

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
June 19, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Adena Messinger

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tom High  
Dave Deming, Vice Chair

The TAB meeting was preceded by a courtesy review of the 300 E Main Phase B project.

**I. Call to Order**

Heidi Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:20 PM.

**II. Discussion of 300 E Main Phase B Project**

The TAB had the following comments and questions for the 300 E Main Phase B applicant:

- The applicant should provide a detailed explanation of the anticipated traffic circulation on the site.
- The applicant should provide a detailed explanation of the anticipated pedestrian connection to The Butler, and specifically be able to show the topography and how the two properties are planning to address any differences in topography such that access is not hindered.
- The applicant should provide an explanation of the Transportation Impact Analysis: what the anticipated increase in traffic will be and how that will impact level of service in the downtown.
- If possible, having some type of 3-D visualization would help walk folks through the plan.
- Some suggestions for the hotel, kind of food for thought: a) consider partnering with the Franklin Hotel to provide airport shuttle service, b) consider being a BUB (blue urban bikes) hub.

Additionally there was a desire to see the Lloyd Street extension revisited by the Town. Overall, the TAB remains concerned about the cumulative traffic impacts of the recently proposed and approved downtown projects, and the apparent lack of action being taken to mitigate the impacts.

**III. HSRC Bike/Ped Audit Follow Up**

TAB members Katie Schwing and Heidi Perry joined Carrboro, Chapel Hill, NCDOT and Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC) staff on bike/ped audits as part of an HSRC study. Staff explained that the purpose of the audit was for HSRC and NCDOT staff to hear what local staff and citizens thought about certain downtown areas in terms of bicycle and pedestrian issues. Heidi and Katie shared their experiences and Heidi shared that it was “nothing new” in terms of pointing out areas of concern (for example, the Lloyd Street pedestrian signal timing). Heidi also shared that Kumar Neppalli from Chapel Hill mentioned a signal timing study. Staff was asked to get a copy of the study results. Other TAB members commented on the signal timing along Main Street and commented that if the signals are timed for 20 MPH, why not have a sign that says so.

## **V. Approval of Minutes.**

There were not enough members present who had been at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to approve the minutes.

There was motion by Heidi Perry to approve the June 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by John O'Leary. Minutes approved unanimously.

## **VI. Liaison Report**

Charlie Hileman reported on the status of the bicycle transportation plan. He indicated that he is not sure where it is headed and will keep the TAB apprised of its progress.

## **VII. Other Business.**

Heidi reminded the TAB that they had voted to have Charlie serve as the TAB Chair beginning in August and made a motion to that effect. Motion was seconded by Daniel Amoni and passed unanimously.

Heidi shared that she sent the applicant of "The Butler" links to bicycle rack styles.

Heidi provided some follow up to the concern about bicycling on Old 86 and other rural road in Orange County. She shared that Dale McKeel had looked into the question of signage and found only one other sign option: a sign similar to one that would alert drivers about tractors or deer etc... It would jut have an image of a bicycle.

Charlie reported that Estes Park Apartments have closed off access that had been used by cyclists to get to Umstead Rd., from Pleasant St.

Charlie commented that the speed limit signage on Estes, approaching Greensboro, is poorly placed, and that the speed limit going uphill as you approach Greensboro should be lowered.

Charlie shared that he is in the process of creating a Carrboro transportation wiki as a means to foster discussion about transportation issues in Carrboro.

Heidi stated that she would like to request that the Board liaison to the TAB attend the August joint review meeting for 300 E Main Phase B.

Heidi have a brief review of the Public Transit Committee meeting from June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.**