

# **Advisory Board Updates**

April 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 and stage of application 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 a virtual event coming up on April 18, from 5:30-6:30 PM. The goal of the Connected Roads Plan and Policy is to plan for roadway connections as part of new development. For more information, visit [the project webpage](#).
- b. [Downtown Mobility Study](#) – This study is underway and the first design charrette is happening April 19-20. The public open house is April 19, 5:30-7:00 PM. For more information, visit [the project webpage](#).
- c. [Estes Drive Bike-Ped Improvements](#) – The construction is currently underway, and the current completion date is estimated for winter 2023. More details can be found on [the project webpage](#).
- d. [Elliott Road Extension](#) – The project is underway and is set to be completed in Summer 2023.
- e. [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](#).
- f. [Morgan Creek Greenway](#) – Design for the west segment of the Morgan Creek Greenway from Merritt's Pasture to Oteys Road is funded and underway.
- g. [Homestead Road & Seawell School Road Sidewalk](#) – The project is out to bid and construction is expected to begin this spring or summer.
- h. [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. The proposal seeks to allow cottages on compact lots and duplexes in residential zoning districts, as well as triplexes, fourplexes, and 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 TOD Implementation Strategy was endorsed by Council on February 22, 2023
  - ii. The Planning Commission voted unanimously on April 4, 2023 to recommend to Council that they amend the Comp Plan to add the Shaping Our Future Initiative and supporting recommendations, as appropriate,
  - iii. Council will open the public hearing to amend the Comp Plan on April 19, and consider action on May 24.
  - iv. LUMO Rewrite is scheduled to kick-off on April 12-13, 2023. Staff and the consultant Team will have a series of site tours and workshop sessions. Topics of discussion are below.
    - 1. LUMO Audit and Roadmap
    - 2. Overview of Rewrite Workplan and Project Phases
    - 3. Legacy – what needs to be achieved, centering equity
    - 4. Team Member Roles
    - 5. Stakeholder and Public Engagement
    - 6. Training Process

### **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.](#)