

Meeting Notes
NC 73 Council of Planning
April 20, 2006
Davidson Town Hall

Attendance: Terry Derner, Concord; Ryan McDaniel, Cabarrus Economic Development; Jonathan Marshall, Cabarrus County; Bjorn Hansen, Centralina COG; Karl Frischen, Concord; Richard Smith, Kannapolis; Linda Dosse, NCDOT- TPB; Jason Abernathy, Cornelius; Parviz Moosavi, Davidson; Brad Dyer, Lincoln County; Kris Krider, Davidson; Bill Coxe, Huntersville; Jack Simoneau, Huntersville.

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Hansen convened the meeting at 1:10 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting, and all present introduced themselves. Mr. Hansen stated Bill Duston could not attend the meeting, and he would present the items on the agenda in place of Mr. Duston.

Highlighted Topics

COP By-laws: Mr. Hansen presented the by-laws sent to COP members, and also introduced three ideas to the by-laws that had not been previously included: what the COP would vote on, adherence to NC Open Meeting laws, and representation for voting. The group discussed how active the COP should be regarding voting to support specific site plans and other local land use decisions, or whether it should be limited to supporting grant applications or planning efforts along the corridor. The group decided to include language stating the general policy of the COP to provide peer review for site plans and other documents submitted to the COP, but that in extreme circumstances the COP may deem it necessary to take a formal position on an activity. Mr. Hansen will draft text for this item and submit it to the COP members for review.

The group also asked that the Division Engineer for Divisions 10 and 12 be promoted to full members of the COP, instead of ex-officio. Mr. Hansen also responded to a question regarding media update and confirmed a statement regarding media contact of any upcoming COP meeting would be included in the by-laws.

NC 73 COP web site and peer review: Mr. Hansen presented the finished web site to the group and explained how peer review would occur using the site. Mr. Krider asked that the current web page dedicated solely to the NC 73 plan be updated to allow any adopted plans along the corridor to be included on the site. Mr. Coxe also asked for a link to the Transportation Research Board's web site on access management to be included in the site. Mr. Krider also asked for a link to the NCDOT Traditional Neighborhood Development web site. Mr. Hansen stated he would make the changes.

Lincoln County Land Use Plan Update: Mr. Hansen and Mr. Dyer updated the group on the status of the Land Use Plan update, as well as the locations for small area plans, two of which will be along the NC 73 corridor. Public input meetings are scheduled for May, and Mr. Dyer and Mr. Hansen will update the group at the next COP meeting.

Lake Norman Bike Route: Mr. Hansen distributed a map of the proposed route and updated the group on peer review from MUMPO and the two RPOs affected by the route. One comment was whether the main route indicated in the map could not also go through the Lake Norman State Park. Mr. Hansen stated he would suggest this to the plan steering committee.

2006 Annual Meeting: The group discussed the 2006 annual meeting, and decided to emphasize “working together” as the key theme of the meeting. They would like to update elected officials on activities over the past year, as well as present the draft Transportation Improvement Program to show how essential it is to preserve viable corridors for future expansion, which addressing growth in the interim, since construction funds are becoming increasingly scarce. The group decided to use the McGuire Nuclear Station in late July.

Roundtable Discussion: Mr. Coxe presented a rezoning application near Birkdale Village on NC 73. The applicant is asking for a traffic signal at a location in conflict with the NC 73 plan. The group was asked to provide comments by April 25.

Mr. Krider and Mr. Moosavi presented a site plan for a mixed-use center along NC 73 in Davidson. The applicant is also asking for a signal in a location in conflict with the NC 73 plan. The site also has connectivity to Rama Church, which may affect traffic as well. Mr. Moosavi asked for comments by the end of May.

Next Meeting Date and Location: The next meeting is June 22 in Huntersville at 1 PM.

Mr. Coxe and Mr. Simoneau left at 3:05 PM.

Wrap Up: Mr. Hansen stated that invoices for work for the COP from its inception through March 31, 2006 would be mailed shortly. Invoices for the last quarter of FY 2005-2006 will be mailed in July. Centralina COG will mail out service contracts shortly as well. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.