



# Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of the July 3, 2012 Meeting

6:00 PM

Administrative Services Building

130 Blythe Drive

Indian Trail, NC 28027

## Attendees:

Roland Geoffroy, Chair

Amanda Alfaro, Vice Chair

Dan Jencka

Mike Knight

Chip Long, Applicant

Absent:

Wayne Bell

Scott Kaufhold, Director of Engineering & Public Works

Keith Sorensen, Staff Liason

## Agenda Items:

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**II. Super Street Cross Section**

**III. Upcoming Projects**

**IV. General Discussion**

**V. Topics for August Meeting**

### **I. Introductory Topics**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. The July minutes were approved.

### **II. Super Street Cross Section**

- Mr. Sorensen brought up an image of a super street cross section to graphically illustrate this concept, which is being considered by DOT for Hwy 74. Members wanted to know which intersections are being considered for this treatment. Staff replied that all the Town's major thoroughfares that cross Hwy 74 would likely receive this treatment, and explained how this will help improve both traffic flow and safety on this corridor. Mr. Knight asked when these changes will take place. Mr. Kaufhold replied that the DOT would do the traffic counts and modeling, estimate the project cost, and then work with the Town on the final design. Mr. Kaufhold stressed that DOT wants to see this happen and that this could be a potential project for the committee to recommend to Council. Staff further explained that the Town would contribute a portion of the money but that the lion's share would come from DOT. Members wanted to know how does the Town prioritize projects and how does the TAC stay active in front of Council. Mr. Roland asked how do committee members get face-time with Council members now that they no longer sit on Town committees. The idea of having a designated spokesperson from the

committee was brought up, or rotating that responsibility amongst the members.

### **III. Upcoming Projects**

- Mr. Kaufhold went over the status of near-term projects that are currently in the pipeline, starting with the Poplin Road sidewalk project, which is slated to be completed by the start of the new school year.
- The Chestnut Lane sidewalk project will go out to bid in a couple of weeks and should have a quick turn-around because we are not allowed to have lane closures during the Democratic National Convention.
- The Beacon Hills street resurfacing will be wrapped up soon.
- The Roger's Road sidewalk project will tie into the existing sidewalk on the other side of the road to minimize costs. Mr. Geoffroy asked if there will be a crosswalk to connect the two segments. Mr. Kaufhold confirmed there will be.

### **IV. General Discussion**

- There followed a general discussion of how transportation projects effect storm water drainage/flow.
- Mr. Knight asked when traffic counts would occur in Brandon Oaks. Mr. Kaufhold stated that at this time the locations identified are: Sipes Place, Corona, and the Garden Section of Brandon Oaks. Mr. Kaufhold said cut-through traffic should decrease after the neighborhood is built out and the construction traffic is gone.
- Mr. Knight asked about the status of the Chestnut Connector and its relationship to the relocation of Carolina Courts. He made the point that the TAC needs to make the argument that these transportation projects will help spur economic development and are needed improvements. Mr. Knight emphasized that the Town needs to take the lead on endorsing the super street concept for Hwy 74.

### **Topics for August Meeting**

- What is the committee's relationship with Council? How does the TAC formally recommend projects?
- Prioritization of future projects.