



Town of Chapel Hill

Council Committee on Economic Sustainability

Friday, January 10, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.
Chapel Hill Library, 100 Library Drive – Room B, Chapel Hill, NC

Action Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: Jess Anderson, Amy Ryan, Michael Parker, Allen Buansi, Maurice Jones, Loryn Clark, Flo Miller, Karen Stegman, Renuka Soll, Pam Hemminger, Brian Peterson, Tai Huyn, Hongbin Gu, Dwight Bassett, Laura Selmer, Judy Johnson, Jeanne Brown, Susan Lyons, Gordon Merklein, Ralph Karpinos, Johnny Morris, Dan Hatley, Tom Kuell, Joan Guilkey, Monique Velasquez, Mary Jane Nirdlinger, Katie Loovis

1) Opening at 8:02 a.m.

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Agenda
- c. Staff Updates

1. Economic Development Update.....Dwight Bassett

Action: The committee received an update on current economic development projects. Carraway Village is entering their second phase of development including the construction of new retail. Wegmans site work is ongoing with an opening expected in early 2021. Well continues negotiations with the County to expand operations into the current Visitor's Bureau Building. Glen Lennox office construction is underway with anticipated occupancy in late 2020. The Economic Development office is also conducting a barriers to business survey in partnership with the Chamber and Downtown Partnership.

2. Planning UpdateJudy Johnson

Action: The committee received an update on current development projects.

2) Business

1. North Chapel Hill.....Dwight Bassett

Action: Loryn Clark and Sarah Vinas from the Housing and Community Department shared information about engagement to date in the Lakewood neighborhood. Dwight Bassett provided an update on North Chapel Hill market opportunity. Staff will return in February with a fiscal analysis of development opportunity.

2. Other

Discussion: Gordon Merklein shared information on an upcoming development project for the UNC Admissions building. This process will include a series of public engagement exercises that will help inform concept plans for design.

3) Other Committee Discussion.....Jess Anderson, Committee Chair

Comments: Dan Hatley shared comments on the significant lack of connectivity in North Chapel Hill that fosters auto dependency. The property in North Chapel Hill presents an opportunity to develop the area in a way that enhances connections.

4) Adjournment at 9:35 a.m.