards will make recommendations for current vacancies and for those members with terms ending on June 30. The Council will make appointments in May and June. Seek details from your staff liaison.

Planning

- **Current Development**

Please see the attached table for information on development activity, including applications that have upcoming Advisory Board review. More information is available through the online [Development Activity Report](#).

- **Transportation Projects**

- a. Connected Roads Plan - The planning effort for the Connected Roads Plan is ongoing, with an open survey. The goal of the Connected Roads Plan and Policy is to plan for roadway connections primarily as part of new development. For more information, visit [the project webpage](#).
- b. Estes Drive Bike-Ped Improvements – The construction is currently underway. The one-way pattern will be extended and cover the full stretch of MLK to the Caswell traffic light, starting the week of January 30th. More details can be found on [the project webpage](#).
- c. Elliott Road Extension – The project is underway, and is set to be completed in 2023.
- d. Fordham Boulevard Sidepath – The project is on the horizon, and funding for construction is set to be released this spring, with construction expected to follow shortly after. More information can be found on [the project webpage](#).
- e. Morgan Creek Greenway – Design for the west segment of the Morgan Creek Greenway from Merritt's Pasture to Oteys Road is funded.
- f. Homestead Road & Seawell School Road Sidewalk – The project funds will be released by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the Town is preparing to release the project for potential contractors. Construction is expected to begin this summer.
- g. North-South Bus Rapid Transit – The Town is currently working on 60% design for the project and is working on a Transit Oriented Development plan to support the application for federal funding. More information can be found on [the project webpage](#).

- **Long-Range Projects**

- a. Housing Choices for a Complete Community -Text Amendments – The Town Council will be considering a text amendment that seeks to increase additional housing units through incremental, gentle density. The proposal seeks to allow cottages on compact lots, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in most residential zoning districts, as well as allow cottage courts in denser residential zones. Please visit the [Project website](#) for additional information and project schedule.

- b. Shaping Our Future – Transit Oriented Development Planning and Land Use Management Ordinance Visioning
- i. The Town would like to capitalize on the unique opportunity for the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Visioning projects to complement one another and to traverse through much of the planning and public engagement processes together. There is significant overlap in the issues at play, and a strong interest in making sure project recommendations and outcomes agree.
 - ii. The TOD Planning portion of this project will establish principles for development and urban design that will enhance ridership in an emerging Bus Rapid Transit corridor. The UDO Visioning portion of this project will determine a physical vision and verify community values that then can be translated into new development regulations for Chapel Hill in the next phase of this initiative.
 - iii. The TOD Implementation Strategy will be presented to Council on February 22, 2023, to consider adopting the Implementation Plan/Final Report as a part of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - iv. March 8, 2023: Staff and the Consultant team will present the draft LUMO Code Audit and draft LUMO rewrite roadmap.
 - v. March 22, 2023: Staff will request that Council accept the final LUMO Code Audit and LUMO rewrite roadmap.
 - vi. [Project webpage](#)

Active Petitions

To see the current status of all petitions, visit <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/mayor-and-council/how-to-submit-a-petition/petition-status>.

Recent petitions submitted by Advisory Boards to Town Council:

- Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board: [Request Follow-Up Regarding 828 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Site](#).
- Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board: [Request to Acquire Eastowne Natural Heritage Site and Designate Natural Conservation Area](#).