

**SUMMARY OF
PLANNING BOARD ACTION**

Subject: Northern Area Task Force Report and Implementation Steps

Meeting Date: December 4, 2007

Recommendation: That the Council not extend the Northern Area Moratorium and that the properties identified for rezoning be rezoned to R-1. The Board also recommended that the staff develop transit oriented development guidelines and zoning districts as soon as possible.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: George Cianciolo, Thomas Jensen, Michael Collins, Andrea Rohrbacher, and Judy Weseman

Nays: none

Prepared by: George Cianciolo, Chapel Hill Planning Board Chair
David Bonk, Staff

DB for GC

SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACTION

Subject: Northern Areas Moratorium: Rezoning Lots to Implement the Northern Area Task Force Report and the Chapel Hill Northern Area Workshop Transit Oriented Development Concept Plans.

Meeting Date: October 25, 2007

Recommendation: That the Council hold a Public Hearing to consider Rezoning Lots to Implement the Northern Area Task Force Report and the Chapel Hill Northern Area Workshop Transit Oriented Development Concept Plans.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Rudy Juliano, Kathryn Carder, Mirta Mihovilovic, Matt Scheer and Augustus Cho.

Nays: None

Prepared by: Rudy Juliano, Chair *RJ by GP*
Gene Poveromo, Staff

**SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION
ADVISORY BOARD ACTION**

Subject: Northern Area Task Force Report

Meeting Date: October 24, 2007

Recommendation: The Community Design Commission made the following recommendations:

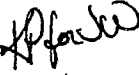
- That the Northern Area Task Force Report be adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan and should not include the Northern Area Task Force consultant reports as part of the Comprehensive Plan.
- That Council rezone the selected properties identified by the North Area Task Force to R-1 and at the same time establish a committee to prepare TOD guidelines and develop TOD zones within 9 months.

Vote: 9-0

Ayes: Mark Broadwell, George Cianciolo, Kathryn James, Gretchen MacNair, Laura King Moore, Scott Nilsen, Amy Ryan, Jonathan Whitney (Chair), and Robin Whitsell (Vice-Chair).

Comment: Some Board members felt the Town should not move too quickly to rezone properties. They felt the Town should be specific as to how long before rezoning to Transit Oriented Development.

Prepared by:

Jonathan Whitney, Chair 
Kay Pearlstein, Senior Planner

**SUMMARY OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY BOARD ACTION**

Subject: Northern Area Task Force Report

Meeting Date: September 25, 2007

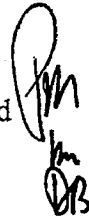
Recommendation: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board made the following recommendations:

- Replace the illustration on p12 with an illustration from the NC86 bicycle and pedestrian safety study that shows landscape between vehicle travel lanes and the sidewalk (this would reflect the task force recommendations)
- Add an objective under the pedestrian and bicycle mobility section: Connect bicycle facilities with greenways on the Greenways Master Plan where possible.

By Consensus: Jed Dube, Perri Morgan, Brian Decker, Tab Combs,
Doug MacLean, Doug Wilson, Tim Auble and Linda Gaines

Comment: Some Board members felt the Town should consider providing bicycle facilities separated from the road way by a curb in order to promote biking among young, novice, or cautious bikers.

Prepared by: Perri Morgan, Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
Gordon Sutherland, Principal Planner



**SUMMARY OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY BOARD ACTION**

Subject: Process for Implementing the Northern Area Task Force Report
Recommendations

Meeting Date: October 23, 2007

Recommendation: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board made the following
recommendations:

- Amend the Chapel Hill Comprehensive Plan to include the Final Report of the Chapel Hill Northern Area Task Force and Transit Oriented Development Concept Plans, as components of the Comprehensive Plan. The Chapel Hill Land Use Plan should be modified to identify transit oriented development opportunity sites.
- Rezone the properties identified in the October 8th staff memorandum to R1. The Town should begin the development of transit oriented design guidelines and a transit oriented development zoning district to be applied to potential transit oriented development sites in Chapel Hill.

The Board recommended R-1 rezoning in order to allow the Town Council maximum flexibility in responding to development and rezoning requests in this area until transit-oriented development zone guidelines are developed and implemented. Once these transit-oriented development zone guidelines are available, the Advisory Board anticipates supporting rezoning to this category.

In Favor: Jed Dube, Perri Morgan, Brian Decker,
Doug MacLean, Kate Millard, Ray Magyar and Linda Gaines

Opposed: None

Prepared by: Perri Morgan, Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
David Bonk, Long Range and Transportation Planning Coordinator



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Greenways Commission
Glenn Parks, Chair

SUBJECT: Recommendation on the *Northern Area Task Force Report*

DATE: November 28, 2007

The Commission reviewed the Northern Area Task Force Report at its meeting of November 28, 2007 and agreed with the approach of the document and the concepts proposed by the Task Force. The Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend adoption of the report with the following general area of change.

We believe that the report rightfully promotes the idea of pedestrian and bicycle transportation throughout the study area. However, the report text makes one major omission by making no mention of the extensive Chapel Hill greenways system that is intended to serve the area. Within the study area are two major planned greenways currently identified in the Council's adopted Greenways Master Plan. These are the Horace Williams Trail that will eventually run north and south, roughly parallel to the existing Norfolk Southern rail line and the east to west North Trail that will be located south of I-40.

The Commission noted that the proposed greenway system is shown but not identified on the base maps that are used in the report. However, there is no mention of the greenways system in the report's text. The Commission recommends that, where appropriate, anywhere sidewalks, bicycle facilities, or alternative transportation methods are mentioned, the greenways system should be recognized and encouraged, particularly since the goals and values of the greenways program are consistent with the recommendations of the report. We believe greenways are an important component of the Town's goal of encouraging the use of alternatives to the automobile.

Present: Glenn Parks (Chair), Jim Earnhardt (Vice Chair), Chris Berndt, Mary Blake, Mary Ann Freedman and Reed Huegerich Absent: Gary Galloway A quorum was present.