

Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee

AGENDA

6:00 pm, Thursday, October 20, 2021*

****Remote Meeting***

- 6:00 – 6:10 pm I. Consideration and Approval of Minutes
from May 6, 2021 NTAAC Meeting**
- 6:10 – 7:00 pm II. Consideration of Comments Related to
Carrboro Connects Preliminary Draft
Plan**

ADJOURN

**To view the advisory board meeting, please email Marty Roupe at mroupe@townofcarrboro.org to receive an invitation to view the meeting. If you wish to make public comment, at the time of the public comment, the staff person will be able to allow speakers to remotely enter the meeting one-by-one to comment. Please send any written statement or materials to the same email provided above. Requests to remotely attend the meeting shall be made within 24 hours of the meeting start time. The requester should also specify if they wish to make any comments in the email. All written statements and materials will be forwarded to the advisory board members.*



Town of Carrboro

Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee

NTAAC
Thursday, May 6, 2021
MINUTES
6:30pm, Remote Meeting*

Committee Members: Anahid Vrana, Ed Witkin, Meg McGurk, Deb Rich (absent)

Staff Present: Marty Roupe and Ben Berolzheimer

Board Liaison: Susan Romaine

Guests: Lisa Brown (citizen)

1. Minutes Approval

Ed Witkin moved and Meg McGurk seconded approval of the February 2021 minutes. Vote: unanimous in favor.

2. **Update on Carrboro Connects.** *Anahid, Marty, and Ben introduced tonight's discussion regarding an update on the status of the Carrboro Connects effort. Ben noted where we are in the overall process and presented slides regarding each of the identified topics for focused discussion moving forward. Members also discussed conceptually what a comprehensive plan should do and accomplish, broadly speaking. The identified task for tonight's discussion was considering each of the identified topics and draft recommendations provided by the Task Force Committee. Ben and Anahid discussed each of the topics, as well as a broad overview of all efforts to date, covering the entirety of the materials produced to date.*

Anahid asked about the Facilitated Small Area Plan for the Northern Transition Area and how / if its contents will be incorporated into the new comprehensive plan. Marty and Ben noted that it will be considered but that it also would be good to reiterate, restate, or suggest modifications to the contents of the plan with regard to how information should be framed and incorporated in the new plan. Lisa suggested clarifying the nomenclature for the northern transition area while moving forward so that consistent terminology is used, to help ensure that everyone is clear about what part of town is being discussed. She also suggested updating and including more current and better hydrology maps and details in the new plan. Marty noted two specific topics in the existing plan that members may want to discuss with respect to what should be included when updating information within the new plan, those being floating zone districts and the goal of an overall density of 2.5 units per acre in the area. The purchase of a large portion of land by Orange County for Twin Creeks Park, along with the built density for projects such as Lake Hogan Farms and Winmore were noted as creating a situation wherein it may be difficult to reach the density goal.

Draft goals identified so far were noted as being good topics to include, in particular climate change, equity, and inclusion. To that end Anahid noted that the general notion in terms of future development is to build up, somewhat densely and compactly, and avoid sprawling outwards at a low density.

Twin Creeks Park was discussed with the possibility being noted of developing the park in a multifunctional way to allow recreation and other uses at the same time. It was noted that ballfields could serve the schools on or near the site and serve the general public when not being utilized by the school, as an example. Ben noted that the park site is being called out in the plan as an opportunity for sharing open space and the natural beauty of the area as a tourist and economic development opportunity. Ecotourism types uses or recreational tourism may be good a good fit for the park.

Ben then noted the next upcoming steps in the process, including having the Committee decide upon and adopt a list of comments to be taken back to the Task Force Committee for consideration about where we are with the effort and thought to consider while moving forward from here. Lisa wanted to emphasize the reality of gentrification issues, in the northern transition area as well as closer to downtown, and the importance of addressing the issue while developing the plan. She stated that the protection of existing multigenerational families should be discussed at length. Anahid also noted that the Greene Tract should be discussed as well, as a community resource and with respect to the opportunity to provide affordable housing in the area.

Committee members agreed to look through the documents provided and provide additional feedback to Anahid ahead of the next Task Force meeting. Meg noted the opportunity to provide new housing opportunities proximate to Morris Grove Elementary School. She also noted that mobility issues and transportation issues should be given considerable thought in the northern area of town.

It was noted that the next Community wide meeting for the plan will be held in September, at which time a draft of the full comprehensive plan will be presented. There will be another opportunity at that time for advisory boards to offer comments.

- 3. Adjourn:** *Move to adjourn, Meg moves, Ed seconds, Vote: all approve – ADJOURNMENT!*

ADVISORY BOARDS REVIEW

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATES: OCTOBER(2021) 4, 5, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 27

SUBJECT: Review of Carrboro Connects Preliminary Draft Plan

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ No <u>X</u> ___
ATTACHMENTS: A. LINK TO PRELIMINARY DRAFT PLAN https://www.carrboroconnects.org/prelim-draft-plan	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 review the Carrboro Connects Preliminary Draft Plan.

INFORMATION

Having now completed seven Task Force meetings, three Community Workshops, multiple staff reviews, one round of advisory board review and extensive outreach and community engagement, a Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Plan has been written and [posted online](#) for public comment. This draft incorporates feedback provided by advisory boards in May of 2021. The Plan is centered on an overarching foundational framework of racial equity and climate action, and outlines seven topics (Affordable Housing; Climate Action & Environment; Transportation, Green Infrastructure, Energy & Water; Economic Sustainability; Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources; Land Use; and Public Services).

The following terms are used in the document:

- Vision – the big picture of what Carrboro wants to be
- Key Findings -- a summary of facts from past research and plans as well as input gained through the comprehensive planning process. See more information at Carrboro Connects Issues and Opportunity Reports and community engagement summary reports that can be found at <https://www.carrboroconnects.org/documents>
- Metrics -- quantitative objectives that can be measured over time to determine progress toward meeting the plan’s goals. Progress toward these metrics can also be used to refine goals and strategies during plan updates.
- Goal – outcome-focused “what” Carrboro is trying to achieve
- Strategy – “how” Carrboro will achieve the goal
- Project – specific initiatives that will be undertaken to implement the strategy

Advisory Board Review – Advisory boards and commissions should review any Plan elements of topical relevance to that board or commission. The Carrboro Connects Task Force representative on each board/commission will gather and compile information from the review and provide it back to the Carrboro Connects team (staff and consultants).

Commission/Board	Date
Carrboro Tourism Development Authority	Monday, October 4, 2021
Youth Advisory Board	Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee	Thursday, October 7, 2021
Appearance Commission	“ “
Environmental Advisory Board	“ “
Planning Board	“ “
Transportation Advisory Board	“ “
Recreation and Parks Commission	Monday, October 11, 2021
Arts Committee	Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Economic Sustainability Commission	“ “
Stormwater Advisory Commission	Thursday, October 14, 2021
Greenways Commission	Monday, October 18, 2021
Affordable Housing Advisory Commission	Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Racial Equity Commission	Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Human Services Advisory Board	TBD

RECOMMENDATION

Review any Plan elements of topical relevance to your board or commission with an emphasis on identifying the goals and strategies that are most impactful and/or feasible especially in the first five years following adoption. Staff liaisons to each board/commission will gather and compile information from the review and provide it back to the Carrboro Connects team (staff and consultants) in the form of written comments by Friday, October 15, 2021 or as soon as possible following each scheduled meeting.