



**TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE**  
**PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

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January 14, 2013

The Knightdale Planning and Engineering Committee met in the upstairs conference room in the Town of Knightdale Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 2013.

ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

**...Councilor Tripp called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2013.**

ATTENDING: Councilor Tripp, Mark Swan, Chris Hills, Fred Boone, Jeff Triezenberg, Courtney Jenkins

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**... Mr. Swan moved to approve the December 10, 2012 minutes. Mr. Hills seconded. Without objection the motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Capital Projects Update

First Ave. Phase I and II – Mr. Boone stated the project is moving forward by continuing storm drainage and curb and gutter. He estimates Phase I is nearing 95% completion. First Avenue will open back up on January 30. Phase II is also making some progress and a soil issue in front of the bakery has been resolved.

BB&T Right Turn Lane – There is currently one supplemental agreement out for approval. Project should be completed on February 5.

Knightdale Town Park – Mr. Boone said the next critical work for the Town Park will be road work with Griffin Street being paved up to the playground.

Mr. Hills stated that the Myers Lake developers need to be contacted regarding the sewer lines getting installed as soon as possible in conjuncture with the park development.

Greenway Phase II – This Phase is just beginning to get started and is now underway. Expected completion is late Fall 2013.

Interior Town Building Renovations – The renovations started last Monday, the metal studs are up and dry walling will take place this week. Currently, the project is ahead of schedule.

B. Gateway Discussion

This Item has been moved to the next meeting due to only half of the P&E members being present.

C. Potential ZTA for Administrative Fee in Lieu Approvals

Mr. Triezenberg discussed the potential ZTA and his extensive research, particularly looking into procedures with other Wake County towns. He stated that other municipalities have found a need on occasion to accept payments-in-lieu for a variety of improvements. The most common is for recreation/open space and others include sidewalks and street cross sections. Some towns accept payments-in-lieu for lighting, landscaping and stormwater improvements.

Mr. Hills stated Staff is seeking for P&E to approve the ZTA and move it forward to Town Council at the February meeting.

The P&E members moved to send the ZTA for Administrative Fee in Lieu Approvals to Town Council.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Smithfield Rd./Carrington Dr. Crosswalk Discussion

Mr. Boone stated that a possible crosswalk at Smithfield Road and Carrington Drive is currently not included in the scope of work due to budget reasons. He sat down with an engineer regarding the possibility since the Town does recognize that people do currently cross that street. However, there are several site distance issues and for this reason, it is likely that NCDOT would not favor a crosswalk at this location. Mr. Boone concluded that even if NCDOT did approve, the installation would be 100% funded by the Town.

B. Delta River Way No Parking Areas

Chris Simpson, Fern Vinston, Robert Foy, Susan Harris and Art Harris introduced themselves as residents of Widewaters Village, located on Delta River Way.

Mr. Hills introduced the on-street parking situation on Delta River Way, which is a local street within the Widewaters Village Subdivision, that is only 26' back of curb to back of curb and is narrower than most sections. Due to this, on-street parking has created problems, particularly with Knightdale Public Safety being able to have access to the houses. Council approved to only allow parking on the east side of the street so that emergency vehicles can get through the street safely. Also, in March of 2012, due to multiple citizen complaints regarding site visibility to oncoming traffic and pedestrians, Council voted to not allow parking on the east side of the street beginning just south of the curve heading north all the way to the intersection with Widewaters Parkway. The issue has been brought to light again from Mr. Simpson receiving several parking tickets. Mr. Hills addressed 6 possible scenarios that Staff had created regarding the matter.

Ms. Vinston stated that she was informed that speed bumps were not allowed because of public safety vehicles. She was interested in learning more about the scenario regarding a one-way street.

Mr. Hills replied that it would be possible to have one-way street, however the street is too wide and it would be a long run for a one-way street. Other residents could disapprove and find it inconvenient as well. He stated he wants P&E's opinion and how they would like to proceed to Town Council.

Mr. Simpson stated the problem in Widewaters Village is not having enough common parking, small garages and not long enough driveways. He also addressed the inconvenience for entertaining purposes. He believes the answer is to switch the signs to the other side of the street.

Mr. Harris addressed taking some land from the Widewaters Village pool area and creating another parking lot.

Mr. Foy directed his concerns regarding turning into on coming traffic, as well as the Town not enforcing the no parking signs.

Ms. Vinston agreed that there is a concern about the danger of speeders driving the street at 45 mph, particularly with pedestrians. She stated she understands that this problem is not a reflection on current staff but believes there is fault with the Town's staff that originally approved the narrow street and feels the Town needs to help correct the issues.

Councilor Tripp addressed Scenario #3 regarding speed cushions to slow traffic.

Ms. Vinston replied she would greatly be in favor of speed cushions.

Mr. Simpson concurred that adding the speed cushions would help stop people from speeding and even going down the road. He stated that many residents have had to replace their mailboxes due to being struck by vehicles.

Mr. Boone said he will set up the Stealthstat to collect data.

Mr. Harris asked if collecting data will this slow down the process or change the decision.

Councilor Tripp answered that this is standard policy and that data will be needed in order to for anything to pass with Town Council.

Mr. Swan agreed with speed cushions and collecting data.

Mr. Foy stated that the curve is still a big concern and that he wishes that the signs be taken down if the Town cannot enforce it.

Councilor Tripp directed his attention to not wanting to try to fix a problem only to create another one which is what has happened here. He feels it might be best to switch sides and address speed control.

Mr. Simpson agreed that would probably be best answer.

Mr. Foy responded that perhaps the Town should leave the situation as is and work to enforce it instead.

Mr. Hills reminded the citizens that the number one concern is public safety and then asked the P&E members to address how they want to proceed.

Ms. Vinston said she still believes the issue is the Town's fault, in particular previous planners for passing such a narrow street in the subdivision.

Mr. Swan disagreed and stated that sometimes streets are purposefully narrow to help slow and reduce traffic.

Councilor Tripp responded that he wants to see data regarding speed bumps, and that he is comfortable leaving the street as is or switching the parking sides.

Mr. Boone stated that he could have data ready by the February meeting.

Mr. Hills concurred that he would address the Town Council this Wednesday to explain that we are waiting on data before a final decision is reached.

C. Wake County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Triezenberg provided an update on Wake County's plan. The County received its notice of grant award in December and is finalizing the grant agreement this month. The overall goal is for Wake County to have the plan approved in August 2014 and the plan adopted in November 2014.

Mr. Hills addressed the benefits of Wake County undertaking the hazard plan, specifically saving the Town many staff hours. He stated the purpose of the update is to inform P&E that Wake County is moving forward, the grant has been received and the only cause for concern would be if Wake County lags behind the deadlines. It also makes the most sense for the county to have one plan versus thirteen varying versions from all the towns.

ITEM V. OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

**... Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.**



Attest, Chairman of the Planning and Engineering Committee, Dustin Tripp



Clerk to the Planning and Engineering Committee, Courtney Jenkins