

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting of May 9, 2016

(Present: Crouse, Fowler, Healy, Kent, Helen Youngblood, Jane Korest, Brendan Moore, Scott Whiteman)

- (1) Chapel Hill report. Crouse said that there had been a public forum of the Parks, Greenway and Recreation Commission dealing with the Ash Place bridge over Morgan Creek and it will go out to bid soon. The purchase of the Legion property is under discussion.
- (2) Hollow Rock Park. Korest commented on the rough condition of some trails. Moore said that the park opening would take place on May 21, with parking available at 9 am at Forest View Elementary and a shuttle to the site. Parking will be prevented along Pickett Rd. There will be coffee at 9:30 and a formal program at 10. Wendy Jacobs will speak as a representative of the original planning committee. Commissioners Ellen Reckhow and Barry Jacobs will also make remarks. Charlie Welch will speak on behalf of the NHCCAC. There will then be a guided hike on park trails.
- (3) Scott Whiteman of Durham City-County Planning presented the boundary map for the Patterson Place Compact Neighborhood (responding to the LRT station). A PDF of the map is attached. Durham City Council will have hearings on all the compact neighborhood boundary maps on June 6. After that staff will do detailed planning first for the Patterson Place site. Whiteman said that the initial council action after June 6 is just to approve boundaries and regulatory tools. Later, specific design rules can be formulated and adopted. Whiteman said that planning staff understand the sensitivity of the areas on the northern and eastern edges of the site and will use zoning to preserve natural values. They intend to interact closely with the NHCCAC as plans are developed. Healy asked that the New Hope Plan be specifically acknowledged in the document so that its relevance will not be forgotten. Kent said that the maps incorporate the latest FEMA floodplain boundaries. He would prefer using the 1998 floodplain map. Whiteman said that zoning will have to be governed by the latest available line. Healy asked that staff use imagination in dealing with new development proposals and that there be continuing involvement by the NHCCAC.
- (4) Youngblood said that the Cornwallis Rd. (candle shop) rezoning proposal will come before City Council June 6. There are still concerns about runoff and detention basins.
- (5) Goebel is working on a coffee at Sandy Creek Park on May 20 to honor Larry Stogner and the initial stages of the accessibility trail.

(6) Kent expressed concern about the relocation of Witherspoon Nursery from Patterson Place to Garrett Rd. He said it would involve development of the floodplain to the detriment of natural heritage, namely the growing of plants with fertilizers and pesticides. He also expressed concern about cumulative development in the Garrett Rd. corridor.

Note: Because of the chair’s absence, the next meeting of the NHCCAC will be on June 23. There will be no July meeting.

