



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of the February 5, 2013 Meeting

6:00 PM

Administrative Services Building

130 Blythe Drive

Indian Trail, NC 28027

Attendees:

Roland Geoffroy, Chair

Mike Knight

Dan Jencka

Chip Long

Michelle Simmons

Adam McLamb, Civil Engineer I

Keith Sorensen, Staff Liaison

Absent:

Amanda Alfaro, Vice Chair

Approval of December Minutes

Public Comment

Project Updates

2013 Projects

Social Media Campaign

General Discussion/Topics for next meeting

Adjourn

I. Introductory Business

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM and the minutes for the Dec 2012 meeting were approved without revisions.
- There was no public comment this meeting.

II. Project Updates

- *Rogers Rd.*: Sidewalk will be installed on the south side of Rogers Rd. for nearly the whole length of the roadway.
- *Unionville-Indian Trail Rd*: 2 miles of sidewalk will be installed along this roadway. Boggs Paving won the bid. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring.
- *Poplin Rd*: This sidewalk project is complete with the exception of DOT installing the flashing crosswalk signal.
- *Chestnut Parkway*: The first segment of the Chestnut Lane extension will coincide with the development of Chestnut Park and is scheduled to be complete in time for the relocation of Carolina Courts.
- *Wesley Chapel Stouts/Old Monroe Road*: The committee has safety concerns about students continuing to cross WCSR from the high school to the Sun Valley HT shopping center. It is unlikely DOT would approve a mid-block crossing due to the close proximity of the intersection crosswalk. The crosswalks should be striped and signalized soon.

III. 2013 Projects

- *Sidewalk projects* scheduled for 2013 are: Indian Trail-Fairview Rd., Wesley Chapel Stouts Rd., and Chestnut Lane.
- *Bicycle Projects* scheduled for the coming year are the pilot projects identified in the Town's Bicycle Master Plan. The Bonterra/Poplin Rd. project has been completed, though it is really more of a pedestrian project. The Sun Valley High School Project will not be constructed as recommended in the Bike Plan because the midblock crossing has been deemed an unsafe idea. Committee members discussed ways to encourage students to use the crosswalks at the intersection, along with ways to discourage students from crossing midblock. Another pilot project in the Bike Plan is a ped/bike connection between the Beacon Hills neighborhood behind the center. Another pilot project is to stripe bike lanes on Brandon Oaks Blvd.
- Potential intersection projects are: *Unionville-Indian Trail Rd. and Sardis Rd.* A potential round about is being considered to improve traffic flow at this intersection. The committee had questions on how and why a round-about is better than a traffic signal. It was explained that the amount of traffic at this intersection does not necessarily warrant making it signalized, but that a round-about could improve safety and traffic flow, particularly because of the odd angle of the intersection. Wesley Chapel Stouts and Rogers Rd. intersection was also discussed as one possibly needing improvement, whether it be a signal or traffic circle.
- There was also some discussion of future greenways and which areas of town would be easiest to develop greenways. Generally speaking, these areas are where there is flood plain and/or sewer easements because the land cannot be developed otherwise. Mr. McLamb noted that a greenway will be constructed as a part of the redevelopment of Meridian Apartments under new ownership, and will be part of the Carolina Thread Trail.

IV. Social Media Campaign

- The committee discussed the desire to have its own Facebook page linked to the Town's website. Some concerns are: What would the privacy settings be? Who can post on the page—TAC members and staff only? Who set up the page and monitor it? The purpose of the FB page would be to alert other residents of Indian Trail to future transportation projects, traffic safety concerns, etc., and to post meeting reminders. Mr. Sorensen said he will discuss the idea with Scott Kaufhold, but that the Town Manager would ultimately be the one to authorize this.

V. General Discussion

- Mr. Sorensen shared with the committee that Mss. Alfaro has indicated she is not able to attend the meetings at this time due to her work schedule, and is not sure when that will change. Because she is no longer able to serve as Vice Chair, and has been absent more than three consecutive meetings, she offered to resign from this position and to instead serve as an alternate. The committee accepted her resignation, and elected Mr. Knight as the new Vice Chairperson. Acknowledging Mss. Alfaro's desire to still serve on the TAC as she is able, the committee moved that she be an alternate.
- It was decided that the committee should continue to discuss in more detail at the March meeting: future projects for 2013 and the utilization of social media.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Sorensen
Staff Liaison