



TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE
PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

February 10, 2014

The Knightdale Planning and Engineering Committee met in the upstairs conference room in the Town of Knightdale Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on February 10, 2014.

ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

...Councilor Tripp called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2014.

ATTENDING: Councilor Tripp, Councilor Swan, Doug Taylor, Richy Narron, Chris Hills, Fred Boone, Courtney Jenkins

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

...Mr. Taylor moved to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes. Councilor Swan seconded. Without objection the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Construction Projects Update

Greenway Phase II – Mr. Boone reported that the contractor is constructing boardwalk. There have been some delays due to weather including snow and freezing temperatures. The remaining trail will be graded as weather allows. The project is 85% complete and is estimated to be finished in April.

Knightdale Park Phase II – The structural steel is being installed and the utility pole relocation is almost complete. Weather dependent, the grading for First Avenue will begin in March. This phase is now projected to be complete on July 28th.

Councilor Tripp asked if the delay will affect the planned July 4th celebration.

Mr. Boone answered that it is unknown at this time. For the event, citizens will not be able to utilize the parking lot but will have field access.

Smithfield Road CDBG Project – This project has officially started and the utilities have been relocated. The project is expected to take 90 days to complete.

Smithfield CMAQ and STPDA – The Pre-Bid meeting was held on January 30th and the bids will open on February 18th. The two projects will then be bid out together. Construction will begin in February. The Smithfield Road projects will overlap. The STPDA

project, located in front of Lockhart Elementary, is an anticipated 90 day performance period. Expected completion for the CMAQ project will be summer 2014.

Councilor Tripp addressed his concerns with the construction fronting Lockhart Elementary.

Mr. Boone responded that the Town will be in contract to construct that portion during the spring track out period.

Councilor Swan inquired if the projects will include a crosswalk at the Carrington Woods subdivision.

Mr. Boone replied that the crosswalk is in the budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

B. Emerald Point Speeding Concern

Mr. Boone provided an update from the previous meeting regarding the Emerald Point subdivision speeding concern. He provided Mr. Dyer with the data from the stealth stat. Speed limit signs have been installed and the police department has placed their speed monitoring device on site. Staff will be deploying the stealth stat again to collect data to test the effectiveness of the signs.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Median Sections on NCDOT Roads

Mr. Hills addressed a developer's concern, regarding the Glenmere subdivision, with the associated cost of road improvements. The developer had requested a reduced section. He stated that it is cost prohibitive to pay a fee in lieu and used the current situation at Mingo Creek as an example. He wants the Town to examine the median sections, which will be on DOT roads. This item was placed on the agenda prior to a meeting with Reid Elmore from NCDOT, who had previously approved all of the cross sections. Mr. Elmore stated that it will need to remain a 4 lane section and will require a median and access management.

Mr. Taylor stated that 3 lane sections are plausible but once the road reaches a certain traffic volume, a median is significantly safer which collected data supports.

Mr. Hills replied that the developer requested the re-evaluation, but at this point, it does not seem feasible due to DOT. Staff will evaluate alternatives ways to help the developer with this project. Other municipalities are allowing the fee in lieu, but the on-going issue is continuing rising costs.

Mr. Narron inquired about improvements for Fayetteville Street.

Mr. Hills answered that there will be improved sections of Fayetteville Street with curb, gutter and sidewalk.

ITEM V. OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

... Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Attest, Chairman of the Planning and Engineering Committee, Dustin Tripp



Clerk to the Planning and Engineering Committee, Courtney Jenkins

