



KNIGHTDALE OLD TOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

July 14, 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, Donald Joyner, Brandon McLean

LURB MEMBER LIAISON PRESENT: No One

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: No One

ABSENT: Bernice Dupree

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wilder at 7:02 p.m.

ITEM I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

...Motion by Mr. McLean to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Joyner and carried unanimously.

ITEM II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Senior Planner Long Range Jason Brown announced that Town Manager Seth Lawless' last day was June 30. Hal Mason, who was hired during Mr. Lawless' previous medical leave, is back as interim manager. The Town is utilizing the same three operational manager system as before.

Mr. Brown also announced that Public Information Officer Brian Bowman's last day is July 20. Police Chief Lawrence Capps will serve as the acting communications liaison until the position is filled.

ITEM III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Road Resurfacing Discussion

Mr. Brown explained that each year the Town receives the Powell Bill, which is funded by a percentage of gas tax dollars that can be used for road projects on non-state roads. Since road resurfacing was not bid last year, Public Works Director Robbie Worrell has proposed to combine funds from last year and this year to cover a larger scope. Roads being resurfaced in the Old Town area are Main Street, Carrington Drive, and Kelley Meadows Road. Mr. Brown clarified the project is just resurfacing, and does not include additional curb and gutter. Improvements will likely start in the fall, since staff is still putting together the bid package.

B. Reflections on the Fourth of July

Mr. Brown elicited the committee's feelings about the Fourth of July event. Mr. McLean inquired if there are laws prohibiting selling parking spots in driveways at private residences in the Old Town area. Mr. Brown was not sure of the answer and said he would find out.

Mr. Marsh recommended a police officer be stationed at First Avenue and Second Street next year. Mr. Brown further elaborated that next year there will be an additional outlet to Knightdale Boulevard that will help with traffic flow. The committee discussed several drones that were seen at the event.

C. Wilder/Watson House Updates

Mr. Brown explained the two houses went through the public bid process. The Wilder House was purchased and will be moved, while the Watson house will be burned by the Fire Department for live burn training.

Mr. Marsh asked what of value was still in the house. Mr. Brown explained Capital Area Preservation has walked the house, and items of historical value will be salvaged. Mr. Marsh stated that Habitat for Humanity would come in and take anything of value for resale, such as hardwood floors, mantels, etc.

...Motion by Mr. Marsh to recommend the Town contact Habitat for Humanity and donate any usable materials left in the Watson House. Motion seconded by Mr. McLean and carried unanimously.

D. FY 2017 Budget/Mural Discussion

Mr. Brown told members that the mural was not funded in this fiscal year's budget. He suggested OTAC continue having conversations about it so that it will be ready to execute when funding is available. Mayor Wilder asked if anything in Harper Park was funded. Mr. Brown answered that the Town is looking for grants to resurface the tennis courts. Mayor Wilder also stated that he has spoken with Kim Young recently and they plan to meet later in the summer to discuss her ideas for the mural.

ITEM VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Railroad Crossings/John Rex Endowment Grant Update

Mr. Brown reviewed that last meeting Councilor Chalk asked that the Fayetteville Street closing be reconsidered. Development Services Director Chris Hills has reached out to NCDOT, but has not been able to connect at this point. It looks like NCDOT is moving forward with the plan, just at a slower pace than anticipated.

Additionally, unexpected utilities are being located on Smithfield Road. After the utility locates, DOT will finalize plans and send to the Town for comments.

Mr. Marsh spoke up about his property and how it has been impacted by the construction. Trucks have blocked his driveway, and large trucks parked off the street have left deep ruts in his yard. Mr. Brown said he would follow up with NCDOT and request that any affected property be mitigated.

B. Caboose Museum Follow-Up

Mr. Brown recapped that the caboose museum idea did not receive any funding in this fiscal year's budget, and that staff is still looking for a recommendation from P&E Committee to release information to the public in order to gauge interest. Wake County Inspector Tommy Scoggins thinks the existing concrete pad will be considered accessible. Mr. Marsh reported on the HVAC options. One option is a hotel room unit, which will be loud, but only cost around \$1,500. The other option is a mini split system which will be closer to \$4,000. He further commented that he wants to see the project happen, but slowly.

Mr. McLean voiced his opinion that he is not fond of the idea, and would like to see other projects pursued instead.

...Motion by Mr. McLean to recommend no longer pursuing the caboose museum idea and to remove it from future agendas. Motion did not carry due to the lack of a second.

ITEM V. MEMBER INQUIRIES/REPORTS

A. Staff Follow-Up on Previous Month's Inquiries

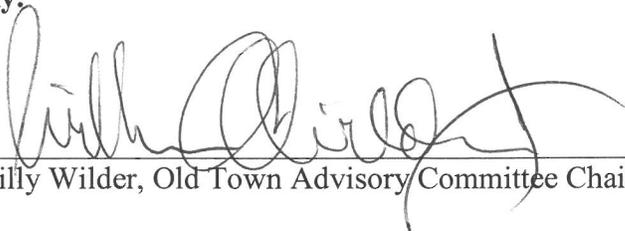
Mr. Brown spoke about the transit data that had been requested by Mr. Marsh. He explained ridership data is trending down but encouraged members to view the transit video made by Brian Bowman and East Wake TV.

B. New Inquiries/Reports

Mr. Brown briefly explained the new Planned Residential Development process and said that a subdivision has been proposed on Robertson Street. While the case has been tabled twice during the Land Use Review Board, a public hearing at a Town Council meeting garnered no public opposition. On street parking and the impact on Keith Street traffic were briefly discussed.

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

...Motion by Mr. Joyner to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Marsh and carried unanimously.



Billy Wilder, Old Town Advisory Committee Chairman



Donna Tierney, Planning Technician