

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 17, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Pcolar, Chair
David Swan
Lenore Jones-Peretto (late arrival)
Elyse Keefe

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

COUNCIL LIAISON

Barbara Foushee

STAFF PRESENT

Trish McGuire

GUESTS PRESENT

None

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order around 7:43 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes (February 3, 2022)

Motion was made by Swan, to approve the February 3rd minutes with edit identified by Pcolar regarding bicycle advocacy groups referenced on page 2; second by Keefe. Motion passes unanimously (Keefe, Swan, Pcolar).

III. Action and Discussion Items

1. Action & Discussion Items. Congratulations to Zachary and Victoria Hallock on the birth of their daughter!

- Upcoming Agenda Items/Events

- Development Projects anticipated for review – Spring/Fall 2022
 - Special Use Permits (201 N Greensboro, ArtsCenter, South Green)
- Amendments—Map & Text
 - Rezoning-conditional/conventional (1307 W Main, South Green)
 - Text amendments (steps/stairs in setbacks, 160D adjustments)
- Carrboro Connects Implementation
 - Transportation Mobility Chapter
 - Review of LUO relating to streets/bike-ped/transit/ADA
 - Outreach/Small area plan(s)
- Bike Plan Implementation
 - TDM Activities – outreach, Open Streets Event (April 3rd)
 - Bike Month Activities (May)
 - Bicycle Friendly Community – Application
- Walk to School Day Events-October
 - Walking School Bus programs

TAB members requested to receive an email with the dates of the upcoming events.

- Review/discussion of transportation topics and possible training needs

Staff provided the following outline of transportation topics to consider in relation to TAB capacity/familiarity and whether there were any training needs or resources that could be provided to support the board's work:

Familiarity with Transportation Plans/Programs

Updated 2020 Bike Plan

Safe Routes to School Plan

Transportation Funding Sources/Prioritization Process

Comfort with Comprehensive plan – Transportation & Mobility Chapter

Knowledge of Planning Matters

Familiarity with planning concepts/LUO

Review of Development applications/Amendments

Board capacity

Membership/vacancy [7/4]

Officer Elections

Meeting Management/Comfort discussing/voting in public meeting setting

Would training be helpful? What topics/what formats?

Reading assignments/Powerpoints

Discussion.

TAB members requested where they could obtain the latest summary/status of ongoing and upcoming projects, especially some of the Bike Plan update's priority projects.

Members navigated to the Projects Report on the Town website at [Current Town Projects \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com). The report is updated every other month and summarizes information on many updates provided to the Town Council in a Transportation Update provided approximately every quarter. The next report to Town Council is anticipated for April.

The status of a Parking Study, undertaken to update the parking data collected for the 2017 Parking Plan, was summarized in response to a question on the status of addressing parking. Information on this project is also included under the Plans/Studies tab in the Projects Report.

The possibility of recruiting prospective members to participate in the TAB and Safe Routes to Schools at the Open Streets event on April 3rd was noted, as was including information on the work that is underway on the priority projects in the Bike Plan. Could there be a regular line item for bike /ped access included in the budget to address small projects quickly? The temperature among cyclists in town is that the Town doesn't do anything and cyclists don't care if it is intentional or an oversight. Feel there is no action, that there is no enforcement, that there is extensive speeding and insufficient bike infrastructure, that the bike lanes are not kept clear, that repairs are not made when they are found. Examples relating to conditions related to new homes connecting to utilities

and disrupting the pavement in bike lanes was noted. The work order system Public Works uses was noted. It was suggested that better communication about projects, especially those with longer time frames, would help so that the community would know how long things take to accomplish.

Are priorities changing at the MPO level due to ARPA and infrastructure funding? MPO staff have provided some orientation and we are exploring. Does the charge of the TAB fit in with the actions of the group? TAB members are not sure how and where they have a voice or are advocates – they feel more reactive rather than proactive.

Feel it is important to provide better bus connections, especially north of Homestead Road where there are not good pedestrian connections towards downtown. That there is a role and a need for bicycle advocacy, especially around implementing the bike plan where transit is not provided and where alternative modes of transportation (to driving) are needed to connect. That changes to make it safe to get places without a care safely are needed. Do not believe transit will be provided because of density of community. Current conditions don't show that we really care about safety or community being able to bike/get around without vehicles. At a minimum, the need for a handicapped extension bus in the Lake Hogan Farms area was noted.

Staff noted that the TAB had previously held a transit summit every other year (alternating with the Transportation Board in Chapel Hill).

Referring to Carrboro Connects, the need for metrics to be defined, so as to understand targets and measure increases/decreases in actions was noted. Staff noted that the Town Council had decided in its worksession on draft plan edits to include these as 'What We Measure' as opposed to performance-type metrics.

Current chair Pcolar noted that he would like to see more people on the TAB and that he would be leaving the TAB as his term was coming to an end. Due to changing work circumstances, he had not sought reappointment. Staff will confirm whether new officers must be selected at this time. Pcolar indicated that he would serve until more members were appointed to the TAB. There are currently four vacant seats and two applicants have attended a recent meeting. Staff will check with new Town Clerk, Wesley Barker, on the schedule for applicants being brought to the Town Council for consideration/appointments.

Staff thanked the TAB for comments and indicated that feedback on training needs or other resources will assist in planning support for the TAB in the year ahead.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned around 9:26 pm.