

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

7:00 PM

RM 102 | First Floor

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

*Chair Paul Neebe
Vice-Chair Jason Merrill
Eric Allman
Heather Brutz
Hart Evans*

*Brian Hageman
Joshua Kastrinsky
Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace
Ignacio Tzoumas*

Opening

Roll Call/Introductions

Council Member Hongbin Gu, John Rees (Planning Commission), Bergen Watterson (Staff), Kayla Seibel (Staff), Corey Liles (Staff), Aaron Frank (Staff), Chad Beck (Kimley Horn), Fred Lampe, Municipal Services Center representatives, 11SIXTY5 Weaver Dairy representatives, Blue Rock Real Estate representatives.

Present 8 - Chair Paul Neebe, Vice-Chair Jason Merrill, Eric Allman, Heather Brutz, Hart Evans, Brian Hageman, Joshua Kastrinsky, and Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace

Absent 1 - Ignacio Tzoumas

Approval of Agenda

Announcements

Petitions

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Allman, seconded by Kjemtrup-Lovelace, to approve the February 27, 2018 action minutes. The motion carried unanimously

1 February 27, 2018 Draft Minutes

Old Business

New Business

2 Application for Special Use Permit - 11SIXTY5 Weaver Dairy Road (Project #17-112)

Merrill moved and Brutz seconded to approve the 11SIXTY5 Weaver Dairy Rd. Special Use Permit Application with the following conditions:

- a) That the applicant provide conduit to serve at least 20% of the parking spaces for future electric vehicle charging stations.
- b) That the applicant locate signage at the outdoor bike parking locations to direct people to additional bike parking in the garage.
- c) That the applicant locate signage to direct people to the parking spaces with electric vehicle charging stations.

3 Municipal Services Center

The Board provided the following comments:

- The Board wants to see this site maximize access to transit. The Hartig St. path connection will help people access the A route bus stop on Barclay. The connection will provide a direct bike route downhill to downtown Chapel Hill using the greenway systems and local roads without getting on Estes Dr.
- They're interested in making sure the site has good connectivity from Hartig path connection through the parking lot to the other buildings. This means providing safe places to walk and bike—installing sidewalks and crosswalks.
- The Hartig St. path connection needs to be ADA compliant, 10 feet, and paved.
- Board members like the idea that the cross section on Estes Drive Extension will match the design that will be constructed on Estes Drive (MLK –Caswell). They would like to see the traffic signal at MLK and Estes to give preemption to bicyclists and pedestrians.
- If traffic signals are not warranted on Estes Drive Extension, the Board recommends crosswalks using Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons or other safe pedestrian crossing treatments.
- The Board would like staff to take a look at bus pull off on Estes Drive Extension. There is a concern that if buses stop in the travel lane that cars will try to pass the bus using the center turn lane.
- The Board is interested in seeing good lighting along the sidewalk. Cars speed on Estes Drive and with the curvy road it currently hard to see people walking or biking in the dark.
- The Board would like to see electric vehicle charging spaces provided and conduit for future expansion.
- The Board would like staff to evaluate how the parking deck can be constructed to be reused for other purposes in the future as transportation technology changes.

- The Board recommends that the travel lanes on Estes Drive Extension do not exceed 11 ft wide.

- The Board would like to make sure Police and Fire weigh in on the site and circulation to make sure it meets the needs for emergency vehicles.

4 Proposed Modifications to Elliott Road Extension 25% Design

Hageman moved and Merrill seconded to approve the proposed Elliott Road Extension design modifications with the following conditions:

a) The Board denies the request to allow full access driveways on either side of Elliott Road Extension to accommodate the future redevelopment of Park Apartments. The Board has concerns about potential vehicle conflicts with bicyclists and pedestrians if left turn movements are allowed.

b) The Board approves the modification request to shift the driveways ~30 ft. to accommodate the future redevelopment of Park Apartments.

c) The Board approves the modification request to lower the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph.

The Board also recommends that the Town incorporate traffic calming techniques to support the speed limit reduction. Techniques could include narrowing the center median to include a pedestrian crossing and refuge.

Discussion

5 Electric Vehicle Charging Requirements

This item was moved to the April meeting.

Reports

6 Staff Report

Staff followed up on items from last month:

Staff is working on providing signage near the Bolin Creek Greenway to direct pedestrians to the traffic light for a safe crossing while the tunnel is being constructed.

The colorful crosswalks downtown have not proven to have more or less compliance compared to standard crosswalks in Town according to CHPD data.

The Board asked staff add a discussion item for the evaluation of the Rosemary Street bike lanes and on street parking for the next agenda.

Adjournment

Next Meeting - April 24, 2018

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*

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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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