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Meeting Minutes January 13, 2009 Huntersville Town Hall

Attendees: Ryan McDaniels (Cabarrus EDC), Jonathan Marshall (Cabarrus County), Jason Abernethy (Cornelius), Karen Floyd (Cornelius), Hemal Shah (Cornelius), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Parvis Moosavi (Davidson), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Zac Gordon (Huntersville), Jack Simoneau (Huntersville), Erika Martin (Kannapolis), Andrew Bryant (Lincoln County), Bjorn Hansen (Centralina), Blair Israel (Centralina).

Welcome and Introductions: Jack Simoneau opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present. The group welcomed Erika Martin, representing Kannapolis.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The minutes from the November 18, 2008 meeting were approved. The current agenda was amended to include item 4c. *Black Farm Road directional turn letter of support.*

OLD ISSUES

Annual Meeting: Bjorn Hansen reviewed the draft agenda. The keynote speakers include Ned Curran, on behalf of the Committee of 21 and, upon confirmation, Becky Carney, presenting the findings of the 21st Century Transportation Committee.

Bjorn reiterated the request for pictures and basic information describing projects and activities from each community to be reviewed in the presentation "What is Taking Place Along NC 73?" The format of the presentation will be a PowerPoint (with handout) narrated by Jack Simoneau.

Jonathan Marshall will check whether any information from the NC 3 Study could be included in Jack's presentation.

Van Argabright will speak for NCDOT concerning TIP projects in the NC 73 area. He may also address stimulus package projects. If not, Bjorn will cover this information in his closing remarks for the evening.

The group reviewed the caterers suggested by Centralina and decided upon Family Catering Service. Centralina will seek approval of the caterer from Joe Gibbs Racing and make the arrangements. Alcohol will not be served.

Zac Gordon clarified what areas of the facility will likely be available for viewing by the attendees. He agreed to arrange whatever will be possible for the expected turnout.

Jack Simoneau will check on the availability of Mayor Jill Swain to welcome the attendees.

Corridor Access: Bjorn Hansen distributed disks containing map segments of NC 73 with curb cut data and the letter to NCDOT Division 10 and 12 engineers regarding the use of the tracking system. Bill Coxe recommended that the information also be forwarded to Jim Dunlop with the NCDOT Congestion Management Unit. Bjorn asked that the COP members alert COG staff when curb cuts are added, removed, or modified. There was no action taken.

NEW ISSUES

09-10 COP Work Plan: Bjorn Hansen provided an overview of the proposed work plan, and asked for a recommendation so the COG could develop service contracts for each of the members. There was a discussion whether the COG should simply invoice for the entire amount up front, like dues, or continue billing for services rendered. The consensus was to continue with the current arrangement. The 09-10 work plan and budget of \$3,000 per member plus one block of membership hours was approved on a motion by Jonathan Marshall, and seconded by Andrew Bryant.

21st Century Committee Recommendations: Bjorn Hansen distributed a memorandum explaining the recommendations of the committee. He said that the recommendations are being considered in the 2009 General Assembly session. There was no action taken.

Black Farm and Mayes Road Intersection Letter: Jack Simoneau reviewed events concerning the proposed directional turn. The mayors of Davidson, Huntersville and Cornelius submitted a letter to NCDOT Division 10 requesting funds for the improvements. There are already documented accidents at the intersection. NCDOT responded with a letter dated January 8, 2009, that the project would be competitively eligible for Spot Safety funds. Andrew Bryant voiced the concern of schools about such intersection design, citing that school bus drivers reportedly have difficulty negotiating them, and prefer signalized intersections.

Jack Simoneau motioned the COP submit a letter recommending the improvements. The motion passed. Zac Gordon prepared the letter during the meeting, revising the



mayors' original letter to acknowledge the Division 10's intent to request Spot Safety Funding to design and construct the intersection improvements.

ROUNDTABLE

Cabarrus County

Jonathan Marshall reported on the progress of the NC 3 Study that Benton Payne is developing with Centralina. NCDOT has not participated in the project.

Town of Davidson

Lauren Blackburn provided a brief update on the town's Comprehensive Plan, a 2-year project in which 110 residents are involved on various committees. Study Groups will be meeting this month.

Huntersville

A temporary traffic signal has been approved for the Bradford Park intersection until a signal is in place at Ramah Church and the Park entrance. An MOU describing the situation is being sent out to the three neighboring communities.

Jack Simoneau rolled out the plan of the "left-quadrant" configuration for the intersection of Davidson -Concord Road and Sam Furr Road. The Huntersville Town Board has officially "accepted" the plan but not adopted it. The plan coincides closely with the current rezoning plan for the area. The conceptual design for the intersection was earlier approved by NCDOT, but Division 10 has more recently expressed greater interest in using a super-street intersection configuration.

Bill Coxe reported that the Town is seeking stimulus funds to be used toward widening NC 73 in the Davidson-Concord Road area.

Cornelius

Brandon Abernethy mentioned the expansion project of the Christ & Community Church on NC 73.

Lincoln



Andrew Bryant reported that the waterline project to the county airport is now complete.

Centralina

Bjorn Hansen presented the recently released list of the proposed stimulus projects, with a map showing the locations of those projects in the NC 73 corridor. It is expected that roughly 25% of the proposed cost totals will actually be awarded for the projects in this region, and that the NCDOT equity formula will guide the final distribution of project funds.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting was set for May 5 at 2 p.m., again in Huntersville.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

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