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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wake County Planning Board

Wednesday March 4, 2020, (1:30 p.m.)

Wake County Justice Center

300 S. Salisbury St., Room 2800

Raleigh, North Carolina

Members Present: (9) Mr. Jason Barron (Chair), Mr. Thomas Wells (Vice-Chair), Mr. Amos Clark, Mr. Asa Fleming, Mr. Ted Van Dyk, Ms. Brenna Booker-Rouse, Ms. Meredith Crawford, Mr. Bill Jenkins, Mr. Daniel Kadis

Members Absent: (0)

Vacant Seat: (1)

County Staff: (8) Mr. Tim Maloney (Planning, Development, and Inspections Director), Mr. Akul Nishawala (Planner), Ms. Sharon Peterson (Long Range Planning Administrator), Mr. Tim Gardiner (Planner), Ms. Terry Nolan (Planner), Ms. Nicole Kreiser (Assistant County Manager - Transit), Ms. Beth Simmons (Community Services Operations Supervisor), and Mrs. Loretta Alston (Clerk to the Board)

County Attorney Present: (1) Mr. Kenneth Murphy (Senior Assistant County Attorney)

Guests: (2) – Katharine Eggleston (Chief Development Officer at GoTriangle), Jay Heikes (Transportation Planner at GoTriangle)

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** Mr. Barron, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
- 2. Petitions and Amendments:** Motion to adopt the agenda as written was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Clark. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2020:** Motion to approve the minutes from January 15, 2020 was made by Mr. Kadis and seconded by Mr. Wells. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
- 4. Commuter Rail Update**
Nicole Kreiser, Assistant County Manager-Transit, gave a very informative presentation of the Wake County Transit Plan Implementation. Ms. Kreiser stated that in November 2016, Wake County voters approved a transit-dedicated half-cent sales tax investment to expand and better connect the public transit network through the Wake Transit Plan which is now being implemented. This plan includes four "Big Moves" that will connect the region, connect all Wake County communities, create frequent, reliable urban mobility, and enhance access to transit.

Details of the plan include:

- **Triple bus service. Improving and adding bus stops, shelters, park-and-ride lots and other access points.**
- **Creating bus rapid transit service that would include about 20 miles of dedicated bus lanes and priority at traffic signals to help operators keep their routes on schedule through four congested travel corridors heading north, south, east and west from Raleigh.**
- **Building a 37-mile commuter rail transit system from Garner through Raleigh to Durham, that will utilize the existing rail corridor but require an additional track, providing comfortable, fast and reliable service with stops including Raleigh, N.C. State, Cary Morrisville and Research Triangle Park.**
- **Improving and adding bus stops, shelters, park-and-ride lots and other access points.**

When completed, 54% of homes and 80% of the jobs in Wake County will be in walking distance of a transit stop. In turn, this will define who will be engaged in decision-making, will define a "staff level" group (TPAC), with representation of all municipalities, will define the process for developing detailed capital and operating plans, and will require specific public engagement strategies at various levels

Ms. Kreiser shared commuter rail background and talked about ridership vs. coverage and infrastructure vs. service. She explained when the four scenarios were developed, rail rapid transit (RRT) was proposed as a rail option that would operate with 15-minute frequencies within the existing rail right-of-way. After further analysis and coordination with North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) Company, it was determined that RRT was not feasible within its Wake County corridor at this time due to operational and physical constraints.

Ms. Kreiser stated in January, the BOC was informed that an additional study was needed to advance the project into the FTA federal development process, which is planned for December 2020.

Ms. Katharine Eggleston and Mr. Jay Heikes were present and explained the purpose and shared findings of the Greater Triangle Area Commuter Rail Study.

For more details, click on the following link:

[Commuter Rail-Planning Board Presentation](#)

5. Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Mr. Gardiner updated Board members on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan explaining that the Planning Board's input would help guide discussions with the Board of Commissioners at a future date. Mr. Gardiner gave an overview of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and potential new criteria which included:

- The requested ETJ must be located within an area designated as community, community investment or community focus on the Wake county Comprehensive Plan Development Framework Map
- The municipality must demonstrate recent growth and development activity (annexations, development request, water and sewer expansion, new roadways, etc) with the requested ETJ area
- The Municipal Comprehensive Plan must align with the Wake County Comprehensive Plan and Development Framework
- The municipality must demonstrate that it is ready to provide appropriate infrastructure (water and sewer lines, vehicle capacity, storm water, sidewalks, greenways, parks, and other capital projects) and appropriate municipal services (police, fire, trash collection, inspections) to the requested ETJ area
- The municipality must demonstrate that it conducted meaningful public engagement with impacted residents and landowners. The municipality shall document all outreach activities including specific efforts to reach vulnerable or disenfranchised populations.

- The municipality has demonstrated a track record of working with the County to achieve its comprehensive goals (Comprehensive Community Goal Checklist).

Mr. Maloney stated that the Board of Commissioners will be conducting a special work session on the PLANWake Comprehensive Plan on Monday, May 4th from 1pm – 4pm, in WCJC room 2800. The Planning Board has been invited to attend and will provide an opportunity for both Boards to have a deeper discussion about the tools and policies being proposed. Mr. Maloney would like to schedule additional Board meetings prior to the work session to further discuss Exterritorial Jurisdiction and begin discussion on Transitional Urban Development policies. Mr. Maloney proposed March 18, 2020 at 1:30pm in room 2800, and two dates in April to be decided.

For more details, click on the following link:

[PLANWake-Planning Board Update030420 ETJ TUDS.pptx](#)

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[TUDs Research.pdf](#)

6. Committee Reports:

Mr. Wells reported that the Code and Ops Committee had a great discussion on text amendments regarding trees and farms and will recommend these changes to the full board at the next regular meeting.

- UDO Text Amendment OA 01-20 – Tree and Vegetation Protection Zone
- UDO Text Amendment OA 02-20 – Clarification of Bona-Fide Farm Exemptions

Mr. Clark reported that the Land Use and Subdivision Committee met January 15, 2020 and discussed an amendment to the Annexation Boundary Agreement between Fuquay-Varina and Angier.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Peterson informed the Board of the “Keeping the Farm Workshop” to be held on March 11, 2020 from 8:15am-4pm at the Wake County Commons Building at 4011 Cary Dr, Raleigh. There is no cost in attending, but an RSVP is required. Break refreshments and lunch are included. This will provide staff the opportunity to get direct feedback from farmers regarding the rural edge discussions.

Ms. Peterson gave an update on the 2020 Census which is an effort to make sure Wake County’s 1.1 million people over about 860 square miles are counted. The timeframe for the 2020 Census letter to all households is between 3/12/20 – 3/20/20.

7. Chairman’s Report

Mr. Barron again encouraged attendance at the May 4, 2020 Joint Meeting/Special Work Session with the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Barron informed the Board that the final member vacancy will be appointed at the Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, March 9th and the new member will be sworn at the next regular Planning Board meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING
WAKE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
March 4, 2020

Chair Jason Barron declared the regular meeting
of the Wake County Planning Board for
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jason Barron
Wake County Planning Board