



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall
405 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Chair Jason Merrill
Vice-Chair Susanne
Kjemtrup-Lovelace
Eric Allman
Heather Brutz
Brian Hageman

Winston Hanks
Rudy Juliano
Joshua Kastrinsky
Jack Whaley

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

7:00 PM

RM 102 | First Floor Conf. Room

Opening

Roll Call

Bergen Watterson (Town Staff), Bill Webster (Town Staff), Marcia Purvis (Town Staff), Len Cone (Town Staff), Jomar Pastorelle (Town Staff), John Rees (Planning Commission Liaison) Kurt Stolka (UNC-CH Transportation Liaison), Julian Taylor (Youth Council Liaison), Taylor Heeden (DTH Reporter), Meredith Radford (DTH Reporter) Sarah Gray Barr (UNC Student), Josh Mayo (Chapel Hill Resident), David Pcolar (Chapel Hill Resident), Sam Bias (BACH)

Present 7 - Chair Jason Merrill, Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Eric Allman, Heather Brutz, Rudy Juliano, Joshua Kastrinsky, and Jack Whaley

Excused 1 - Brian Hageman

Absent 1 - Winston Hanks

Approval of Agenda

Announcements

Jomar Pastorelle, Town Staff, welcomed Julian Taylor as the new Youth Council Liaison to the advisory board.

Petitions

Approval of Minutes

1. December 17, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes

[\[20-0073\]](#)

Attachments: [December 17, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made Brutz, seconded by Whaley, to make minor spelling corrections in the December draft minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

2. Fordham Boulevard Sidepath [\[20-0074\]](#)

Attachments: [Fordham Boulevard Sidepath](#)

Additional materials will be provided at the meeting.

Bergen Watterson, Town Staff, presented on the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath project. Watterson recapped several questions and comments the advisory board and Chapel Hill residents submitted.

Watterson provided responses on preservation of the existing landscape buffer, noise measurements and abatement treatments, cost of Right-of-Way and sidewalk construction, impacts of the existing ditch, and the feasible option of building the sidepath with the revised NCDOT's Complete Street Policy.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kjemtrup-Lovelace, seconded by Brutz, to approve the construction of the sidepath along Fordham Boulevard with the following recommendations of maximizing preservation of existing landscape buffer, optimizing noise abatement treatments, and enhancing safety for all users. The motion passed. 6-1.

New Business

3. Go Buddy Bike Program [\[20-0075\]](#)

Attachments: [Go Buddy Bikes 2020](#)

Len Cone, Town Staff, presented on the proposed Go Buddy Bike Program. The program encourages bicycling by offering assistance through route planning, safety training, and volunteers as "buddy" system. The proposed program would have a soft launch in Bike Month (May) 2020, be evaluated in the fall, and possibly continue in the next year if successful.

4. Bike Share Locations [\[20-0076\]](#)

Bergen Watterson, Town Staff, updated the advisory board on the status of the bike share program. Watterson informed the board the Town of Chapel Hill, Town of Carrboro, and UNC have been working on a contact with Gotcha Bikes for a pilot bike share program. The board participated in an interactive exercise to mark possible locations for the bike share stations.

5. 2020 Board Priorities [\[20-0077\]](#)

Attachments: [2019 TCAB Priorities](#)

Every year the Mayor requests the advisory boards and commissions to submit their top three priorities. These top priorities should reflect the goals and objectives the advisory boards and commissions wish to accomplish.

The advisory board made several modifications to the 2019 Board Priorities by adopting 'Sustainable Transportation for All' as an overarching theme that promotes efficient mass transit options in Chapel Hill and the continued efforts to implement Road to Zero Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and the Mobility and Connectivity Plan.

Staff Report

Bergen Watterson, Town Staff, informed the advisory board that traffic counts were collected for the W. Franklin Street restriping. In addition, Bergen noted that parking utilization data will be collected for W. Rosemary Street evaluation and a text amendment may be presented to Town Council for payments-in-lieu.

Adjournment

Next Meeting - February 25, 2020

Order of Consideration of Agenda Items:

- 1. Staff Presentation*
- 2. Applicant's Presentation*
- 3. Public Comment*
- 4. Board Discussion*
- 5. Motion*
- 6. Restatement of Motion by Chair*
- 7. Vote*
- 8. Announcement of Vote by Chair*

Public Charge: The Advisory Body pledges its respect to the public. The Body asks the public to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Body and with fellow members of the public. Should any member of the Body or any member of the public fail to observe this charge at any time, the Chair will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chair will recess the meeting until a genuine commitment to this public charge is observed.

Unless otherwise noted, please contact the Planning and Development Services Department at 919-969-5066; planning@townofchapelhill.org for more information on the above referenced applications.

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