

What's Happening -- Orange County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), March 2010:

--Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) – The BOCC will be considering a contract with Clarion Associates at its March 2nd meeting. The draft contract, including Scope of Services, will be posted on the County's website prior to the meeting. <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/OCCLERKS/agenmenu.asp>

--Advisory Board Courtesy Review – Draft sections of the UDO will be distributed to select staff/advisory boards (See Attachment) early in March for preliminary courtesy review. Any preliminary comments will need to be returned by April 9th to be considered prior to completing the entire 1st draft of the UDO, targeted for the end of April. The 1st draft UDO will also be made available to all advisory boards (See Attachment) for courtesy review.

--Planning Board (PB) – At the February 3rd PB meeting, the Board began providing comments to staff on the draft UDO sections that contain new regulations (Stream Buffers, Outdoor Lighting, Signs, Parking, and Landscaping). Although this UDO project is largely a repackaging effort, taking existing regulations from the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances and combining them into one document, new regulations addressing specific areas have been requested by the BOCC. In March, the PB will begin reviewing a draft section on Conditional Use Zoning.

--Public Outreach – Public outreach is planned to take place either late March or early-April. Outreach is to be coordinated with the Consultant and additional information will be included in the next "What's Happening" update.

--Website – A webpage has been created for the UDO project. Updates to this page will be ongoing with additional information posted by March 5th. <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/planning/UDO.asp>