

# **Action Minutes: Planning Commission**

Meeting Date: February 3, 2015

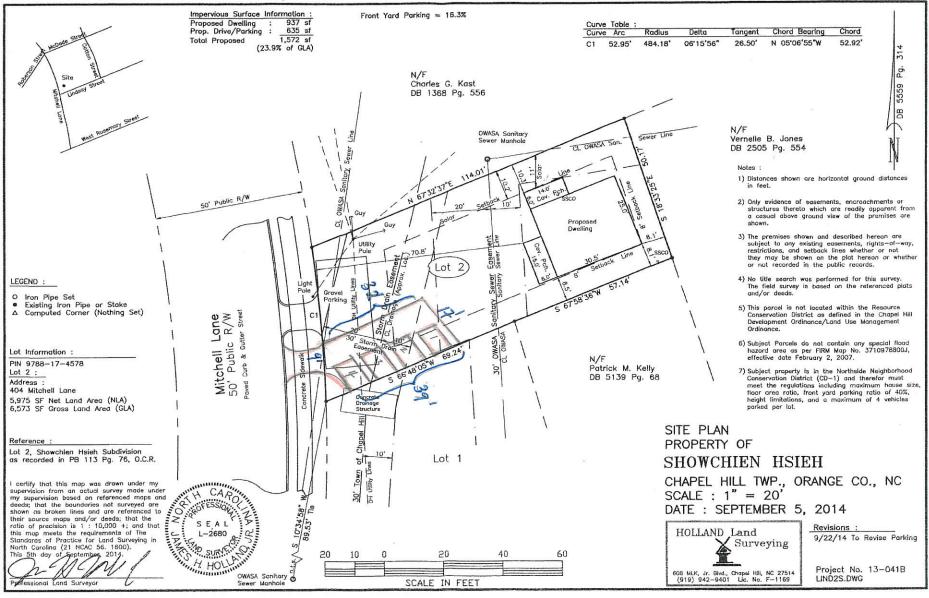
Members Present: Neal Bench (Chair), Travis Crayton, Deborah Fulgheri, Melissa McCullough, Michael Parker, Amy Ryan (Vice-Chair), Buffie Webber, Brian

Wittmayer. Members Absent: None Joint Planning Area Member: Vacant

Staff Present: Kay Pearlstein, Gene Poveromo

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Motion/Votes/Outcome	Action
Opening Items	Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm	Quorum present	1. None
	2. Adoption of January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 Action Minutes.	2. Melissa McCullough moved and Travis Crayton seconded a motion to approve the January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 Action Minutes with corrections as noted. The vote was 8-0.	The motion was unanimously approved.
Consent Agenda	No items		
Old Business	No items		
New Business	3. Glen Lennox Minor Subdivision	3. Melissa McCullough moved and Travis Crayton seconded a motion to approve the minor subdivision with the condition that the correct lot size is shown on the final plat.	3. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports	<ul> <li>4. Council's Goals and the Mayor's Request for Budget Priorities from Boards and Commissions.</li> <li>5. 404 Mitchell Ln Site Plan Review – revised parking lot proposal (attached).</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>The Commission recalled that their final comments to Council were sent in December and therefore there was no need to discuss this topic.</li> <li>The Commission previously approved a Site Plan Review for this site with a condition that the parking area be relocated away from the street edge. Amy Ryan shared a copy of the revised site plan. The Commission endorsed the proposed revision.</li> </ol>	
	6. Sharing building permit information with Orange County Assessor's office.	6, Gene Poveromo reported that the Town's Development Services division has been in touch with the Orange County Assessor's Office and is providing monthly reports, including floor area numbers for existing and proposed new construction. We understand this monthly report responds to the needs of the Assessor's staff.	
	7. Discussion of a Development Review Proposal.	7. Brian Wittmayer reported on a draft plan (attached) he worked on with the chair of the CDC. Michael Parker moved and Melissa McCullough seconded a motion to endorse the draft plan and authorized Brian Wittmayer to continue working with Jason Hart on next steps.	
	8. Affordable Housing Workshop Session Update	8. Buffie Webber will send the Commission a link to the upcoming workshops.	
Adjournment		The Chair announced the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.	



### **DRAFT** - Concept Plan

## How to Improve the Development Review Process in Chapel Hill

#### **Problem Statement:**

The current development review process in Chapel Hill is suboptimal, with much opportunity for improvement. The process is long, uncertain, and inconsistent standards and goals are applied to different development proposals. As one of its "budget priorities" for FY 2015-16, the Town's Planning Commission identified streamlining the development review process while maintaining high standards as one of its goals.

#### **Proposed Plan:**

A joint Planning Commission / Community Design Commission meeting will be held to discuss this topic and brainstorm possible ideas for future consideration by Advisory Boards & Commissions, Town Staff and Town Council for improving the process. An outside expert may be invited to either facilitate and/or present information on best practices from other Towns/Cities.

#### Objectives:

The goal of this meeting would be to initiate a discussion; more clearly identify what is working with the current process and what is not; and, to layout possible ideas for improvement. Future meetings and discussions could build further on and consider in more detail the issues and concepts proposed at this meeting.

Drafted by:

Brian Wittmayer, Town Planning Commission