

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
March 6, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Heidi Perry, Chair  
Dave Demming, Vice Chair  
Tom High  
John O'Leary  
Katie Schwing  
Daniel Amoni  
Charlie Hileman

**STAFF**

Adena Messinger

**GUESTS**

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Sarah Peach

**I. Call to Order**

Heidi Perry called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**II. Discussion of letter to Chapel Hill Transit**

Heidi Perry recommended that this item be moved to the next meeting since the letter was not yet complete. Several members provided input on what they would like to see in the letter, including:

- specific requests of what Carrboro would like to see (for example, weekend and evening buses between Carrboro and Chapel Hill);
- that there should be concrete follow up to the Transit Forum;
- that this is an opportunity to exert Carrboro's voice, especially with respect to the development of Carolina North

Discussion of the draft letter will be on the agenda for March 20.

**III. Spanish bicycle flyer**

The discussion first centered on how to best reach the Spanish speaking community. Ideas that were offered include:

- At area churches
- Through their children
- Through other social groups
- At local festivals (Carrboro Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, etc...)
- The really free market
- Signs on buses
- Hiring students to go door to door

It was suggested that perhaps the Carrboro and Chapel Hill advisory boards could collaborate on this effort. Heidi offered to contact the Chapel Hill bike/ped board.

Members also brought up that overall bicycle education is needed. One idea was to post smaller road signs directed to cyclists; another idea was to revisit the ability to do a bike light give-away.

Heidi also offered to contact NCDOT to see about Spanish materials.

**IV. Ardmore Walkabout**

On the morning of March 6<sup>th</sup> the Town held a walkabout for the Ardmore development, located off of Homestead Road across from Stratford Drive (not adjacent to the road but back a little).

John O’Leary and Katie Schwing participated in the walk and gave a brief description of their experiences. Overall, not much to report at this time.

[Tom High arrived].

#### **V. Liaison report**

Tom High, liaison to the Greenways Commission, gave a brief report on the commission’s March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The commission is working on getting the RFQ for a consultant to work on Morgan Creek trail. Tom shared the possibility of an effort to combine the greenway funds currently dedicated to Morgan and Bolin Creek Trail, to focus on construction of the Morgan Creek trail, given the increase in costs since the time the projects were proposed. Regarding the Bolin Creek trail, the commission is still in discussion about the trail surface and the specific location of the trail.

At this time Tom requested information about the acreage of the Public Works property as well as the floodplain information for that property.

#### **VI. NCDOT 1-on-1 Meeting**

Staff gave a summary of the March 4<sup>th</sup> 1-on-1 meeting with NCDOT. The meeting is an opportunity for the officials of the communities in Division 7 to bring up anything from the proposed STIP that they would like to address with the Transportation Board representative and NCDOT. For Carrboro, the only request was that the sidewalk/bike lane project for Old Fayetteville Road (U-3100B) be fully funded and accelerated.

#### **VII. Approval of Minutes.**

There was motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2008.

Moved: Daniel Amoni

Second: Charlie Hileman

Vote: Ayes-7; Nays – 0

#### **VIII. Other Business**

There was request for a pedestrian signal at the intersection of BPW Club Road and Smith Level Road, to facilitate crossing of Smith Level Road. There is a bus stop just south of the intersection that gets a lot of traffic from residents who live on the other side of SLR and must cross to catch the bus.

There was a request that the pedestrian signal at Lloyd and Main be checked out, because it does not seem to be responsive to pushing the button.

Staff will make the requests to Chapel Hill and NCDOT.

#### **IX. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.**