

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
January 15, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Hileman, Chair
Heidi Perry
Katie Schwing
Austin Brown

STAFF

Adena Messinger

Board of Aldermen Liaison

Dan Coleman (absent)

GUESTS

Jim Melville, applicant for Colleton Crossing CUP
Tim Smith, Phil Post & Associates, engineer for Colleton Crossing CUP

I. Call to Order

Charlie Hileman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

II. Colleton Crossing recommendations with regard to sidewalk/street improvements

Charlie explained that due to citizens' concerns, the TAB will be looking at making a recommendation for sidewalk or street improvements as an additional recommendation for the Board of Aldermen. The TAB discussed the situation where there are two development projects that will jointly have an impact on neighboring streets and that when the connection is made from Colleton Crossing to the Highlands, via the Carolina Commons project, Claymore will most directly experience the impact. Charlie commented on the disconnect between the roads proposed inside the new developments and the roads outside of the developments to which they would connect.

The TAB saw the validity in some of the neighbors' concerns such that new traffic on the existing roads will be generated by the projects and the roadway is where people walk in that neighborhood since there are no sidewalks.

Staff reviewed that the roads in the recently annexed neighborhoods in northern Carrboro have not been taken over by the Town, but that they are still maintained by NCDOT. As such, physical traffic calming devices would not be an option because NCDOT does not allow these devices on state maintained roads. The Town did not take over the roads because they require a certain level of maintenance (resurfacing), for which NCDOT is responsible. Until such maintenance is performed by NCDOT, the Town is not in a position to accept them. It is likely that it will still be several years before these roads are on NCDOT's resurfacing list. Further, it is the Town's intention to accept all of the streets in the annexed area at one time, to avoid confusion of who maintains what.

The TAB asked if requesting the developers to construct a sidewalk on Claymore and possibly Sterling Bridge is an option. Staff replied that the TAB could make that recommendation to the Board of Aldermen; however, the Board will need to consider whether there is a "rational nexus" between the exaction and the impact that is being generated by the development.

Tim Smith, shared with the TAB that the applicant has looked at upgrading the existing section of Reynard Road, from the Colleton Crossing property line to where it intersects with Hound Court,

to the same standards as Reynard would have in the new development (about 200 feet). This section is not on NCDOT's system, nor is it maintained by the Town.

The TAB discussed the possibility of a sidewalk recommendation and decided that from a public health and safety perspective, it is important.

It was moved by Heidi and seconded by Austin that because of the public health and safety impacts to the residents of the existing surrounding neighborhoods, the Transportation Advisory Board recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider having the developers of Colleton Crossing and Carolina Commons pay for construction of sidewalks on Claymore and Sterling Bridge Roads.

VOTE

Ayes: (4 –, Heidi Perry, Katie Schwing, Austin Brown, Charlie Hileman,)

Noes: (0)

Abstained/Excused: (0)

Absent: (Daniel Amoni, Dave Deming)

Heidi requested that staff provide information about the Hannah Street sidewalk (cost, who paid how much).

III. Review of Applications for vacant TAB seats

Austin stated that he wished to be excused from voting on Seth L.'s application as he is Seth's supervisor. The TAB members decided to invite the three applicants to the next meeting, at which time they would discuss the applications. It was requested that the next meeting begin at 7 PM, prior to the joint review meeting, so that the applicants had the option of leaving at 7:30.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Heidi moved and Katie seconded to approve the minutes for November 20, 2008.

VOTE

Ayes: (4 –, Heidi Perry, Katie Schwing, Austin Brown, Charlie Hileman,)

Noes: (0)

Abstained/Excused: (0)

Absent: (Daniel Amoni, Dave Deming)

Heidi moved and Austin seconded to approve the minutes for December 4th, as amended.

VOTE

Ayes: (4 –, Heidi Perry, Katie Schwing, Austin Brown, Charlie Hileman,)

Noes: (0)

Abstained/Excused: (0)

Absent: (Daniel Amoni, Dave Deming)

V. Other Business

The TAB discussed the status of the Safe Routes to School grant applications.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM