

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 24, 2012, 5:30pm
Agricultural Building Auditorium
45 South St., Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Buddy Denise
Dale Chodorow
Chuck Gillis
Keith Gerarden
Dennis Geiser
Sharon Barnett
David Bordsen, Secretary
Philip Bors, Vice Chair

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek
Michael Fiocco

Others Present

Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
Melissa Guilbeau, staff
Matthew Cecil, Chapel Hill
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- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
2 Mr. Bors called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

- 3 2. Public Comment
4 No one from the general public provided comment.

5 Action Items

- 6 3. Approval of Minutes from the December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting
7 Mr. Geiser moved to approve the December meeting minutes with no changes. Mr. Chodorow
8 seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved with no dissent.

9 Information and Discussion

- 10 4. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), by Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
11 Mr. Merithew advised the Committee that the survey is now available online and the discussion
12 focused on maximizing public involvement by taking the survey. The Committee discussed various
13 means to announce to Chatham County residents that their input is sought, such as via Chatham
14 Chatlist, Chatham News, posting paper copies of the survey as well as notices advertising the online
15 version at the public library, at CCCC and other venues. Various members will contact the library,
16 CCCC, the Town of Pittsboro, various utility companies, the Town of Siler City, press releases, posting
17 flyers in Chapel Hill Transit buses, various Chatham non-profit agencies, neighborhood Homeowner
18 Associations, and so forth. Up to 500 printed copies of the survey will be provided by the County
19 Planning Department, possibly other contributors.

20 Mr. Merithew will collect and collate the survey data and provide the results to the TAC, later to be
21 disseminated for public comment, possibly via some social media outlet to promote/provoke public
22 comment.

23 5. Continuation of Carpooling Discussion

24 TAC members have drafted a bilingual flyer which describes shared and mass-transportation options
25 in the county. Mr. Chodorow reported that the flyer has been printed and is ready for distribution
26 at venues such the public library, CCCC, County Courthouse, various county agencies, commuter
27 parking lots, employment centers (UNC, NC Memorial Hospital, etc.). The Committee thanked those
28 members who helped with this project and especially Mr. Chodorow for involving his personal
29 accounts in getting the flyers printed quickly at a good rate. Members took packets of the flyers to
30 distribute.

31 6. Update from Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee (BPS)

32 The Subcommittee met for the first time on January 19, 2012. Subsequent meetings will take place
33 at 6:30 p.m. at the CCCC library on the Thursday before monthly TAC meetings. Sharon Barnett is
34 Chairperson, Chuck Gillis Co-Chair. The main issue taken up by BPS is how to focus on bike and
35 pedestrian issues affecting Chatham County, how to identify and prioritize those issues, to identify
36 other pertinent issues which may be taken up by the Board of County Commissioners
37 (e.g. sidewalk/funding issues, 'Safe Routes to School") and ensuring that bike and pedestrian issues
38 are part of the final CTP.

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

40 Ms. Guilbeau has been contacted by the MPO to request more participation from Chatham County
41 at the MPO meetings in Durham. Ideally at least one member of the BoC should actively participate.
42 Mr. Bors will contact Commissioner Bock to urge participation from the Board. There were no
43 updates provided on behalf of the Executive Committee.

44 8. Announcements and New Business

- 45 (a) Mr. Chodorow related that Mary Bastin, a charter member of the TAB (now the TAC) has died.
- 46 (b) Mr. Bors will undertake a review of the TAC Strategic Plan to consider any updates to the Plan.
- 47 No other new business was addressed.

48 9. Adjournment

49 Next meeting: February 28, 2012 at 5:30pm in the Agricultural Building Auditorium in Pittsboro