



# Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of the June 5, 2012 Meeting

6:00 PM

Administrative Services Building

130 Blythe Drive

Indian Trail, NC 28027

## Attendees:

Dan Jencka  
Mike Knight  
Amanda Alfaro  
Roland Geoffroy

Absent:  
Sharon Price  
Wayne Bell

Scott Kaufhold, Town Engineer  
Keith Sorensen, Staff Liason  
Vicky Watts, Administrative Assistant  
  
Chip Long, resident

## Agenda Items:

- I. Swearing in of new members
- II. Street/Sidewalk Maintenance Policy Update
- III. Timeline for Street Resurfacing
- IV. PCR Proposal
- V. Sidewalk Project Update

### I. Introductory Topics

- The meeting commenced at 6:18pm with the swearing in of new members, Amanda Alfaro and Roland Geoffroy by Vicky Watts. Mike Knight, having been reappointed, was also sworn in.
- Following the swearing in ceremony, the committee elected officers: Ms. Alfaro was elected Vice Chair; Mr. Geoffroy was elected committee Chair.
- The meeting was then called to order by Mr. Geoffroy at 6:25PM.

### II. Street/Sidewalk Maintenance Policy Update

- Mr. Kaufhold discussed Town Council's passage of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy, the Street Acceptance Policy and the Sidewalk Maintenance Policy. Speeding was the main concern voiced by committee members. Mr. Kaufhold described the process of requesting traffic calming devices and how temporary measures may lead to more permanent solutions. Mr. Knight stated that cut-thru traffic is the main problem.
- Mr. Kaufhold described the street acceptance policy and stated that the Town now owns fifty miles of streets.
- Mr. Geoffroy asked about DOT's responsibility to maintain state-owned streets in the Town.

- Mr. Kaufhold replied that DOT's maintenance budget is too small to be able to keep up and that is why the Town is taking over these streets, as is the case with Beacon Hills.
- Mr. Geoffroy asked if DOT might ever relinquish control over Old Monroe Road.
- Mr. Kaufhold replied they would not because of strategic defense reasons.

### **III. Timeline for Street Resurfacing**

- Mr. Kaufhold described the ranking criteria that was used in assessing the street conditions throughout the Town in order to prioritize resurfacing projects. He further described the resurfacing method itself and how it recycles the existing concrete material. The work being done in Beacon Hills right now should be finished in about forty-five days. And we should have an average grade for the LOS of Town streets by end of summer.
- Mr. Geoffroy asked about potential traffic impacts from the new movie theatre at Sun Valley Commons slated to open soon. What improvements are planned for the intersection of Old Monroe Rd and Wesley Chapel Stouts? Mr. Kaufhold outlined the new turning lanes and signalized crosswalks that are planned. Mr. Knight asked about the Chestnut Connector. Mr. Kaufhold replied the plans are still on the books.
- Mr. Long asked what the proposed four cent property tax increase would be used for, and wondered if any of that money could potentially be used for local transportation projects. Mr. Kaufhold explained that most of the street money will come from Powell Bill funds, as well as assessment districts and bonds. The four cent tax increase is to establish a reserve fund for capital improvement projects. Mr. Long talked about the need to plan intelligently for the future. Mr. Kaufhold stated that staff will be meeting with DOT staff on June 14 to discuss project ranking and funding.

### **IV. Sidewalk Project Update**

- Mr. Kaufhold said there are two sidewalk projects in the works right now: Poplin Rd in front of the elementary school, which should be complete before the beginning of the new school year; and Chestnut Lane will be under construction in the fall. Unionville-Indian Trail Rd and Rogers Rd are two big sidewalk projects that are both being funded under one CMAQ grant, and are slated to begin construction early next year.
- Mr. Sorensen laid out the map for the Hwy 74 Corridor Study, which is being undertaken by HNTB. With the help of Mr. Knight, who is on the stakeholder committee for the study, he outlined the general process and what the three municipalities (Stallings, Indian Trail and Monroe) hope to get out of it. There followed some discussion and questions about the restriction of left-turns. Mr. Sorensen tried to describe the objective and rationale behind the superstreet concept and why DOT feels it is appropriate for this segment of Hwy 74. He also pointed out on the map where new connections are planned and how this will help facilitate the flow of traffic both on and off of Hwy 74.

### **Topics for July Meeting**

- Upcoming projects—near-term
- Superstreet Cross-section/Hwy 74 Update

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.