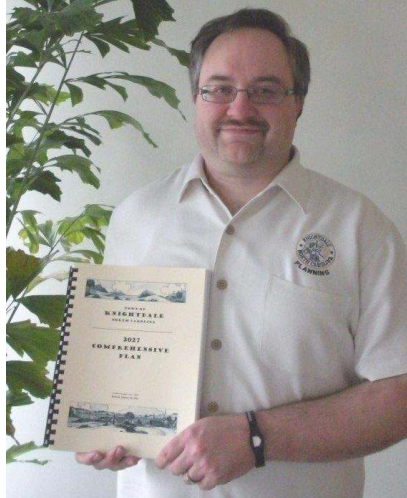


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Comprehensive Plan Update Adopted

On January 19, 2011 the Knightdale Town Council passed an update of the 2027 comprehensive Plan. Since its original adoption in 2007 the Town has experienced considerable economic and demographic changes and some of the key objectives have been accomplished including the Old Town Plan in 2008.

When staff time became available in 2009, the Town Council directed staff to proceed with an update of the plan. An ad-hoc committee was formed with members of the Town's various boards, and general citizens participating. In addition, the Town appointed one staff member, Jeff Triezenberg, to act as the 'consultant' to organize the project and engage staff. The discussion focused on the core components of the plan and its current applicability. The update will help guide the direction of future planning and growth in the Town.



The zoning of the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction, to be determined this summer, will rely heavily on the Plan's guidance coupled with existing conditions.

Mr. Triezenberg's efforts resulted in a more serviceable document whose objectives were clear and easy to measure. His hard work and diligence resulted in an update that represents a wide cross section of Knightdale's citizens.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 14

Planning and Engineering Cmte
6pm Town Hall Conference Room

Land Use Review Board
7pm Town Council Chambers

April 11

Planning and Engineering Cmte
6pm Town Hall Conference Room

Land Use Review Board
7pm Town Council Chambers

May 9

Planning and Engineering Cmte
6pm Town Hall Conference Room

Land Use Review Board
7pm Town Council Chambers

June 13

Planning and Engineering Cmte
6pm Town Hall Conference Room

Land Use Review Board
7pm Town Council Chambers



Wake County Commissioners Approve ETJ Extension

At its December meeting, the Wake County Board of commissioners recommended that the extra territorial jurisdiction be extended. The vote concluded the first phase of a lengthy process about the future of property in Knightdale's Urban Service Area. Now that the extra-territorial jurisdiction has been granted, the Town Council must accept it. Mayor Killen has expressed a desire to delay the Town's acceptance to ensure that it comes after a decision is made on a local bill that would allow bona fide farms

to exempt farm structures from building permits. Currently, only counties have this statutory authority. The conversation about the extension centered on accommodations the Town has made to ensure the farms that would be protected from regulations designed to regulate growth and development. In the fall, the Council exempted farms from the Unified Development Ordinance and is currently supportive of local legislation to exempt bona fide farm structures from the Building Code.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Max Grass Height now 12"

Last summer, the Town of Knightdale adopted new standards for grass height. All lawns must be kept under 12" in length instead of the former 24". It is important to keep up with your lawn during the summer. Knightdale's maximum height is now consistent with most nearby communities.

Ken Tyndall, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer will monitor yards throughout the growing months to ensure compliance. If a yard is found to have a grass height in excess of 12", Mr. Tyndall will issue a notice of violation.

Yards that are issued repeated notices may be mowed by the Town's Public Works Department. Owners will be billed for this service.

The summer months are a busy time for Code Enforcement. If you notice issues in your neighborhood, please contact Mr. Tyndall so he can investigate.

TALES FROM BOONE— The Department of Engineering's Update

Knightdale Boulevard Pedestrian Crossing at Widewaters Pkwy

The Town is in the initial stages of developing a plan for pedestrian crossing of Knightdale Boulevard at Widewaters Parkway. Originally identified as a stimulus project in 2009, it has been resurrected with help from federal grants administered locally by the NC department of Transportation. The project would create the first pedestrian crossing of the Boulevard in Knightdale.

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IN BRIEF

Jennifer Currin Certified by the APA

Ms. Jennifer Currin, Senior Planner in the Current Development section, has successfully passed the Comprehensive Planning Examination to gain membership in the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Having already gained her certifications as a LEED-Accredited Professional and as a Certified Zoning Official (CZO), Jennifer now holds three credentials that are highly sought after in professional planners. Congratulations Jennifer!



Park and Greenway Progress

The Knightdale Park Property on First Avenue Continues to move toward reality. In January, the Technical Review Committee approved a master plan for the property that will include three multi-purpose fields, a large playground, graded amphitheater, dog park, and farmers' market area. The staff of the Planning Department in collaboration with the administrative staff and the Parks and Recreation Department has been engaged with the architectural firm for the project as they begin the process of choosing appropriate materials and building designs.

Banks Approved for Midtown Commons

Master plans were approved at the Technical Review Committee for two banks set for outparcels at Midtown Commons. Suntrust Bank and Fifth/Third Bank were approved for adjacent lots along Hinton Oaks Boulevard. As part of their compliance with the Town's Water Allocation Policy, Suntrust will provide a public space on their property for enjoyment by the Town's citizens.

New QFDS has been published

Now that the Census data has been made public, the Town of Knightdale has published its annual fact sheet. The fact sheet provides a compact summary of activity in Knightdale over the previous year. Senior Planner Jeff Triezenberg aggregated the data from building permits and other growth measures.

Find it here:
www.knightdalenc.gov/pdf/planning/QFDS2011.pdf

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Land Use Review Board Welcomes New, Thanks Outgoing Members

The Town Council has appointed two new members to the Land Use Review Board. Mike Snow and Chuck Piratzky were appointed to serve on the Board from within the corporate limits of Knightdale, and Clarence Davis was appointed to serve from the Town's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction. His nomination is pending before the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

The two in-town members replace outgoing Chairman, Brett Zick, and Vice Chairman, Doug Taylor. Mr. Zick served on the Planning board 1997-2004, and has served on the Land Use Review board since its creation in 2004. Mr. Taylor served on the Town's Planning Board from 1999-2004, and on the LURB from 2006 to the present.

The Land Use Review Board was first called to order in 2005 after the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance. It replaced the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment for the Town, assuming the responsibilities for both. The stew-



The Land Use Review Board at the February 14, 2011 Meeting. From Left: Richard Narron, George Hess, Vice-Chair Doug Taylor, Chair Brett Zick, Mark Swan and Myron Kelly.

ardship of both Mr. Zick and Mr. Taylor during the formative years of the Board helped to strengthen its role in the Town.

In their stead, Mike Snow and Charles Piratzky have been named to the Board and will serve through February 2012 and 2014 respectively. Both were formerly members of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee.

Clarence Davis was also recommended for approval by the Council to fill an open seat allocated to citizens in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. His nomination must also be approved by the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

The Board is scheduled to weigh in in many important issues in 2011. The March agenda includes four UDO amendments.