

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

--Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) – At its March 2nd meeting, the BOCC approved a contract with Clarion Associates to provide assistance with specific aspects of the UDO (See Consultant below). The BOCC is to receive project status reports and provide input at meetings in May and June.

--Advisory Board Courtesy Review – Draft sections of the UDO have been distributed to select staff/advisory boards for preliminary courtesy review. Any preliminary comments are requested by April 9th to be considered prior to completing the 1st draft of the UDO, targeted for the end of this month. The 1st draft UDO will also be made available in its entirety to identified advisory boards (Attached) for courtesy review and input in May.

--Planning Board (PB) – At the March 3rd PB meeting, the Board began providing comments to staff on a draft section on Conditional Use Zoning. At its April 7th meeting, the Board will be reviewing preliminary subdivision design standards. In May, the Planning Board will also be reviewing the 1st draft UDO.

--Consultant - In general, the role of the consultant is to: 1) Help with UDO document layout, format and graphics; and 2) Prepare an “Implementation Bridge” to document public comments collected during the process, outline ideas on possible future UDO amendments, and provide the County with a road map on how future Comprehensive Plan implementation efforts could be initiated by the BOCC. The Consultant will also be participating in upcoming outreach meetings.

--Public Outreach – Public outreach meetings will be held April 26th and 28th to review the document’s layout and certain sections of the first draft of the UDO including: Parking; Landscaping and Tree Protection; Outdoor Lighting; Signage; Stream Buffers; and Conditional Use. These meetings will be identical in format and content so attend whichever session is most convenient for you.

April 26, 2010 Orange County West Campus Office Bld., Lower Level
6:30-8:30 PM 131 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough

April 28, 2010 Southern Human Services Center
6:30-8:30 PM 2501 Homestead Rd., Chapel Hill

--Website – Updates to the UDO webpage will be ongoing. Recent additions include: Consultant contract; preliminary draft sections of the UDO; March 2010 “What’s Happening”; and info on upcoming outreach meetings.

<http://www.co.orange.nc.us/planning/UDO.asp>