



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Winston Hanks
Rudy Juliano
Joshua Kastrinsky
Jack Whaley

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

7:00 PM

RM 102 | First Floor Conf. Room

Opening

Roll Call

Bergen Watterson (Town Staff), Jomar Pastorelle (Town Staff), John Rees (Planning Commission), Kurt Stolka (UNC-CH Transportation), Heather Brutz (Chapel Hill Resident), Josh Mayo (Chapel Hill Resident), Evan Kirk (Chapel Hill Resident), Kyle Compton (Chapel Hill Resident), Fred Lampe (Chapel Hill Resident), Kim Stahl (Chapel Hill Resident), Neil Stahl (Chapel Hill Resident), Vonda Stahl (Chapel Hill Resident), Sylvia Steere (Chapel Hill Resident), Council Member Hongbin Gu, Council Member Tai Huynh

Present 6 - Chair Jason Merrill, Eric Allman, Brian Hageman, Rudy Juliano, Joshua Kastrinsky, and Jack Whaley
Absent 2 - Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, and Winston Hanks

Approval of Agenda

Announcements

Bergen Watterson, Town Staff, welcomed Council Member Tai Huynh to the advisory board. Watterson established housekeeping rules related to participation by members of the public.

Petitions

Approval of Minutes

1. **October 22, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Juliano, seconded by Hageman, to amend the October draft minutes to capture discussions of the Future Land Use Map update, Fordham Boulevard sidepath, and participation from members of the public. The motion

passed unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

2. Bicycle Advocate Seat [\[19-1043\]](#)

Attachments: [Bicycle Advocate Applicants](#)

Three of the four eligible candidates attended the meeting. Heather Brutz, Kyle Compton, and Evan Kirk provided a brief introduction and stated their interest in serving on the advisory board.

A motion was made by Hageman, seconded by Juliano, to recommend that Heather Brutz serve as the Bicycle Advocate on the board. The motion passed unanimously.

3. US 15-501 Corridor Study [\[19-1044\]](#)

Attachments: [US 15-501 Corridor Study - DCHC MPO](#)
[Alternative 1](#)
[Alternative 2](#)
[Alternative 3](#)
[Alternative 1-3 Design Strategies](#)

Jomar Pastorelle, Town Staff, summarized the US 15-501 Corridor Study. Bergen Watterson, Town Staff, recapped several questions and comments the advisory board submitted to Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO).

A motion was made by Kastrinsky, seconded by Juliano, to recommend that US 15-501 Corridor Study must reflect the town's goal of increasing biking, walking, and public transit. In addition, revise the study to reflect recent land use changes and future land use developments along the western corridor to optimize multi-modal connectivity, and realign the north quadrant connector road closer to US 15-501. The motion passed unanimously.

4. NC 54 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study [\[19-1045\]](#)

Attachments: [NC 54 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study - TCAB](#)
[NC 54 Corridor Safety Study Community Workshop](#)
[NC 54 Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study - VHB Presentation](#)

Jomar Pastorelle, Town Staff, summarized the NC 54 Bicycle and Pedestrian

Safety Study. John Rees, Planning Commission Liaison, suggested the advisory board to provide recommendation for prioritizing intersection safety improvements.

A motion was made by Hageman, seconded by Whaley, to approve the safety study and prioritize intersection safety improvements, beginning with the intersection at Kingswood and Laurel Ridge Apartments, based on history of vehicular and non-vehicular incidents as well as volume of pedestrian and bicyclist activities. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Fordham Boulevard Sidepath

[\[19-1046\]](#)

Attachments: [Fordham Boulevard Sidepath](#)
[Fordham Boulevard Sidepath - Comment Summary](#)

Bergen Watterson, Town Staff, summarized the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath project. Watterson provided project background, four alternative designs, and summary of public inputs. Members of the public shared additional inputs.

A motion was made by Hageman, seconded by Kastrinsky, to make the following recommendations of requesting additional information and that Town Council would prioritize ADA accessibility, multi-modal connectivity, safety for all users, preservation of existing landscape buffer, and optimize noise barrier solutions. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board requested that staff bring additional information to the January meeting and move the Council presentation to February.

Staff Report

Bergen Watterson, Town Staff, provided updates on West Franklin Street restriping. In addition, Watterson informed the advisory board that the Elliot Road project is moving forward and construction is expected to begin in Spring 2020.

Adjournment

Next Meeting - January 28, 2019

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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