



TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE
Planning & Engineering Committee

6:00 pm

Monday, April 14, 2014
950 Steeple Square Court, Conference Room
Knightdale, NC 27545

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Tripp *called* the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Town Council Members present: Councilor Tripp, Councilor Swan

LURB Member Liaison present: Doug Taylor, Richy Narron

Staff Members Present: Chris Hills, Fred Boone, Courtney Jenkins

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 10, 2014, March 10, 2014

...Mr. Taylor moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Mr. Narron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Construction Projects Update

Greenway Phase II – Mr. Boone reported that the trail paving is now complete and the contractor is working on the last section of boardwalk. The preliminary punch list has occurred; the trail was walked and all asphalt repairs have been identified. The project is approximately 90 percent complete and will be finished in late April/early May.

Knightdale Park Phase II – The parking lot is paved and the structural steel is still being erected. The slabs have been poured for the buildings. Weather dependent, the stake out and grading of First Avenue will begin this week. He estimates the project to be 45 percent complete and 28 days behind. However, the contractor will be working diligently in an effort to get back on schedule.

Councilor Tripp asked if the delays will impact the Town's July 4th planned festivities.

Mr. Boone replied that it will not affect the festivities because that area of the park will not be utilized for the event.

Smithfield Road CDBG Project – The project is estimated to be 60% complete. The contractor is working on the culvert extension across from Carrington Woods. The next major item will be the signalized pedestrian crossing at the Knightdale Blvd. intersection. Expected completion is late April/early May.

Smithfield CMAQ and STPDA – Mr. Boone reported that concurrence has been granted by NCDOT for the projects. The contract has been awarded and Staff will be scheduling a pre-construction meeting.

B. Emerald Point Speeding Concern

Mr. Boone provided the committee with an update regarding the Emerald Point subdivision speeding concern. Staff conducted baseline data and installed new signs. The stealth stat was deployed again and indicated results of a 2-3 mph decrease. The police department has increased their presence and surveillance. Staff will redeploy the stealth stat once more to test results again.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commercial Vehicle Parking on Town Owned Streets

Mr. Hills informed the committee that the issue of commercial vehicle parking on town owned streets has been brought to his attention by Chief Godwin. Signage has been increased in Town for no parking but it continues to be an ongoing issue. After researching the code of ordinances, Chief Godwin found Town Ordinance #99-02-01-005 regarding parking regulations. This ordinance could help significantly with enforcing commercial vehicle parking; currently there are not any rules in our Town's Municode. Suzanne Yeatts is also conducting research to see if the ordinance was ever removed. Mr. Hills provided copies of the ordinance for the committee to review. Staff is asking the committee if they support the ordinance and their thoughts for moving forward with enforcement of commercial vehicles on town owned streets. The ordinance would give police the ability to ticket the vehicles or write warning tickets immediately.

Mr. Taylor responded that one issue is that the trucks do not park in the same place and it is a safety concern that needs to be addressed. He thinks the \$25.00 penalty fee is too low.

Councilor Swan proposed researching the cost of off-site storage as a comparison tool. He stated that it is hard to establish what types of vehicles are over 30,000 lbs.

Mr. Boone suggested setting the weight limit low for ease of enforcement.

Mr. Hills replied that Staff could research weight standards and fines and then discuss with the Town Attorney.

Councilor Tripp stated that he supports finding a solution and making the process straightforward for Staff to enforce. He suggested changing from town limits to private property; he does not want to deter citizens who do park their vehicles in their driveways.

Councilor Swan stated that he is in favor of tweaking the current ordinance numbers and is not as concerned with private property.

Mr. Hills requested an official motion to move forward and then will bring the information back next month.

...Mr. Taylor motioned to support Town of Knightdale Ordinance #99-02-01-005 and to move forward with updating the language and numbers to reflect appropriate weights and penalties. Councilor Swan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Having reached the end of the evening's agenda and hearing no further discussion, Mr. Taylor motioned to *adjourn* the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney Jenkins", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk to the Planning and Engineering Committee, Courtney Jenkins

