

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee  
Minutes of July 29, 1993 meeting  
Durham Public Library Conference Room

Members present: Robert Healy (temporary chairman), Ken Coulter, Jan Demmy, Muriel Easterling, Jud Edeburn, Isaac Harold, Joan Magat, Stella Maunsell, Fred Meier, Hildegard Ryals

Guests: John Hodges-Copple (Durham City-Council Planning Commission)

Members absent: Mike Waldroup, Wade Penney

Bob Healy opened the meeting

Muriel asked that the agenda include consideration of a position the Committee might take with respect to the 15-501 Corridor Study and the September rezoning petitions. A proposed position from Bill Hutchins, TLC's representative on the Study, is enclosed.

John Hodges-Copple briefed the Committee on recent zoning activity. The Commission passed Homart (4 to 2), tied on Walmart (3 to 3) and denied Lowe's (4 to 2). He voted for Homart on the basis that it was preferable to Walmart.

A discussion followed weighing the effect rezoning would have on Durham's Southwest Plan, the New Hope Corridor Master Plan and the 15-501 Corridor Study.

The minutes of June 24 were approved.

Jan Demmy reported that both the Durham County Open Space Commission and the Durham City Urban Trails and Greenways Commission were against the rezonings.

DUTAG is currently working on a north-south trail from the Eno River to the New Hope Creek, and will keep the State Park Superintendent informed of these meetings.

Ken Coulter reported that the Durham County Open Space Commission suggested that this Committee give a status report to the Durham City Council August 12 at 8:30 A.M. The New Hope video will be shown. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to advocate a position on the rezonings or Study at this meeting.

Hildegard reported that Mike Waldroup has agreed to design stationery for this Committee. Bob will join Hildegard and Mike to write a report for the Council, to be written on this stationery.

The mission statement draft was considered. Fred pointed out that the stated goals entailed a great deal of work and asked if the Committee were willing and able to make the commitment. Muriel made a motion that the Committee defer on acting on the mission statement, but concentrate on the original charge to the

Committee by the four jurisdictions. Jan amended the motion to formulate a one sentence mission statement. The Committee agreed on: "The mission of the New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee is to preserve the natural beauty, the environmental function and recreational values of the lands of the New Hope Creek and its tributaries, the Sandy, Mud and Dry Creeks in Durham and Orange Counties." The motion passed.

Jud reported that Marvin Collins of the Orange County Planning Department has appointed Emily Cameron to inform us of their planning activity.

Fred reported that J.D. Culpepper, acting for Roger Waldon of the Chapel Hill Planning Department, has appointed Chris Berndt to inform us of their planning activity.

Muriel distributed a chart clarifying, for the Advisory Committee, the relationship of the various boards and commissions to the planning staffs and elected boards of the four jurisdictions.

Fred's report on the Chapel Hill Greenways Commission was postponed until the next meeting.

Muriel pointed out that the Committee has an opening for a twelfth member, since the Corps is not a member. Sue Whitfield and the a member of the Couch family were suggested; action was postponed.

Jan presented copies of a summary of "Proposals for Linking Duke Forest and Eno River State Park", developed by the Department of City and Regional Planning students of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the Orange County Planning Department..

The next meeting was set for September 2 to be held at the library, unless informed otherwise.

Respectfully submitted

Muriel Easterling