

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 2, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Pcolar, Chair
Lenore Jones-Peretto
David Swan

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT

Damon Seils

STAFF PRESENT

Trish McGuire

GUESTS PRESENT

Andrea Tanner
Dan Jewell
Heather Washburn

II. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at the conclusion of the Joint Review segment of the meeting, at approximately 8:20 pm. The meeting was being held via Zoom videoconference.

III. Approval of Minutes (February 16, 2023)

A motion was made by Jones-Peretto to approve the February 16, 2023, minutes and seconded by Swan. Motion passed unanimously (Jones-Peretto, Pcolar, Swan).

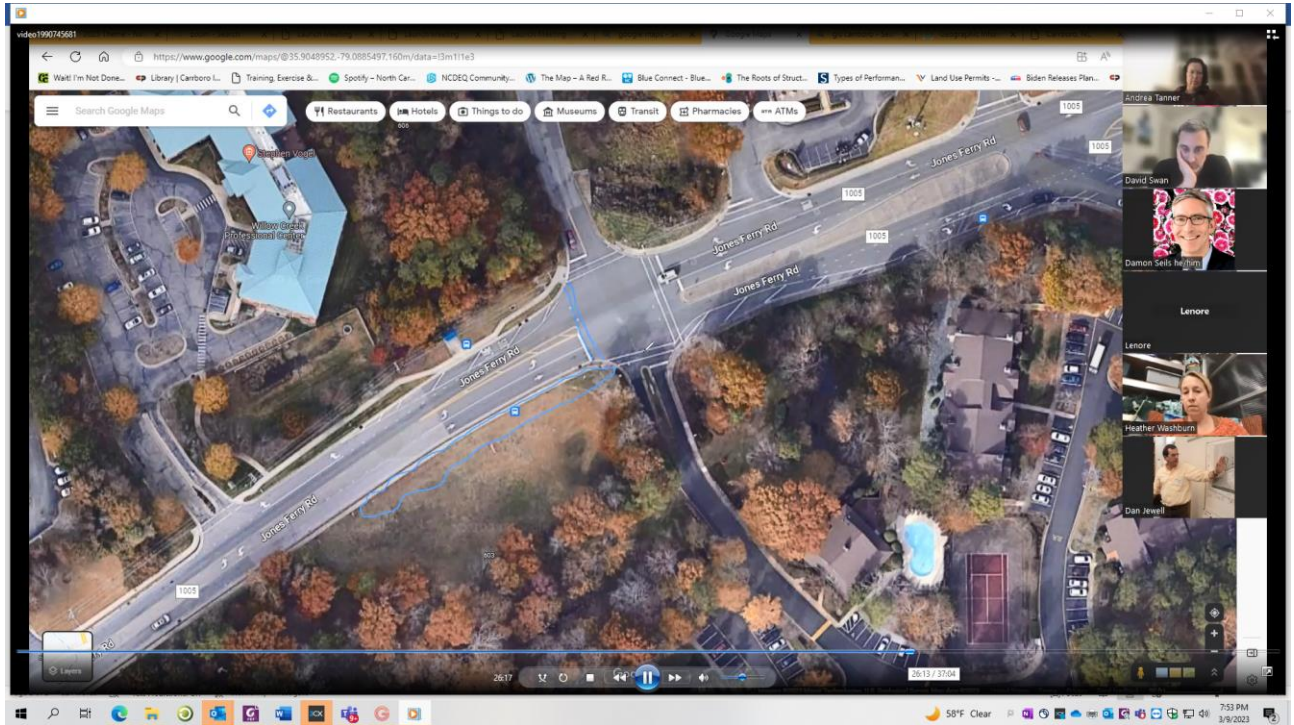
IV. WELCOME PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Members welcomed Andrea Tanner, applicant to the SRTS subcommittee of the TAB. Tanner reported that she had been a resident of Carrboro for 10years, formerly served on the Human Services Advisory Board, and had three children in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

V. Action & Discussion Items

- Concept Plan for 603 Jones Ferry Road
- Members discussed the proposed project, noting support for the addition of units to the previously approved project design, the inclusion of e-bikes and charging infrastructure, the interest in a bus shelter, the secure storage for bikes. The members were encouraging of the overall concept and design. Members identified some additional areas that could be considered, including a zipcar or similar shared car ownership/use model. The possibility that the zipcar, and perhaps overflow parking, could be located at Willow Creek Shopping Center or Willow Creek Office Building was explored. Members also expressed some trepidation about the location of the driveway access on the uphill portion of the property, not in alignment with the traffic signal, particularly that it was located in such a way that travelers heading west, especially those on bikes, would have to cross multiple lanes of traffic to enter.
- Members encouraged the design team to ride bikes to the property and in the area to experience this and to consider ways to make a safer entrance for bikes as well as pedestrians walking home with shopping bags, looking carefully at the topography and considering a possible access from

the property corner shared with Ashbrook Apartments. Members noted the presence of separated bike lanes further to the east and that other improvements/narrowing would be beneficial. Staff noted that, in advance of a planned NCDOT resurfacing in 2023/24, the Town was working on plans to remove a west-bound travel lane from the east side of the overpass through to the entrance to Willow Creek and replace it with a protected bike lane. This is a priority project in the Town’s Bike Plan. Members considered whether a bike box and a crosswalk (added on the west side of the intersection) would be a treatment that could be used at the traffic signalized intersection to allow bikes to move to the south side of Jones Ferry Road and perhaps a sidepath could be included and allow bikes easier access to the bike parking area. See illustration below.



Heather Washburn, owner and architect, and Dan Jewell, site planner, joined the meeting and discussed these concepts, noting that the stream crossing and a sign easement owned by Ashbrook Apartments limited access options off the apartments’ driveway and that the previous project’s design team had reached out seeking to gain access from that location and had been unsuccessful. Other possible improvements noted were a roundabout and road diet, likely larger projects that would be beyond the scope of the development of this site, and perhaps a bus shelter in partnership with Chapel Hill Transit.

Members thanks the presenters for their time, for this concept and noted their excitement.

VI. Adjourn

Having completed all of the items on the agenda, a motion to adjourn was made by Swan, seconded by Jones-Peretto and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:02 pm.