



# Action Minutes

## Central West Focus Area: Steering Committee Meeting

**Meeting Date/Time:** October 8, 2013, 6:00 to 9:00p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Bruce Murray

**Staff Present:** Mary Jane Nirdlinger and Megan Wooley

**Council Members Present:** Jim Ward

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Motions/Votes	Action
1. <b>Introductions and Opening Remarks</b>	Megan Wooley, Chapel Hill Planning Department, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She provided an overview of the agenda and upcoming meetings.		
2. <b>Public Participation/ Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blair Pollock: Reviewed the bike and ped plan. Are the existing rights of way utility rights of way? Interested in making that a pathway. This is a great opportunity for us to make those off-road paths. Would like attractive mixed-use such as near the Whole Foods in Encinitas, CA. Has good design, scale, and density.</li> </ul>		
3. <b>Review of Draft Central West Small Area Plan</b>	The Steering Committee reviewed the draft Central West Small Area Plan and provided their comments about the draft plan. Discussed including a "How to Use This Plan" document.		Staff would draft a "How to Use This Plan" document for inclusion in the draft plan.
4. <b>Discussion of Additional Items</b> - <b>Objectives for</b>	The Steering Committee discussed additional items including the remaining objectives for Principle #2, thoughts about	Motion by Whit Rummel and seconded by Abby Parcell to remove objective D from Principle #2 and to edit objective F. <i>Vote: 15 out of 15 (Jared</i>	

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<p><b>Principle #2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>General Setbacks</b></li> <li>- <b>Transportation Vision</b></li> </ul>	<p>setbacks, and the transportation vision.</p>	<p><i>Simmons was out of the room at the time the vote was taken.) – Passed.</i></p> <p>Motion by Whit Rummel and seconded by Lucy Carol Davis to edit objective E. <i>Vote: 15 out of 15 (Eric Hyman was out of the room at the time the vote was taken.) – Passed.</i></p>	
<p><b>5. Public Participation/ Comments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vera Kornalack: The Somerset/Huntington Drive neighbors wrote a letter to the Steering Committee. Would like compatible neighborhood development. In regards to stormwater, encourages the Committee to use a high level of language, refer to “state of the art.” Traffic on Estes makes it a nightmare to get home. A public safety concern. Hard to pick up son from school because traffic is so bad. Direct new development onto MLK.</li> <li>• Maria de Bruyn: This report should include a glossary and define words such as <i>intensity</i>, <i>density</i>, and <i>greenway</i>. Need to include how this plan addressed the concerns of the community over the past year.</li> <li>• John Morris: Letter in the Chapel Hill News about dangerous conditions on Weaver Dairy Road. When trying to get out of Timberlyne, dangerous there. Lots of traffic could be added here on Estes/MLK. Should maintain existing. If went with the highest level plan (B2), would necessitate 7 lanes at the intersection. Don’t think that density would reduce the speed of cars on Estes. Logic of plans is going to create intolerable traffic on Estes. Going to have pressure to widen Estes. Dumps traffic at the schools. Worries me.</li> </ul>		

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6. Closing			<p>The Steering Committee decided to hold their next Committee meeting on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm. <i>(Note this meeting was rescheduled to Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from noon-1:00pm.)</i></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.</p>

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm, location TBD. *Note: This meeting was rescheduled to Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from noon-1:00pm in Meeting Room C at the Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive.*