

Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 7, 2010, 5:30pm
CCCC Building 2, Conference Room 2
764 West St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Dale Chodorow
Delonda Alexander
Faythe Canson Clark, Chair
Mary Bastin
Philip Bors
Willa Thompson

Non-Voting Members Present

Amber Wagner, Chatham
Transit Network
Michael Fiocco, Pittsboro

Others Present

Barry Maxwell, self
Bea Lee and family
Andrew Cardman, Pro-paving
Jacqueline and Stephen Katz,
self
Several members of the public
that did not sign in
Justin Bullock, NCDOT
Brian Bock, Chatham County
Melissa Guilbeau, staff

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Faythe Canson Clark called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. She
- 3 introduced new Chatham County Commissioner Brian Bock.
- 4 Ms. Clark noted a change in the order of agenda items, taking item #5 first and then proceeding with
- 5 the other items.

Action Items

- 6 5. Make recommendation to BOC on NCDOT Secondary Roads Projects for FY 2009-2011
- 7 Ms. Clark thanked members of the public for attending and asked that anyone wishing to speak
- 8 please form a line. The following comments were given:
 - 9 • Tom Peterson stated that Jay Shambley is unsafe and needs to be paved. He noted that there
 - 10 are four housing developments that access the road, which has increased density along the
 - 11 section that NCDOT proposes to pave. He stated that he was almost hit while driving on two
 - 12 occasions due to dust and he reiterated the public comments made at the October 26, 2010 TAB
 - 13 meeting. He noted that NCDOT's ranking puts Jay Shambley as a high priority to be paved.
 - 14 • Andrew Cardman stated that he has two young daughters that like to play outside and that not
 - 15 all drivers on Jay Shambley are courteous; rocks get thrown when some drive down the road.
 - 16 He would like to see Jay Shambley paved to improve quality of life and be able to ride a bicycle.
 - 17 • Bea Lee stated that she lives in Shambley Meadows and that vehicles cut through her
 - 18 subdivision to and from Jay Shambley Rd. She wants to see Jay Shambley paved.

19 • Barry Maxwell stated that Jay Shambley is too narrow and that it is unsafe for two vehicles to
20 pass each other.

21 Delonda Alexander asked whether paving the road would lead to more traffic and higher travel
22 speeds. Members of the public responded.

23 Justin Bullock from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) answered a number
24 of questions, as follows. He explained the term “Rural Hold”. He noted that it would likely be
25 sometime next year when Jay Shambley would be paved since NCDOT must complete prior paving
26 projects before proceeding with new projects. He stated that NCDOT would do its best to notify
27 residents in advance of paving work, but that residents are also welcome to contact his office. He
28 stated that the speed limit on Jay Shambley after it is paved would likely be 55 mph, but that a
29 speed study to potentially reduce the speed limit can be requested by anyone. He noted that
30 calcium chloride could be applied to Jay Shambley to reduce dust levels, but that this is a costly
31 option. He stated that NCDOT will evaluate the design of the road before paving it.

32 Dale Chodorow moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve NCDOT’s proposed
33 secondary roads resolution, with the following modification: Jay Shambley Rd, currently Priority
34 No. 6, should be Priority No. 1; Evans Chapel Rd, currently Priority No. 5, should be Priority No. 2;
35 and the remaining projects should then continue in their current priority order. Ms. Alexander
36 seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

37 2. Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2010 Regular Meeting

38 Ms. Alexander moved to approve October’s meeting minutes. Philip Bors seconded the motion.
39 The minutes were approved.

40 3. Set Schedule of Regular Meetings for calendar year 2011

41 Ms. Clark referred to the attachment that showed a draft meeting schedule for calendar year 2011.
42 The draft schedule would continue the current pattern of meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each
43 month, noting that the November meeting would occur during the week of Thanksgiving and the
44 December meeting on a County holiday. Mr. Bors made a motion that the draft meeting schedule
45 be adopted as proposed, with the modification that instead of a meeting on November 22 and
46 December 27, there will be a meeting on December 6, for a total of 11 scheduled meetings.
47 Ms. Alexander seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

48 4. Appoint TAB member to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update Steering Committee

49 Melissa Guilbeau gave a brief background of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update and what
50 might be expected of Steering Committee members. She noted that she had not heard from any
51 members not in attendance about their interest in serving on the committee. After discussion,
52 Mr. Bors, Mr. Chodorow and Amber Wagner expressed an interest in serving. The group agreed that
53 Mr. Bors will serve as the TAB representative and that he will give notice to the TAB when he cannot
54 attend a Steering Committee meeting so that an alternate can attend.

55 **Information & Discussion**

56 6. Strategic Plan Subcommittee working session

57 Mr. Bors gave an update on the status of the Strategic Plan. He went through the draft, including
58 introductory and current conditions chapters.

59 Mr. Bors then led a discussion of goals and strategies for the Plan. He also noted that it would be
60 ideal to also have indicators eventually. Potential goals and strategies include:

- 61 • Support the development of communities where residents have viable alternatives to the single-
62 occupant vehicle.
- 63 • Support a public transportation system that is safe, affordable, reliable, barrier-free, convenient
64 and regional.
- 65 • Be involved in the process of developing and implementing the Transportation Improvement
66 Program.
- 67 • Be more involved in policy matters and development.
- 68 • Encourage public participation in all transportation decision-making.
- 69 • Review the county's ordinances and regulations related to transportation, looking for
70 opportunities for improvement.
- 71 • Support the development of a county Bike Plan.
- 72 • Actively engage in the update of the county's Land Use Plan.
- 73 • Actively engage and serve as the Stakeholder Committee for the Comprehensive Transportation
74 Plan.
- 75 • Public education related to commuting to high cluster areas such as UNC or Siler City.
- 76 • Be involved in long-range planning.
- 77 • Coordinate transportation services by working with existing providers.
- 78 • Address environmental aspects of transportation by monitoring air quality and health.
- 79 • Support job creation and access to education and job training, and collaborate with agencies
80 providing these services.

81 The group discussed the relationship of the TAB to the Board of Commissioners and the influence
82 that should have on the formulation of goals and strategies. Ms. Clark noted that one role of the
83 TAB should be to identify best practices from other communities. Mr. Chodorow stated that he
84 would like to start by identifying the "problems" in transportation and then build goals from those
85 problem statements. Mr. Bors stated that the subcommittee had drafted current conditions but had
86 not produced a "so what" section that would identify problem areas from the current conditions.

87 Willa Thompson asked about ridership on the Chapel Hill Transit PX route.

88 Mr. Bors clarified that the subcommittee will work on developing problem statements based on the
89 current conditions. The subcommittee will also work to refine the goals and strategies. Mary Bastin
90 stated that she was very supportive of the subcommittee's work.

91 7. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee

92 Ms. Guilbeau gave an update on the draft STIP, county Bike Plan, Pittsboro Comprehensive
93 Transportation Plan (CTP) and Chatham Transit Network Siler City Shuttle. She noted that a public
94 input session for the Pittsboro CTP is tentatively scheduled for January 6, 2011.

95 8. Announcements and New Business

96 There were no announcements or new business.

97 9. Adjourn

98 Ms. Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Thompson seconded. Meeting was adjourned at

99 7:10pm.

100 Next Meeting: January 25, 2010 at 5:30pm in the Agricultural Building Auditorium