

MINUTES  
ORANGE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OCTOBER 17, 2012

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Guthrie, Chapel Hill Township; Jeff Charles, Bicycle Advocate; Julian (Randy) Marshall, Bingham Township; Amy Cole, Transit Advocate; Sam Lasris, Cedar Grove Township Representative; Annette Jurgelski, Eno Township

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Cole Baker, Pedestrian Access & Safety Advocate; Renee Price, CfE Representative; Alan Campbell, Planning Board Representative; Cheeks Township - Vacant; Economic Development Commission - Vacant; Little River Township-Vacant; Hillsborough Township – Vacant;

STAFF PRESENT: Darcy Zorio, Transportation Planner; Tina Love, Administrative Assistant II

AGENDA ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEM II: CONSIDERATIONS OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

The OUTBoard minutes from September 19, 2012 were approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM IV: MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

At their work session on October 9, 2012, the BOCC discussed the draft policies and procedures for the OUTBoard presented by the County attorney.  
**OUTBoard Action:** Receive information

Darcy Zorio: The BOCC has decided to change the membership requirements for the members of this board. Instead of having members that are directly appointed from other boards, the OUTBoard will not have seats that go into that. At Large members with expertise in the following areas; bicycle transportation, pedestrian access and safety and public transit. They will include someone who has an interest in the environment and air quality, economic development and planning. The attorney will change the policies and procedures to reflect their comments. The BOCC will review it again and vote on this.

Paul Guthrie: Did they discuss the issue of private transportation?

Tina Love: The regularly scheduled meeting for the BOCC will be November 6.

There was a lengthy discussion about the appointments and the number of seats available. The vacancies are Pedestrian, Bingham, and Cedar Grove, Cheeks, Hillsborough Township and an EDC representative.

Paul Guthrie: I think communication should go to someone in authority saying that understanding there is a busy schedule, this committee can't sit stagnate with the membership it has.

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Randy Marshall: They need to move ahead and fill in the staff positions.

Paul Guthrie: Is the group interested in communicating our concerns beginning with Craig?

Randy Marshall: If there is an interview committee? If so, I think it is appropriate for an OUTBoard member to set on the committee.

Paul Guthrie: I think we should go to Craig with that comment and communication directly with the BOCC. I am thinking of a letter to Bernadette as Chairman of the Commission. Does anyone have any objection? The consensus is yes. Tina, do you think there is someone that would do well on this committee without shaking the bushes.

Tina Love: We have a technical oriented pool of applicants. Based on their resume or application, they would be good. There may be reluctance because the BOCC may not know the applicants.

Paul Guthrie: I will draft a letter and share that with you.

Sam Lasris: What will be the method of relaying information?

Darcy Zorio: Memos as far as I am concerned but Alice wanted to make it clear that you may be provided to the planning board she didn't want it going only to the planning board. Frank made the comment that communication would be handled in a lot of ways by staff.

Sam Lasris: How do we know the points we want conveyed will be conveyed?

Paul Guthrie: I will try to raise that in the spirit of stating it in the letter that essentially reports directly to the BOCC.

Sam Lasris: It worries me to have this filtered through a staff member.

Paul Guthrie: I think based on this conversation, is a communication that will go directly to the BOCC and send a second letter to Craig with the same information.

Darcy Zorio: The last item is the CTP actions and MPO boundary issues which is moving slowly forward. The BOCC has approved the boundary. The Burlington Graham MPO approved it. The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO should approve it in two weeks.

Paul Guthrie: Who will pick that up on staff?

Darcy Zorio: I think Abigaile will.

Randy Marshall: In your letter, I would say one of the pressing issues for the OUTBoard is this 2 ½ year process.

**AGENDA ITEM V:**                    **STAFF UPDATES**  
**OUTBoard Action:** Receive updates.

98 AGENDA ITEM VII: BOARD COMMENTS  
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100 Paul Guthrie: I would like to talk about how this committee could operate and what we should seek to do in the topic of  
101 transportation. Are we planning for the County we were or the County we are likely to be? The dialogue I hear is  
102 about the County we are and not looking ahead. The reality is that we don't have a transportation system today that  
103 can handle it. You can either leave it alone for 5-20 years or say what we are going to do or take small, smart steps  
104 now. I would like to begin to think about how we should begin to address these types of issues.  
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106 Sam Lasris: You mean beyond the long term transportation plan we deal with?  
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108 Paul Guthrie: There is nothing wrong with those but they are a bureaucratic nightmare. In addition, we should think  
109 about these things too. I ran a national advisory committee and the first thing I learned was the bosses don't have a  
110 clue about how to use an advisory committee well so you have to push the bosses to have a meaningful impact.  
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112 Annette Jurgelski: We would want to push for the ½ cent sales tax (i.e. letters to the Editor). We should be coming up  
113 with suggestions for our own area. I see needs for the seniors in my community.  
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115 Jeff Charles: I am concerned about what the special needs for seniors for the last two to four years of driving (better  
116 lighting at night).  
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118 Darcy Zorio: Aging in place. Seniors being able to live in their own house.  
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120 Paul Guthrie: But there is no transportation system once a day. There are people that are walking there, four or five  
121 miles per day.  
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123 Jeff Charles: I have talked about the advent of new personal vehicle technology (i.e. scooters). Cars don't have room  
124 to pass them. How do you integrate those vehicles with those who have posted speed limits of 35 to 45 miles per  
125 hour?  
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127 Paul Guthrie: As far as future development in Orange County, where would you place schools, business or senior  
128 centers or other facilities that serve a larger population? I don't think the CTP will do that. There are two key  
129 ingredients that I don't see. One is the availability of water and sewer.  
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131 Randy Marshall: My guess is the rural buffer is going to collapse from all kinds of pressure. The rural buffer is the  
132 reason the water and sewer has extended into the county but we don't want to talk about it and it's not on the agenda  
133 doesn't mean it won't happen. You need to look at future trends and what we need to plan for to manage the  
134 transition.  
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136 Amy Cole: Looking at the land development and the Orange County. I look to outside sources (i.e. documentary on  
137 Portland Oregon). I think about when I retire, I will have to move because if the transportation isn't fixed, I will not be  
138 able to go to the places I am going now. I think everyone should take advantage of public transportation.  
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140 Sam Lasris: I agree with Amy in that we have to look at transportation linked land use planning and 2030  
141 Comprehensive Plan is a guide but it doesn't get us to where we want to be.  
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143 Jeff Charles: Every time we talk about bicycling issues, it has to do with commuting to work. With respect to concern  
144 about healthcare, with the obesity rate of young kids in the United States, we need to think about recreational  
145 transportation (bicycle, skateboard, etc.).

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147 Paul Guthrie: Why aren't we beginning to look at integrating the separate communication and transportation issues?  
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149 Discuss about using buses from schools for seniors and vice versa.

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151 Darcy Zorio: There is also the issue of travel training. People have to learn ride the bus all the time.  
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153 Sam Lasris: Our Comprehensive Plan does not touch on this at all.

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155 Darcy Zorio: The annual work plan will be done with your input. These are great things that can go into that. That is  
156 one way to get your ideas to the BOCC.  
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158 Paul Guthrie: I would like to challenge everyone to list five to 10 topics that you feel the most passionate about and  
159 send them to me on email and that will be a beginning of a discussion we could agree upon and pass on to the BOCC.  
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162 **AGENDA ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT**  
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Paul Guthrie, Chair