



Town of Carrboro Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee

NTAAC
Thursday February 6, 2020
MINUTES
7:30pm, Town of Carrboro Town Hall

Committee Members: Amy Jeroloman, Anahid Vrana, Deb Rich (absent), Rachel Dirito (absent), Meg McGurk

Staff Present: Jeff Kleaveland

Board Liaison: Susan Romaine (absent)

Guests: Lisa Brown (citizen), Ed Witkin (prospective member).

1. Joint Review Presentations – NTAAC listened to the following:

- a. Mobi Award Presentation from NCDOT. Zack Hallock, the Town's Transportation planner put in a plug for the Town's Rogers Road sidewalk project as a good candidate for a Mobi Award (from NCDOT). The committee was given the information on how to vote for this project.
 - i. Staff has forwarded web links to the NTAAC.
- b. Climate Plan Implementation Update. Laura Janway, the Town's Sustainability Coordinator, gave an update regarding the Town's Climate Action Plan Implementation.
 - i. Staff will forwarded web links to the NTAAC.

2. Amy called the meeting to order.

- a. *The meeting commenced.*

3. Joint Review discussion

- a. *There were no action items for these items but the committee broadly discussed the topics of Transportation and Climate Action. Chief among the sustainability topics was the lack of bicycle connectivity and safe routes in the NTA (this is a familiar subject to the NTAAC). Ms. Brown mentioned that the majority of her acquaintances in the area already practice composting. Amy wondered if she would be eligible to receive one of the Town's nifty compost buckets (staff will look into this). There was some discussion of the Green Neighborhoods Initiative as well. The NTAAC will likely review these subjects again in the future.*
- b. *Amy requested an update on the Traffic Study that was associated with the Zinn's Flex project.*

4. Minutes Approval

- a. *The committee review and approved the NTAAC minutes from the past 9/5/19 and 7/18/19 NTAAC meetings. Move to approve Vrana, second McGurk, Vote: unanimous in favor. Minutes approved.*

5. Committee Transitions, membership, etc.

- a. *The group discussed the current membership situation with the committee. Amy's term is over as of February whereupon the Vice Chair, Anahid Vrana will fulfill the roll as chair. There was some discussion of the membership policy including the possibility of transferring unused term time from members resigning before their terms expire (Rachel Dirito). Mr. Witkin will be applying for a position in the NTAAC.*

- b. Ms. Brown was asked if she is interested in becoming a committee member. She is considering the idea. She also mentioned that she thought John Gant might be promising candidate. There was general discussion about the recurring issues of interest to the NTAAC (bike lanes, traffic problems, etc.); these items were mentioned to illustrate to Mr. Witkin and possibly Ms. Brown that the NTAAC's roll includes steadily representing a part of Town that often is overlooked in the busy day to day operations of the Town Council. Mr. Witkin's property is adjacent to the Town Property located off of Old NC 86.*
- c. The time demands of the committee membership was discussed. Staff reminded the group that there have not been a lot of items recommended for review by the group in the past year so several meetings were cancelled. The one item that was especially time consuming was the FLEX rezoning proposal. Since this project was withdrawn, the time demands are back to normal. Amy reminded the group of the requirement to present to the County Commissioners annually in March every year. This is a time to continue to inform the Commissioners of ongoing concerns in the NTA.*
- d. NTAAC membership matters are managed through the Town Clerk, so any questions regarding hours transfers or applications for new members should be directed to her Cathy Dorando who can be reached at CDorando@townofcarrboro.org.*

6. Old/New Business:

- a. Apropos of the withdrawn FLEX proposal, the ecological importance of Meadow Flats was discussed and there was some question as to how this area could be more prominently represented going forward. Staff will look into this situation and get back to the group. Ms. Brown mentioned that she thought it likely that Duke would continue to purchase adjacent properties to expand their research station.*

7. Adjourn:

- a. Move to adjourn, Vrana moves, all approve – ADJOURNMENT!*