

**Carrboro Greenways Commission
Minutes
October 25, 2021**

Members Present

*Alyson West
*Mahin Manley
*Meredith Morovati
*Jeff Summerlin-Long

*Indicates voting member

Damon Seils – Town Council Member

Absent

*Ethan Beattie (resigned)
*Satya Kallepalli

Staff Present

Tina Moon -- Carrboro Planning

Guest(s)

- I. **Call to Order:** Summerlin-Long, called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.
 - a. **Welcome**
Summerlin-Long welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - b. **Approval of Minutes**
October 18, 2021 – West noted a discussion point regarding informal paths that didn't make it into the minutes and requested that it be added. West made a motion to approve the October 18th meeting minutes as amended with the additional phrase. Manley seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes (4) West, Manley, Summerlin-Long, Morovati; Nos (0); Absent (1) Kallepalli

The Greenways Commission meeting minutes for October 18th, 2021, were approved.
- II. **Carrboro Connects – Finalize Comments on Preliminary Draft Plan**

Moon provided a short introduction and then turned the topic over to West and Summerlin-Long to lead the discussion, using the draft comments from the previous meeting, that have been refined during the last week. The discussion focused on the following points:
 - Change the definition of a greenway to match the definition in the mission statement for the commission. Use consistently throughout the document.
 - Note the interest in affordable housing and the link between affordable housing and greenways or other off-road connections for bike-ped access to destinations.
 - Focus on general comments for the preliminary draft and save the more specific, detailed comments for the next draft.

- Similarly, to the comment regarding a definition for greenway, the terms greenway, side path, multi-use path and shared-use path are used throughout the document without clear definitions. Are they meant to be used interchangeably or are there nuanced differences between the facilities? This should be more clear.
- The greenway network should be referenced as a part of the greater transportation network.
- A metric for greenways is needed.

III. Officer Elections – Summerlin-Long nominated West for the chair position; Mahoney seconded the motion. West asked to delay the decision. Summerlin-Long agreed to continue serving as the interim chair until February, when officer elections are typically held.

IV. Adjourn - Morovati made a motion to adjourn the meeting; West seconded the meeting. Ayes – all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm. The next meeting will be on October 25, 2021.

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DRAFT Greenways Commission 2022 Meetings Calendar

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USA Holidays and Observances

New Year's Day	Jan 01	M L King Jr. Day	Jan 17	Valentine's Day	Feb 14
Presidents' Day	Feb 21	Ramadan	Apr 2	Passover	Apr 15
Good Friday	Apr 15	Easter	Apr 17	Mother's Day	May 8
Memorial Day	May 30	Father's Day	June 19	Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept 5	Rosh Hashanah	Sept 25	Yom Kippur	Oct 4
Indigenous People Day	Oct 10	Halloween	Oct 31	Veteran's Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Nov 24	Hanukkah	Dec 18	Christmas	Dec 25
Kwanzaa	Dec 26	New Year's Eve	Dec 31		

ADVISORY BOARDS REVIEW

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATES: DECEMBER (2021)

SUBJECT: Review of Carrboro Connects Public Hearing Draft Comprehensive Plan

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: Yes __ No <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. LINK TO PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT PLAN https://www.carrboroconnects.org/public-hearing-draft	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Trish McGuire –919-918-7327; pmcquire@townofcarrboro.org Ben Berolzheimer – 919-918-7330; berolzheimer@townofcarrboro.org

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for advisory boards to conduct a final review of the Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan.

INFORMATION

On November 11, 2021, the Carrboro Connects Task Force made a consensus recommendation for the Draft Comprehensive Plan to enter the Public Hearing portion of the plan development process. On November 16, 2021, the Carrboro Town Council held a Public Hearing to receive public comment and review the [Public Hearing Draft](#) that was publicly released on November 12, 2021.

At the conclusion of the public hearing the Council passed a [resolution](#) referring the new draft plan back to all of advisory boards and commissions. The current draft includes numerous changes from the Preliminary Draft that was reviewed in September based on input from the public, feedback from advisory boards and the Task Force, a Town Council work session and staff review. A summary of these change can be found [here](#) and is also attached. The Town Council is expected to adopt the comprehensive plan in 2022; the date currently identified is March 22, 2022.

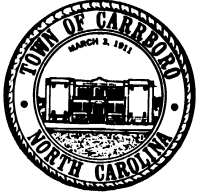
The anticipated schedule for advisory board, commission, and committee review is listed below. Completion of all reviews is requested by January 31st. A draft recommendation template is provided for advisory use.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommendation is for each advisory board, commission, and committee to review the draft plan and consider use of the draft template for formulating its recommendation.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

Commission/Board	Date
Carrboro Tourism Development Authority	Monday, Dec 6, 2021
Youth Advisory Board	TBD
Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee	Thursday, December 2, 2021
Appearance Commission	January 6, 2022
Environmental Advisory Board	Thursday, December 2, 2021
Planning Board	Thursday, December 2, 2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Thursday, December 2, 2021
Recreation and Parks Commission	December 13, 2021
Arts Committee	Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021
Economic Sustainability Commission	Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (maybe Jan 12 th)
Stormwater Advisory Commission	Thursday, December 9, 2021
Greenways Commission	TBD
Affordable Housing Advisory Commission	Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Racial Equity Commission	Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Human Services Advisory Board	TBD
Climate Action Team	Dec 16 or Jan 20



TOWN OF CARRBORO

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R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

[INSERT DATE]

Adoption of Carrboro Connects as the Town of Carrboro's Comprehensive Plan

Motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ that the _____ of the Town of Carrboro recommends that the Town Council _____ *Carrboro Connects*, as the comprehensive plan for the Town of Carrboro.

VOTE:

AYES: ()

NOES: ()

ABSTENTIONS: ()

ABSENT/EXCUSED: ()

Associated Findings

By a unanimous show of hands, the _____ membership indicated that no members have any financial interests that would pose a conflict of interest to the adoption of *Carrboro Connects*.

Furthermore, the _____ of the Town of Carrboro finds the adoption of the proposed document, *Carrboro Connects* is reasonable and in the public interest because of the Town's deliberate commitment to developing plans and policies through extensive engagement and public input.

VOTE:

AYES: ()

NOES: ()

ABSTENTIONS: ()

ABSENT/EXCUSED: ()

(Chair)

(Date)



Summary of changes from Preliminary Draft

Since the Preliminary Draft Plan in September, significant effort by many parties has gone into both reviewing and revising the plan.

This November draft includes feedback received from, but not limited to, the following activities:

- Town Council – Update on September 21 and Work Session October 5
- Community Open House – September 22
- Carrboro Connects Task Force – September 23 and November 11
- Advisory board/commission review
- Public comments through website and email
- Town staff review

Many specific revisions and edits.

Areas of differing perspectives

Red text is used throughout this draft to indicate areas where different perspectives on a topic were received. Examples include parking, historic preservation vs/and appearance/density, corridors vs nodes, phases 3/4 of Bolin Creek greenway. Further work may be needed to clarify direction for certain strategies and projects. This may include further community engagement, separate planning processes, and direction from Town Council.

Improved navigability

- Color coding and icons
- Plan overview/outline
- Chapter changes (see below)

Additions to Introduction chapter

- NEW - Plan Overview/Outline - Pages 2-5
- NEW “On Language” section—Pages 12-13
- ETJ and Transition Areas clarification – Page 24

Chapter changes

- Split up “Transportation, Water, Energy and Green Infrastructure” chapter into two separate chapters:
- “Transportation and Mobility” & “Green Stormwater Infrastructure, Water, and Energy”
 - Added emphasis on mobility and stormwater

Maps

- NEW - Transportation Strategies Map - Page 77
- NEW – Park Access Map - 10 Minute Walkshed - Page 146
- Revisions of Corridor Opportunity and Future Land Use maps – Land Use chapter

NEW - Implementation Plan (Ch 11)

Identification and implementation steps for top 5 Priorities for each Topic area. Pages 202-247

- Is it feasible? Are these the priorities?

Compiled Glossary of terms – Pages 248-251