



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, May 26, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Virtual Meeting Notification

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Opening

Roll Call

Bergen Watterson (Town Staff), Dwight Bassett (Town Staff), Scott Clark (Town Staff), Ryan Chamberlain (Town Staff), Jomar Pastorelle (Town Staff), John Rees (Planning Commission Liaison), Julian Taylor (Youth Council Liaison), Kurt Stolka (UNC-CH Transportation Liaison), Craig Scheffler (HNTB), Joe Dye (Grubb Properties), Whitney St. Charles (Grubb Properties), Jacob Manevich (Grubb Properties), George Retschle (Ballentine Associates), Michael Stevenson (Perkins & Will), David Hallen (UNC Appointee), Mary Parry (Chapel Hill Resident), Josh Mayo (Chapel Hill Resident), Fred Lampe (Chapel Hill Resident), Andrew Nagle (Chapel Hill Resident), Michael Everhart (Chapel Hill Resident), Member Hongbin Gu, Council Member Tai Huynh

Present	8 - Chair Jason Merrill, Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Heather Brutz, Brian Hageman, Winston Hanks, Rudy Juliano, Joshua Kastrinsky, and Jack Whaley
Absent	1 - Eric Allman

Approval of Agenda

Announcements

Jomar Pastorelle, Town Staff, requested Winston Hanks and David Hallen to stay online after the meeting has adjourned. Pastorelle informed the board that Mary Parry registered to share a petition.

Petitions

Mary Parry, a Chapel Hill resident, informed the advisory board of the "Feet on Franklin: Let's Seize the Moment in Chapel Hill" petition. Parry noted the petition received over 930 signatures advocating reallocating travel lanes to accommodate more pedestrian traffic while supporting downtown businesses during Covid-19 pandemic.

Approval of Minutes

1. April 28, 2020 Action Meeting Minutes - Draft

[\[20-0355\]](#)

Attachments: [April 28, 2020 Action Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Juliano, seconded by Hageman, to approve the April 28, 2020 draft action meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

2. E. Rosemary Street Parking Deck - Conditional Zoning

[\[20-0356\]](#)

Attachments: [E. Rosemary Street Parking Deck - TCAB](#)
[E. Rosemary Parking Deck - TCAB \(Perkins&Will\)](#)
[Application Materials - Combined](#)
[Ordinance A - Rezoning](#)
[Resolution A](#)
[Resolution B](#)
[Rosemary Street Parking Deck - Traffic Impact](#)
[Analysis \(Executive Summary - Draft\)](#)
[E. Rosemary Street Parking Deck - TCAB 5.26.20](#)
[E. Rosemary Parking Deck - TCAB \(Perkins&Will 5.26.20\)](#)
[E. Rosemary Deck TIA Presentation \(HNTB 5.26.20\)](#)

Jomar Pastorelle, Town Staff, presented on the E. Rosemary Street Parking Deck - Conditional Zoning. Pastorelle recapped on the project overview including site plan details, process, and design/LUMO standards.

Joe Dye, Executive Vice President of Grubb Properties, provided a brief overview of the E. Rosemary Street Parking Deck redevelopment project. Michael Stevenson, Perkins & Will architect, shared updated information on parking summary, parking deck access, Rosemary Street public realm, traffic patterns, parking deck design, and site plan.

Craig Scheffler, HNTB consultant, presented the Traffic Impact Analysis for the E. Rosemary Parking Deck. Scheffler provided information on the transportation impact analysis process, analysis methodology, existing conditions analysis, 2020 site plan analysis, trip generation / assignment, capacity analysis results, and recommended improvements. Chair Merrill opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were offered.

A motion was made by Juliano, seconded by Vice-Chair Kjemtrup-Lovelace, to approve the conditional zoning for E. Rosemary Street parking deck with the following recommendations: prioritize pedestrian safety, increase the amount of 'electric vehicle' ready parking spaces, conduct a comprehensive traffic impact analysis study to include the entire E. Rosemary Street project, incorporate the NS BRT project into the traffic impact analysis, and provide ridesharing spaces. The motion failed, 5-3.

A second motion was made Hageman, seconded by Whaley, to recommend that Town Council deny the project unless it takes into consideration the recommendations made in the first motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Staff Report

Bergen Watterson, Town Staff, shared with the advisory board that May was Bike Month. Watterson encouraged the board to visit Go Chapel Hill website. Watterson shared that the Elliott Road Extension project is moving forward and will be on the June 10th Town Council agenda.

Watterson informed the board that staff were aware of a petition for closing streets on W. Franklin to support active transportation while maintaining social distance, including expand sidewalk dining and retail sales during Covid-19.

A motion was made by Brutz, seconded by Hageman, to support the "Feet on Franklin: Let's Seize the Moment in Chapel Hill" petition and support Town response to the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

Jomar Pastorelle, Town Staff, informed the advisory board has been asked to reschedule the June 23rd meeting. The board agreed to schedule the next meeting for June 30th.

Adjournment

Next Meeting - June 30, 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 Department at 919-968-2728; planning@townofchapelhill.org for more information on the above referenced applications.

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