

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
February 7, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Heidi Perry, Chair
Dave Deming, Vice Chair
John O’Leary
Katie Schwing
Daniel Amoni
Charlie Hileman

STAFF

Adena Messinger

GUESTS

Wayne Henderson Scott Radway
Beth Isenhour Autumn Thoyre
Sonia Frischemeier
Hank Straus

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Tom High

At 7:30 pm, a Joint Development Review meeting preceded the TAB meeting.

I. Call to Order

Heidi Perry called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM.

II. Discussion of the Tilley Farm CUP Concept Plan Review

The TAB was joined by several residents of the Winsome neighborhood as they reviewed the concept plan for the Tilley Farm subdivision. The primary topic of discussion was access to the subdivision from NC54. The residents of the Winsome neighborhood expressed their preference for restricting access to the new subdivision via Winsome Lane. Their concern with creating access to NC54 was that of increased traffic that would result from parents using Winsome Lane as a means to getting to/from the McDougle Middle and Elementary schools, as well as in general providing an alternative connection between HWY and Old Fayetteville Rd.

The TAB members expressed their concern about emergency access and discussed several options that could allow emergency vehicles to access the subdivision from NC54. These include: providing an access road that would allow bike and ped access all of the time and emergency vehicle access only when necessary by erecting bollards to prevent regular access by motor vehicles; investigating the opportunity to create an emergency access via the existing dirt road; including a leg off of the cul-de-sac that is currently shown, which would extend to NC54.

TAB members were also interested in connecting to the planned Morgan Creek greenway.

Scott Radway, the project representative, commented that the site is in the watershed zone and that completing a connection to NC54 would significantly increase the amount of impervious surface on the site.

TAB made the following requests of the applicant:

- Look into providing connectivity to 54 at least for emergency vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.
- Provide a traffic analysis of traffic counts if the road were to connect
- Provide a connection to the Morgan Creek greenway

TAB made the following requests of staff:

- Check the CUP for Winsome regarding connectivity with the unpaved road

III. Transit Forum debrief

Heidi Perry began by commenting that the 2007 forum seemed to be similar to those that have been held in the past; with the exception that there was confusion in communication of the event to the EZ rider community such that there was no representation from them at the forum. John O’Leary commented on a desire to see an improvement in communicating bus schedule information, and he brought as an example the bus schedule from a CAT bus (Raleigh). Charlie Hileman brought up the need to understand the plans for transit with regards to Carolina North and the urgency for Carrboro (and Chapel Hill) to be in conversations about how transit will work with the new campus. TAB members expressed frustration with no apparent long-range planning for the system. Heidi pointed out there will be presentation to the Board of Aldermen on the CHT Long Range Transit plan in March (staff clarified that this will likely be delayed a month or two).

At 9:30 there was a motion to extend the meeting.

A continuation of the debriefing will occur at the next TAB meeting. There was a request to understand the reprint schedule of the route guide and how changes to the schedule are handled.

IV. Committee Liaison report

Staff gave a brief report on the progress of the Greenways Commission and Bike Plan.

V. Nomination of new Chair

Charlie was nominated to serve as the new chair, but he declined for the time being due to his current schedule. Heidi was also nominated to continue serving as chair and accepted, for the time being.

Motion by John O’Leary: To appoint Heidi Perry as the chair of the TAB.

Seconded by Daniel Amoni.

Note: Ayes – 5; Noes – 0; Abstained – 1 (Heidi); Absent – 1 (Tom High)

VI. Other business

Staff shared a citizen complaint about driver behavior towards pedestrian at the Main/Greensboro intersection.

Members shared that there were recent bike accidents at Main and Lloyd and NC54 and Main. Daniel Amoni made a request to discuss the “complete streets” program and how Carrboro might participate in that movement. He also raised the idea of holding a neighborhood meeting for residents along South Greensboro St. to discuss sidewalks.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 21st at 7:30 PM.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM