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Regular Meeting Notes October 4, 2007 Beaver Dam Historic House, Davidson

Attendees: Stacy Yates (Lincoln County), Randy Williams (Lincoln County), Ryan McDaniels (Cabarrus EDC), Lindsey Hobbs (Kannapolis), Jack Simoneau (Huntersville), Kris Krider (Davidson), Jonathon Marshall (Cabarrus County), Zac Gordon (Huntersville), Derrick Caudell (Concord), Karl Fritschen (Concord), Bill Duston (Centralina), Parvis Moosavi (Davidson), Mike MacIntyre (Mecklenburg County), Adam Fiegl (Davidson), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Blair Israel (Centralina).

Welcome and Introductions: Kris Krider opened the meeting at 1:30 PM with a quorum present, welcomed those present and relayed a brief history of the Beaver Dam House.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Krider explained the addition of two items to the meeting's agenda: a discussion of the advocacy role of the COP, and updating the HNTB Corridor Plan map to show significant new conditions and plans. The amended agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2007 meeting: The minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved.

OLD ISSUES

Corridor Mapping Project Update: Adam Fiegl reported that ten of the sixteen HTNB original non-interactive maps have been digitized and updated into GIS format. The remaining six maps require parcel files from Lincoln County. Stacy Yates volunteered to expedite that process. Once those files have been received, Davidson will then send the new map segment images along with the new shapefiles to each corresponding jurisdiction for review, update, and comments about the legibility, aesthetics and user-friendliness of the map. The files will then be returned to the Davidson office to be refined and compiled into a master set. That master set will then be housed and managed at Centralina for posting on the NC 73 website.

COP Annual Meeting report: Bill Duston summarized the July 26th COP Annual Meeting at McGuire Nuclear Station. Approximately 50 people attended. Presenters included Pat Mumford, Jerry Helms and Jim Carpenter.

Mr. Krider surmised that the meeting's lower than hoped for attendance could indicate a decreased sense of the COP's relevance and asked how that perception might be improved. Discussion ensued on how to improve next year's meeting, including timing, location, with emphasis placed on how to increase attendance by elected officials. Autumn was suggested as a better time of year for the event. September 30, 2008 was tentatively put forth as the meeting date. Centralina will begin looking at potential venues for the meeting. A more visible location (it was felt that the McGuire Station site was a bit "hidden") was suggested. Mr. Duston stated that he would have COG staff get with Bill Russell of the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce to look for suitable sites.

Other ideas discussed for promoting the COP and increasing its relevance to member communities included an annual five-minute presentation with a "fact sheet" to each community's governing board, and an annual COP report. Centralina will develop a sketch format for such a report.

NEW ISSUES

Davidson-Concord Small Area Plan charette: Lauren Blackburn distributed a handout depicting the Davidson Concord Study Area with the Davidson Moratorium Limits, and gave a rundown of the upcoming charette scheduled for October 24-26. During this period, design workshops and stakeholder meetings will be held ending with a summary presentation meeting by the design team. In late January, a draft plan will be presented showing broad land uses, transportation corridor design, etc. Ms. Blackburn will send an itinerary in advance to COP members but suggested that the key meeting to attend to take in the methodology of the consultant's process would be on the evening of October 25. No action was taken on the issue.

Huntersville Small Area Plan: Zac Gordon reported that the SMP for Beatties Ford will be wrapped up by the end of the month. MUMPO is looking at a study to realign Vance Road for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. No action was taken on the issue.

NC 73 Widening: Jack Simoneau related that the project scope has been cut in half. Widening is now scheduled to occur from I-77 east to the new shopping center being built east of Northcross, a distance of approximately one mile. The original project called for widening to go as far east as NC 115. The project is being done on a "design build" basis. This option should bring costs down in general, but increases the estimate range considerably. No action was taken on the issue.

The Advocacy Role of the COP: Mr. Krider suggested that the COP could take on a greater advocacy role. After some discussion, the following decisions were reached:

- Mr. Duston will check the COP by-laws to determine whether the COP is allowed to serve in an official capacity as an advocate for the Corridor. (See Proposed Rules of Procedure, previously sent.)
- An elected official from each jurisdiction needs to be at the table for advocacy.

- Each jurisdiction that places an item on the website for peer review shall summarize the comments received on that item at a COP meeting. This practice is hoped to encourage more active peer review and also to apprise members of actions taking place along the Corridor.
- The COP shall not take a collective stand against individual projects.
- Centralina will send periodic reminders for peer review to COP member designated contacts.
- In order to update Centralina's COP contact list, Blair Israel will circulate the list of COP designated contacts for review by each member jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction is responsible to keep Centralina current with its designated contact and designated elected official.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ALONG THE CORRIDOR:

- Cornelius approved the location of a high school east of NC 115.
- A 2500 member church is slated for construction in Huntersville. It will feature a 300' stacking lane. The site is located immediately north of NC 73.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting was set for December 6 at 1:30 pm, tentatively scheduled to be held in Cornelius. Mr. Duston stated that he would confirm the location.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.