



Action Minutes: Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Meeting Date/Time: July 28, 2015

Members Present: Mirta Mihovilovic, Eric Hyman, Mark Stanton, Jeff Charles, Josh Kastrinsky, Jason Merrill (arrived 7:05pm)

Members Absent: Sarah Bruce, Paul Neebe, David Marsh

Council Liaison: Maria Palmer **Staff Liaison:** Ryan Mickles, David Bonk **UNC Liaison:** Kurt Stolka **Champion:** Michael Parker

Agenda Item	Discussion points	Motions/Votes/Outcome	Action
Opening Items	Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm		
New Business	Petitions and Requests		
	<p>1. A Board member requested that the Board have the opportunity to review draft summaries of Board actions.</p>	<p>The Board agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair will review draft recommendations before they are sent to Town Council. This review process will be completed within two weeks of the meeting. Additionally, the Board will be informed of the meeting date at which their recommendations will be presented to the Council. A member of the Board will present the Board's recommendation to the Council whenever possible, and a summary of Council's action will be provided to the Board.</p>	<p>Motion approved 5-0 <i>Mirta Mihovilovic, Eric Hyman, Mark Stanton, Jeff Charles, Josh Kastrinsky</i></p>
	<p>A Board member identified the need for bicycle and pedestrian themed murals for Chapel Hill</p>	<p>The Board agreed to inform the Town's Public Arts Commission of their interest.</p>	<p>Motion approved 5-0 <i>Mirta Mihovilovic, Eric Hyman, Mark Stanton, Jeff Charles, Josh Kastrinsky</i></p>

	2. Election of Officers	Motion made by Mirta Mihovilovic, seconded by Eric Hyman, to elect Eric Hyman as Chair and Jeff Charles as Vice Chair	Motion approved 5-0 <i>Mirta Mihovilovic, Eric Hyman, Mark Stanton, Jeff Charles, Josh Kastrinsky</i>
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	<p>3. Response to Dale Coker Petition. Mr. Coker requested the Board support his request that the proposed roadway from Franklin Street to Elliot Road, shown in the adopted Ephesus Fordham Renewal District Framework Plan be revised to eliminate the intersection with Elliot Road.</p>	<p><i>Eric Hyman moved and Mark Stanton seconded a motion to request that the Council revisit the Ephesus Fordham Plan and evaluate the feasibility of the proposed connector and intersection at Elliot Road with regard to sight distance and signalized intersection spacing.</i></p> <p><i>The Board has concerns regarding this connector road as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Traffic congestion and backup per anticipated use based on Village Plaza Apts. occupancy</i> ○ <i>Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Elliott and across at this location (currently dangerous at designated crosswalk) from increased vehicle ingress/egress.</i> ○ <i>Current unsafe bike and ped. access along 15-501 (Fordham Blvd.), and the introduction of more congestion caused by this connector would make even worse</i> 	<p>Motion approved 6-0</p> <p><i>Mirta Mihovilovic, Eric Hyman, Mark Stanton, Jeff Charles, Josh Kastrinsky, Jason Merrill</i></p>
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		<p>The board learned that this connector road was established during the small area plan steering committee process, and that this connector might not make sense anymore given the introduction of Village Plaza Apartments. For these reasons, the Board is recommending that Council revisit the feasibility of adding this road connector based on current conditions. We decided that the alternative of using only the single access point to and from Elliott already located directly in front of Village Plaza might be preferred because of its much improved line-of-sight along Elliott as opposed to the proposed Burger King area.</p>	
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	4. Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects	<p>Surveying has begun for the Estes Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian design project; a small area of wetlands has been identified. Public meetings/pop-up sessions and 25% engineering plans anticipated in late summer/early fall</p> <p>The town will pursue the development of a mobility plan, which will include the development of a Pedestrian Plan and include elements of the adopted Bicycle and Greenways Plans. The Mobility Plan will also include the Ephesus-Fordham connectivity analysis requested by the Town Council.</p>	Information received.
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	<p>5. Application for Special Use Permit Modification, 1609 E. Franklin St. Hotel and Residential Units (Project #13-089)</p>	<p>Mark Stanton moved and Mirta Mihovilovic Seconded a motion to recommend the Council approve Resolution A in the staff report with the following modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A 10' multimodal path, with a 8' planting strip be constructed to Town standards along the E. Franklin Street frontage of the proposed site. -“No Parking” or “Residential Parking Only” signage be installed along Velma Street to discourage Hotel employees from parking their vehicles in the adjacent neighborhood. -A Transportation Management Plan be prepared for the project which should include incentives for employee use of alternative modes of transportation and a bike share program for hotel guests. -The Board also expressed concern about the need for a comprehensive traffic and multi-modal transportation management plan for the Franklin Street corridor to address safety, access, and connectivity issues. 	<p>Motion approved 6-0</p> <p><i>Mirta Mihovilovic, Eric Hyman, Mark Stanton, Jeff Charles, Josh Kastrinsky, Jason Merrill</i></p>
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	6. Application for Special Use Permit, Tri-City Medical Building, 5002 Barbee Chapel Road (Project #14-070)	<p>Jeff Charles moved and Mark Stanton seconded a motion to recommend to the Council approve Resolution A in the staff report. The Board's recommendation is based on the assumption that LRT alignment C2A is selected as the final alignment. The Board's consideration also assumed the Town will not support the proposed grade separation at the Barbee Chapel Road intersection, which if supported would render this proposal obsolete due to the location of the on/off ramp required.</p> <p>If LRT alignment C2 is selected the Board recommends that Go Triangle provide safety features such as flashing lights and crossing gates be installed at the proposed at-grade light rail crossing of Barbee Chapel Road.</p>	<p>Motion approved 6-0</p> <p><i>Mirta Mihovilovic, Eric Hyman, Mark Stanton, Jeff Charles, Josh Kastrinsky, Jason Merrill</i></p>
	7. Obey Creek Final Development Agreement	Staff noted that the final Obey Creek Development Agreement is posted on the Town website	Update provided
	8. NC Legislative Changes Regarding Bicycle Facilities	Deferred to the August 2015 meeting	Deferred
	9. Approval of June 26, 2015 Action Minutes	Mirta Mihovilovic moved and Jason Merrill seconded a motion to approve the June 23, 2015 minutes.	<p>Motion approved 6-0</p> <p><i>Mirta Mihovilovic, Eric Hyman, Mark Stanton, Jeff Charles, Josh Kastrinsky, Jason Merrill</i></p>
	10. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm	