

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
January 7, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Hileman, Chair
Austin Brown
Heidi Perry
Daniel Amoni
Seth LaJeunesse
Michael Krasnov
Robin Michler

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Brubaker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sammy Slade, Alderman

GUESTS PRESENT

Neil Mochel
Anthony Pergolotti

I. Call to Order

Charlie Hileman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

II. Approval of minutes

MOTION (Perry, Brown second): TAB approved the December 3, 2009, meeting minutes. Ayes (7): Hileman, Brown, Perry, Amoni, LaJeunesse, Krasnov, Michler. Nays (0). Abstain (0). Absent (0).

III. 2010 calendar of topics and events

Two advisory board applicants, Mr. Neil Mochel and Mr. Anthony Pergolotti, introduced themselves and gave brief backgrounds of their interest in the TAB and transportation in Carrboro.

Brubaker presented the 2010 calendar as a document used for scheduling issues TAB members wanted to cover during the year and local transportation-related events. Hileman suggested having an online TAB calendar. Brubaker said he would check with Andy Vogel, IT director.

IV. Pedestrian activity on N. Greensboro St.

Brown presented more information on the St. Petersburg, FL, case study of crosswalk improvements. The city achieved a substantial improvement in vehicle stop rates. The sign-mounted warning beacons used by St. Petersburg are approved in MUTCD, which is good leverage for future discussions with NCDOT. Brown said he also had information on capital and maintenance costs for the improvements.

TAB discussed how to move forward with the project, and there was general consensus on inviting NCDOT staff to a meeting in the spring. Brown proposed a 30-minute walk/site visit followed by a meeting and presentation of the video footage of pedestrian activity. Perry suggested leaving out the walk, citing a past walk that left NCDOT uninspired to make a change because it coincidentally fell on a UNC break when there wasn't much pedestrian traffic. Brubaker said he will contact NCDOT to set up a meeting.

Brubaker presented a note sheet on some relevant changes in the MUTCD 2009 edition related to bicycle and pedestrian planning.

V. Staff report

Brubaker presented on the Long Range Transit Plan, the rescission, and greenways. Michler gave an overview of the December Greenways Commission meeting, including the Bolin Creek Greenway alignment. TAB discussed the creekside alignment and recent citizen concern with it.

There was a brief discussion of the 1225 Cottage Homes development and the Bicycle Friendly Community program of the League of American Bicyclists. Several members asked when to reapply to BFC and there was discussion of what needed to be done to get to the next level.

VI. Other business

Perry brought up the Long Range Transit Plan public meeting in Chapel Hill on Jan. 12. Brubaker mentioned the opportunity to hold a bike event with the potential support of a bike grant through Specialized Bicycles and the Clean Machine. The grant would require a 50 percent match. Brown asked Brubaker to find out how much the Town is willing to commit for an event.

Amoni said he would like to see the TAB discuss in 2010 reducing the Town-wide speed limit to 25 MPH. Reduced speed limits and "slow down" signs at Town entranceways could make the Town overall more bike- and ped-friendly.

TAB discussed the Davie-Jones Ferry intersection. Hileman said that there was no justification for Jones Ferry being four lanes there and that the Town should have an alternative plan ready.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.