



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

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

7:00 PM

RM 102 | First Floor Conf. Room

Opening

Roll Call

Alisa Rogers (Town Staff), Bill Webster (Town Staff), Jomar Pastorelle (Town Staff), Catherine Watters (Youth Council Liaison), John Rees (Planning Commission Liaison), Kurt Stolka (UNC-CH Transportation Liaison), Fred Lampe (Chapel Hill Resident), Kim Stahl (Chapel Hill Resident), Sylvia Steere (Chapel Hill Resident), Josh Mayo (Chapel Hill Resident), Council Member Hongbin Gu

Present 6 - Chair Jason Merrill, Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Eric Allman, Brian Hageman, Rudy Juliano, and Joshua Kastrinsky

Excused 1 - Winston Hanks

Approval of Agenda

Announcements

Jomar Pastorelle, Town Staff, informed the advisory board that Bergen Watterson is attending Road to Zero Conference. Winston Hanks will attend the next meeting. Staff modified the agenda so the board could provide input on the US 15-501 Corridor Study Alternative Designs.

Petitions

Approval of Minutes

1. September 24, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes

[\[19-0857\]](#)

Attachments: [September 24, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Hageman, seconded by Allman, to approve the September 24, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

Old Business

New Business

2. LUMO Rewrite - Draft Focus Area Map & Principles [\[19-0858\]](#)

Attachments: [Draft - Focus Area Maps and Principles](#)

Alisa Rogers, Town Staff, presented on the LUMO Rewrite. In April 2017 Town Council initiated a project to re-write the Town Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO). Phase I is updating portions of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), which includes six focus area. Phase II is designated to re-write the current LUMO.

The FLUM focus areas were identified based on vacant land, underdeveloped sites, and proximity to major transportation and transit corridors. Through extensive public engagement, community priorities emerged the importance of great streetscape designs, promotion of a mature tree canopy, awareness of sensitive transitions between different land uses and buildings, support environmental sustainability and resiliency, and plan for multi-modal connectivity.

The advisory board inquired if the future land use map addresses how infrastructure changes will be supported and financed.

Next steps are to continue to engage the community, host a Drop-In Session on November 6th at the Courtyard Chapel Hill, and return to Town Council on November 20th with results of Fall engagement.

3. Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project [\[19-0859\]](#)

Attachments: [Fordham Boulevard Sidepath](#)

Bill Webster, Town Staff, summarized the inputs from the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath public meeting, which was held on September 18th. Four alternative design options were offered and the attendees were encouraged to provide input on. Approximately 60 comments were received.

Members of the public provided additional inputs. The advisory board inquired of the trade-offs and neighborhood impacts of each design alternative options.

Next steps are for Town staff to meet with senior management and receive guidance. Webster added that the Fordham Boulevard sidepath is not a

standalone project, but will be crucial in building a connected multimodal network.

4. Bollards on the Greenways

[\[19-0860\]](#)

Attachments: [Bollards on the Greenways](#)

Bill Webster, Town Staff, presented the case for the removal of bollards on the greenways. Webster stated it was standard practice to install bollards at the entrances of all greenway trails and sidepath. Reasons for installing bollards were to prevent larger motorized vehicles and motorcyclists from accessing trails. After removal for maintenance, bollards have been left on the trail and are dangerous for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Webster asked the advisory board to consider whether or not to install bollards at trail and greenway entrances. Rare incidents of motorized vehicles travelling on the greenways or trails. Webster offered that the town could deviate from standard practice by being selective of where bollards are installed and remove the center bollard while retaining the side bollards.

John Rees, Planning Commission Liaison, noted the town was not consistent with bollard installations. Kastrinsky inquired if the Town would take into account the legal obligation of removing bollards and any potential negligence if the center bollard was not properly removed and path smoothed out.

Next steps are to consult the Town attorney on legal matters relates to removing the center bollards from the greenway and trail entrances.

4.1 US 15-501 Corridor Study - Alternative Designs

[\[19-0873\]](#)

Attachments: [US 15-501 Corridor Study - Alternative Designs](#)

Jomar Pastorelle, Town Staff, summarized the US 15-501 Corridor Study public meeting, which was held on October 17th. Staff from Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and the consultants - WSP hosted the event. Approximately 60 people, including Durham staff, attended to provide input on the three proposed alternative design concepts.

Pastorelle displayed each alternative design concept. The advisory expressed what are the next steps to communicate their concerns on proposed concept plans. Staff recommended the board to continue to provide comments. DCHC MPO staff will attend the November 26th meeting to discuss the concepts and

accept input.

Adjournment

Next Meeting - November 26, 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*

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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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