



KNIGHTDALE OLD TOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

March 10, 2016

The Knightdale Old Town Advisory Committee met at 7:00 p.m. at the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Billy Wilder, Mike Marsh, Bernice Dupree, Brandon McLean, Donald Joyner

LURB MEMBER LIAISON PRESENT: No One

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: No One

ABSENT: No One

Staff Members Present: Jason Brown, Senior Planner Long Range; Donna Tierney, Planning Technician

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wilder at 7:03 p.m.

ITEM I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
...**Motion by Mr. McLean to approve the minutes of February 11, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Marsh and carried unanimously.**

ITEM II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS
A. Election of Chair
...**Motion by Mr. Joyner to nominate Billy Wilder as Chair. Motion seconded by Mr. Marsh and carried unanimously.**

B. Election of Vice Chair
...**Motion by Ms. Dupree to nominate Brandon McLean as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Mr. Joyner and carried unanimously.**

C. New Member Introduction
Senior Planner Jason Brown introduced and welcomed Donald Joyner to the committee. Mr. Joyner attended last month's meeting but officially begins serving this month.

ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS
A. Railroad Crossings/John Rex Endowment Grant Update
Mr. Brown explained that this item is still in review with NCDOT and there is no change to report. The Town will push out a campaign once a timeline is established. Committee members briefly discussed potential impacts of the closings.

B. Caboose Museum Follow-Up

Mr. Brown announced that since the Planning and Engineering Committee is not meeting this month, there is no status change for this item. The Town is in the process of formalizing the Capital Improvement Plan, which means this idea could be programmed into the budget.

Mr. Marsh suggested reducing the project's scope based on Mr. McLean's previous comments regarding the proposed budget and design. Mr. Brown emphasized that the idea is currently in the due diligence stage to make sure all state and federal requirements are met. He recommended waiting to hear back from P&E Committee before deciding how to proceed.

C. Old Town Investment Grants

Mr. Brown presented the committee with information from the UNC School of Government. Research shows that it is more beneficial to invest in public infrastructure rather than awarding grants to private companies to assist with façade updates and up-fits.

D. Mural Discussion Follow-Up

Mr. Brown communicated that the Town is reaching out to property owner Gayle Johnson, who leases the space to La Mexicanita Bakery. He has also reached out to colleagues with the Town of Garner regarding recently commissioned murals.

Mayor Wilder announced he has spoken with Kim Young who painted murals in Knightdale Seafood and Youngsville. There was some discussion of "in kind" contributions by the Town such as wall prep and scaffolding. Mayor Wilder will also try to contact Larry Johnson.

E. Front Yard Parking Ordinance

Mr. Brown recapped the history of the front yard parking issue and provided draft ordinance language. He explained to the committee that staff is seeking interest from the members on whether or not they would like to continue pursuing an ordinance.

Mr. Marsh announced he has driven around Old Town several times at varying times of the day. He has seen some instances of front yard parking, but has also seen cases where homeowners do not have any other parking option due to lot size. The committee members agreed there is a distinction between where it is and is not taking place.

Ms. Dupree spoke about the property next to her where there are roughly seven different vehicles parked at any given day. Based on the information provided, it is possible that an unauthorized business is operating at the home, and Mr. Brown stated the Town's Code Enforcement Officer would investigate the issue.

Mr. Wilder suggested holding off on making a decision until it is discussed with the Planning and Engineering Committee again.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

Old Town Business/Economic Development Update

Mr. Brown announced that all available space in Old Town is currently leased, and several other requests for space have been received.

ITEM V. MEMBER INQUIRIES/REPORTS

A. Staff Follow-Up on Previous Month's Inquiries
None at this time.

B. New Inquiries/Reports

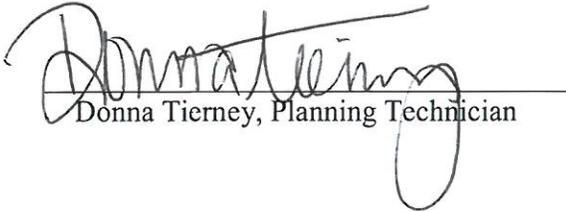
Several projects outside of Old Town were discussed, specifically Ample Storage and lighting on Knightdale Boulevard.

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

...Motion by Mr. Joyner to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Marsh and carried unanimously.



Billy Wilder, Old Town Advisory Committee Chairman



Donna Tierney, Planning Technician