

Cashiers Area Community Planning Council

Minutes

June 25th, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Albert Carlton Library

Members	Present	Absent	Members	Present	Absent	Members	Present	Absent
David Bond	X		Robin Ashmore	X		Michael Cox	X	
Bob Dews	X		Mark Letson	X		Deborah Townsend Stewart	X	
Glenn Ubertino	X							

Staff Present

Michael Poston- Planning Director

John Jeleniewski- Senior Planner

Caroline Edmonds- Planner 1

Emily Soper- Planning Intern

Others Present

Steve Williams- NCDOT

Rose Bauguess- Southwestern Commission

Call to Order

Vice chair Deborah Townsend Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Election of Officers

David Bond made a motion nominating Michael Cox to be chairman of the Cashiers Planning Council. Bob Dews seconded the motion.

Deborah Townsend Stewart made a motion nominating Mark Letson to be chairman of the Cashiers Planning Council. Mark Letson declined the nomination to be chairman.

The Council voted to nominate Michael Cox to be chairman of the Cashiers Planning Council. The vote passed 7 to 0.

Bob Dews made a motion to close the election of officers. Mark Letson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Additions to Agenda

With no additions to the agenda, Bob Dews made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Robin Ashmore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Michael Cox made a motion to approve all three of the minutes as (April 23rd, June 3rd Charrette Meeting and June 6th Charrette Meeting) presented to the Council. Mark Letson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Staff Presentation

Planning Director Michael Poston gave a brief overview of the NC 107/US 64 intersection project and the process to now. Rose Bauguess of Southwestern Commission spoke to the timeline of the project as well as prioritization and scoring. NCDOT Engineer Steve Williams spoke to the time it would take to construct a roundabout and how pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle safety is a large part of the NCDOT planning process. There was discussion about the circumference of the roundabout and the number of cars that regularly travel through the intersection. The Planning Council explored and discussed alternatives to improving the intersection that might alleviate the traffic concerns.

Public Comment- Sign-up sheet- 3 minutes per speaker

David Jones spoke in regards to the future growth of Cashiers and how something needs to be done to improve the intersection. David Jones' company is willing to sponsor the landscaping of the center of a roundabout if that is the chosen intersection improvement.

Kay Martinson spoke in favor of traffic circles and how they take some getting used to, but are ultimately a positive improvement to intersections.

Betsy Paul raised concern of the lack of information given about the project at the charrette.

Mark Arnoldson spoke in favor of intersection improvements and is interested to see the different alternatives.

Mim Wolf loves the idea of a center or heart of the Cashiers crossroads and feels that a traffic circle could serve that role.

Mary Palmer Dargan spoke in favor of improvements to the intersection of NC 107 and US 64.

Sam Lupas spoke in favor of NCDOT further studying the improvement of the intersection.

Wake Fickey spoke in full support of intersection improvements, but also mentioned that speed limits in the Cashiers Village need to be looked at.

The public comment portion of the meeting was closed at 6:44 p.m.

Transportation Discussion

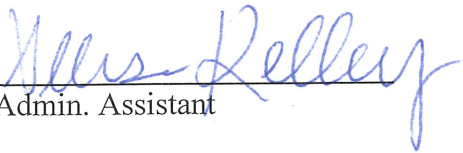
After a discussion of the transportation prioritization process and the opportunities that the public will have for participation once intersection concepts are developed, Robin Ashmore made a motion to recommend that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners place their NCDOT prioritization points toward the improvement of the NC 107/US 64 intersection in Cashiers.

Deborah Townsend Stewart seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 2 opposed.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Robin Ashmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deborah Townsend Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Admin. Assistant


Michael Cox, Chairman