

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 1, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lenore Jones-Peretto, Chair
Elyse Keefe
David Swan
David Salvesen

STAFF PRESENT

Ben Berolzheimer

GUESTS PRESENT

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT

Damon Seils

II. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at the conclusion of the Joint Review segment of the meeting, at approximately 8:00 pm. The Joint Review meeting included a presentation on the proposed text amendment to the Land Use Ordinance relating to Complete Streets.

III. Approval of Minutes (March 16, 2023)

Motion was made by Keefe to approve the March 16, 2023, minutes, and seconded by Jones-Peretto. Motion passed unanimously (Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Salvesen, Swan; Plenge and Sailer were not in attendance).

IV. Action & Discussion Items

- **Officer Elections**

Swan made a motion to nominate Jones-Peretto to serve as chair; Salvesen seconded the motion. Motion was made by Jones-Peretto to nominate Keefe as vice chair; Swan seconded the motion. TAB members voted on the slate, which passed unanimously by those in attendance (Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Salvesen, Swan; Plenge and Sailer were absent).

- **Proposed Text Amendment Relating to Complete Streets**

TAB members discussed the proposed text amendment noting the need to:

- Acknowledge people in wheelchairs, strollers, all people where we mention bicyclists and pedestrians People walking, riding, or rolling
- Make sure it is easy to find sidewalk widths
- Add high school for the paragraph relating to the safe routes to school program

Motion was made by Keefe and seconded by Swan that the Transportation Advisory Board recommends that the Town Council adopt the draft ordinance with the following recommendations:

1. The text should include language to include people using wheelchairs and users of mobility aides and other road users wherever pedestrians and cyclists are mentioned.
2. In the reference to “school-age children” in 15-209(a)(9) the text should explicitly include high school students since they are not typically included as part of the Safe Routes to School program.

VOTE:

AYES: (4) Swan, Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Salvesen

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (2) Plenge, Sailer

Associated Findings

Motion was made by Swan and seconded by Salvesen that the Transportation Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed map amendment is consistent with the Town of Carrboro 2022- 2042 Comprehensive Plan, Transportation and Mobility Goal 2, and associate strategies below:

Goal 2: Continue to expand the transportation system to provide at least one non-automobile option (walking, biking, and transit) for every neighborhood to be usable for a variety of trip purposes.

- Strategy 2.2: Continue to create safe streets and trail networks for pedestrians, bike riders, and transit riders. Particularly, Provision A - Develop a complete streets policy statement that incorporates and implements a vision zero policy.
- Strategy 3.1: Expand opportunities for transportation options that do not rely on fossil fuel- powered, single occupancy vehicles.
- And the related strategies & projects noted in the crossover section with the Land Use Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan to evaluate and make revisions to Town Standards for Street Design, and to update the requirements in Article XIV of the Land Use Ordinance, Streets and Sidewalks, relating to street width, sidewalks, ROW width, shoulder width, and other design features.

Furthermore, the Transportation Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed text amendment, is reasonable and in the public interest because of the underlying focus of increasing public safety.

VOTE:

AYES: (4) Swan, Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Salvesen

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (2) Plenge, Sailer

- **SUP-A for Jade Creek Architecturally Integrated Subdivision at 8522 Old NC 86**
The Transportation Advisory Board concurred in full with the staff's findings and recommendations.

Swan motioned to recommend that the Town Council approve the Special Use Permit application. Salvesen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE:

AYES: (4) Swan, Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Salvesen

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (2) Plenge, Sailer

- **Proposed Conditional Rezoning to R-3-CZ for 820 & 904 Homestead Road and 310 Lucas Lane**

After discussion, TAB members made the following notes to be incorporated as additional comments into the recommendation:

- Adhere to the Town’s connector roads policy and implement traffic calming.
- Concern about ADA accessibility for the boardwalk and materials that are durable, and have sufficient traction for all users.
- Wherever cyclists and pedestrians are noted, language should be added to make it clear that facilities for wheel chair users and other mobility aides should also be provided.
- Consider safer entry on to wheelchair.

Motion was made by Swan and seconded by Keefe that the Transportation Advisory Board recommends that the Town Council adopt the draft ordinance with the following recommendations:

1. Consider narrower street widths to prompt slower vehicle speeds in the neighborhood.
2. The TAB is concerned with the language in Condition 6 that the term “cost prohibitive” is too vague and should be further defined.
3. The TAB is concerned with sightlines for westbound traffic on Homestead Road approaching the proposed new intersection. Specific concerns relate to vehicles turning left both into, and out of, the proposed development. The TAB asks that the applicant address those concerns.
4. All infrastructure intended for bicyclists and pedestrians, including the boardwalk, should also be constructed to meet mobility needs of those in wheelchairs or using mobility aides.
5. In agreement with Condition 5, the TAB recommends adhering to the Town’s connector roads policy.

VOTE:

AYES: (4) (Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Swan, Salvesen

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

ABSENT/EXCUSED (2) Plenge, Sailer

Associated Findings

By a unanimous show of hands, the Transportation Advisory Board membership indicated that no members have any financial interests, nor any close familial, business or other associational relationship to the landowner of the property subject to the rezoning petition that would pose a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Swan and seconded by Keefe that the Transportation Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed map amendment is consistent with the Town of Carrboro 2022-2042 Comprehensive Plan, particularly:

- Affordable Housing Strategies to increase the number of size limited homes for purchase or rent, under 1.1, 2.3, 3.1 and 4.4.;
- Transportation & Mobility Strategies to identify sidewalks along development and design/construct, such as project 2.2;
- Land Use Strategies – to continue to increase residential density in Transition Area 1 and along key transportation corridors in a way that is compatible and interconnects with existing neighborhoods.

The Transportation Advisory Board furthermore finds that the above described amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it uses a mechanism that allows rezonings to occur under very specific conditions so as to ensure compatibility with surrounding and proposed uses.

VOTE:

AYES: (4) (Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Swan, Salvesen

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

ABSENT/EXCUSED (2) Plenge, Sailer

V. Adjourn

Having completed all of the items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm.