



# Action Minutes

## Central West Focus Area: Steering Committee Meeting

**Meeting Date/Time:** September 19, 2013, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Anthony Carey, Lucy Carol Davis, Eric Hyman, Jeff Kidd, Julie McClintock, Sarah McIntee, Firoz Mistry, Michael Parker (co-chair), Whit Rummel, Amy Ryan (co-chair), Jared Simmons, Micky Jo Sorrell, David Tuttle, and Buffie Webber

**Members Absent:** Mia Burroughs, Bruce Murray, and Abby Parcell

**Staff Present:** David Bonk, Mary Jane Nirdlinger, Matt Sullivan, and Megan Wooley

**Council Members Present:** Jim Ward

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<b>1. Introductions and Opening Remarks</b>	<p>Megan Wooley, Chapel Hill Planning Department, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She provided an overview of the agenda and the upcoming meetings.</p> <p>Mary Jane Nirdlinger, Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, reminded the Steering Committee that their charge was to develop a small area plan that included recommendations for height and use in the focus area.</p>		
<b>2. Public Participation/ Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will Raymond: The map and dot exercise from the Community Session shows that all the options were rejected. People asked why they couldn't vote on the Citizen's Alternative Plan. This would have carried the day. People picked the least worst option.</li> <li>• Sheryl Wicker: Can't stop progress. This is a fabulous location – with Carolina North coming. Should be high density to utilize the property. Especially with a developer who has a good vision for the property. Also need to have parkland. Can't imagine why this would be unsafe for children to live</li> </ul>		

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	<p>near a commercial area. Grew up near Franklin Street and enjoyed it. Great for the transit system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Moore: Saw people moving dots at the Community Session. If want to be honest, throw everything out. Consistent throughout the night. Airport has kept the area from being developed. Should be thoughtfully developed. NIMBY will always be here. Carolina North will happen.</li> <li>• Heidi Chapman: Estes Drive is a traffic bottleneck. Chapel Hill does have the ability to change MLK and Estes Drive. Timber Hollow is doubling capacity. People who want to further impact the area. The townspeople don't want this to be developed. Stop development to maintain Chapel Hill's integrity and beautify the area.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>3. Debrief from the Central West Community Session</b></p>	<p>Megan Wooley provided an overview of the information gathered at the Community Session and from the survey that was available from September 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>For a copy of the presentation, visit <a href="http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=2184">http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=2184</a> and scroll to the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting date.</i></p> <p>The Steering Committee discussed the Community Session and the information gathered from the Session.</p>		
<p><b>4. Presentation and Discussion of the Alternative Vision</b></p>	<p>Mickey Jo Sorrell presented the Alternative Vision Plan that has been developed by Julie McClintock, Firoz Misty, David Tuttle, and herself.</p> <p>The Steering Committee discussed the Alternative Vision Plan and asked questions about the plan.</p> <p><i>For a copy of the plan, visit <a href="http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=2184">http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=2184</a> and scroll to the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting date.</i></p>		
<p><b>5. Overview of Discussions with Steering</b></p>	<p>Amy Ryan and Michael Parker provided an overview of their meetings with each Steering Committee members. They discussed the points of consensus</p>		

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<b>Committee Members</b>	between the Committee members, including concerns about traffic, respect for existing neighborhoods, walkable destinations, safety, and environmental protection. They also drafted a plan that was the result of the conversations with the Steering Committee members and illustrated a general trend of ideas.		
<b>6. Discussion: Points of Consensus</b>	<p>The Steering Committee members discussed this plan and additional topics such as stormwater and traffic performance standards.</p> <p><i>For a copy of the plan, visit <a href="http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=2184">http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=2184</a> and scroll to the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting date.</i></p>	<p>Motion by Lucy Carol Davis and seconded by Eric Hyman to use the map that was developed as a result of the conversations with Steering Committee members as a first draft and starting point for the Committee's discussions. <i>Vote: 10 out of 14 with 4 opposed (David Tuttle, Julie McClintock, Firoz Mistry, and Mickey Jo Sorrell) – Passed.</i></p> <p>Motion by Jared Simmons and seconded by Julie McClintock allocate 15 minutes during the September 24<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting to discuss bike and pedestrian improvements and to reflect this on the Small Area Plan. <i>Vote: 14 out of 14 – Passed.</i></p>	
<b>7. Public Participation/ Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Morris: In the analysis of the electronic survey, the neutral votes could have been added to the negative votes as well as adding them to the positive votes. Should leave neutral votes as neutral.</li> <li>• Will Raymond: The Committee has taken the wrong path. The Alternate Plan is a clear expression of the community's vision. Disappointed that the Committee only spoke about the plan for a short time. The Steering Committee should revisit their charter.</li> <li>• Gary Kahn: There are people here who attend these meetings who are concerned and who don't</li> </ul>		

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	<p>live in the immediate area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria de Bruyn: The plan that Committee is considering is a combination of A2 and B2. Can you look at the Alternate Plan and draw from this?</li> <li>• Alan Tom: Flooding and traffic are the two major concerns. Estes is a neighborhood road and an arterial. Difficult since dealing with multiple developers. This is full of complexity. The Committee needs more time to actually talk to each other.</li> <li>• Kathryn Butler: The democratic process is used to discuss public land. Here we are talking about private property. People here did not have a Committee to decide what to do with their land.</li> </ul>		
<b>8. Closing</b>			The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm at the Transit Building, 6900 Millhouse Road.