



**TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE**  
*Planning & Engineering Committee*

**6:00 pm**

Monday, February 9, 2015  
950 Steeple Square Court, Conference Room  
Knightdale, NC 27545

## **Minutes**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Councilor Tripp **called** the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

***The following members were present:***

***Town Council Members present:*** Councilor Tripp, Councilor Swan

***LURB Member Liaison present:*** Doug Taylor, Richy Narron

***Staff Members present:*** Chris Hills, Jennifer Currin, Courtney Jenkins

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 8, 2014

**...Councilor Swan moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Construction Projects Update**

Not discussed due to Mr. Boone's absence.

#### **B. Princeton Town Street Greenway Parking**

Mr. Hills reported that the location for the Princeton Town Street Greenway parking lot will need to be surveyed for Duke Energy Progress. Mr. Boone is checking the budget to appropriate the funds. Once the plan is finalized, Staff will hold a public meeting to ensure public support. The project could be completed in a short period of time.

Councilor Tripp asked if the public meeting would be held at Town Hall or at the Princeton Manor Clubhouse.

Mr. Hills responded that it could be held at their site. He is hopeful to receive support since it will minimize the on-street parking concerns.

Councilor Tripp and Councilor Swan agreed that the parking lot is a good solution to the complaints received from Princeton Manor residents.

Councilor Tripp suggested utilizing social media, such as the websites Next Door and Facebook to inform citizens.

Mr. Taylor thinks it is best to have the public meeting and follow the proper course of action.

Councilor Swan concurred and believes it helps establish connection to the community.

Mr. Hills stated that Staff will report back at the next meeting with any updates. If Mr. Boone cannot find the funds in the current budget, then he will create a budget amendment.

C. LED Street Light Discussion

Mr. Hills addressed the option for LED street lights in neighborhoods that are under 20 years old. He stated that it would only take two years for the Town to break even; and then attain cost savings. The replacement plan would not include Churchill because that neighborhood has a different type of fixture or Beaver Dam whose provider is Wake Electric. He stated that the lights are more effective, safe and green.

The committee concurred that the product is a good return on investment.

Councilor Tripp inquired about funding.

Mr. Hills answered that Mr. Lawless will be able to tell Staff shortly if the funds are available with budgetary approval. At this time, Staff would request the committee to make a motion.

**...Mr. Taylor motioned to approve the plan for the LED Street Light Replacement Program and to move forward with the program. Councilor Swan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. Discussion on Parking in Front Yards (OTAC Request)

Mr. Hills reported that the Old Town Advisory Committee has requested this committee to discuss and investigate parking in front yards. After discussing the concern at the previous meeting, Staff was asked to investigate how prevalent the parking issue is throughout Town. Mr. Christian conducted research and has determined that approximately 60-70 residents regularly park in the front yard. It is mostly dominant in the Old Town area, where there is a lack of a Homeowners' Association. Staff can investigate and work with lawyers to determine the best way to enforce if desired. He reminded the members that there are narrower streets in Old Town without curb and gutter, which makes on-street parking difficult.

Councilor Tripp stated that an ordinance with a reasonable amount of time for people to comply could be feasible. He inquired how other municipalities address front yard parking.

Mr. Hills replied that Staff has not performed that research at this time.

Councilor Tripp responded that he wants to know how Wendell, Zebulon and Wake Forest address front yard parking.

Mr. Taylor asked how many of the 70 residents would have the room and capability to widen their driveways to fix the issue.

Councilor Tripp agreed with wanting to know that answer as well.

Mr. Hills suggested the change could be for front yard parking only.

Mr. Narron stated that he understands OTAC's concern and feels that it is an unsightly issue.

Councilor Tripp replied that wants to attend OTAC this week and talk to the committee members. He asked Staff to inquire with the Town Attorney about phasing in a new ordinance. He requested Staff to talk to the police as well and ask if they would be open to no front yard parking.

Councilor Swan suggested researching the costs associated with a driveway expansion.

Mr. Hills answered that Staff will report back next month with the committee's requests.

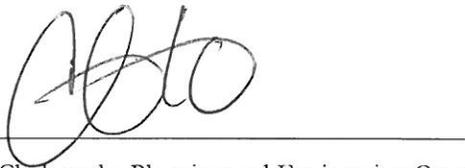
**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Having reached the end of the evening's agenda and hearing no further discussion, Mr. Taylor motioned to **adjourn** the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Councilor Swan seconded the motion.



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



Clerk to the Planning and Engineering Committee, Courtney Jenkins *Chris Hills*