

Advisory Board Updates

March 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 additional outreach planned this spring. 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 was extended to cover the full stretch of MLK to the Caswell traffic light, starting the week of March 6th. 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 have been 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 project 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 – Staff continues to work on a text amendment that seeks to increase additional housing units through incremental, gentle density. Under consideration are allowing cottages on compact lots, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in most residential zoning districts, as well as allow cottage courts in denser residential zones. Staff will continue to engage with the community through the month of March. Staff plans to return to Council in April to share

feedback and provide options for moving forward. Please visit the [the project webpage](#) for additional information and project schedule.

- b. Shaping Our Future – Transit Oriented Development Planning and Land Use Management Ordinance Visioning
 - i. The TOD Implementation Strategy was presented to Council on February 22, 2023, for Resolution - adopt Implementation Plan/Final Report as a part of the Comp Plan. This passed 8-1. We will come back to Council on April 19th to open the public hearing. We will have the final documents for staff review on March 17, 2023
 - ii. Consultant will provide staff with draft Code Diagnosis Report and LUMO Rewrite roadmap on March 17, 2023. Once reviewed and vetted by staff we will receive a final report and will provide an update in June. This will close out the Shaping Our Future initiative.
 - iii. LUMO Rewrite is scheduled to kick-off in April 2023.

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.](#)