



MINUTES
Heart of the Triad Strategic Planning Committee
June 03, 2008

Strategic Planning Committee Members Present:

Bruce Davis, Guilford County Commissioner
 Richard Linville, Forsyth County Commissioner
 Paul Gibson, Guilford County Commissioner (alternate)
 Robbie Perkins, Greensboro City Council
 John Faircloth, High Point City Council
 Gloria Whisenhunt, Forsyth County Commissioner (alternate)
 Ray Combs, Town of Oak Ridge
 David Rowe, Town of Oak Ridge (alternate)
 Joycelyn Johnson, Winston-Salem City Council

Others Present:

Paul Norby, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Director; Lee Burnette, City of High Point Planning Director; Lisa Chislett, PART; Jim Yarborough, PART; Jeff Hatling, Community Development Director, Town of Kernersville; Dick Hails, Planning Director, City of Greensboro; Bruce Oakley, Town of Oak Ridge; Don Kirkman, Piedmont Triad Partnership; Henry Isaacson, Stakeholder Committee member/PTIA; Kathleen Patterson, Greensboro Partnership; Paul Johnson, High Point Enterprise; Kristen Johnson, Kernersville News; Lydia McIntyre, Greensboro Department of Transportation; Doug Atkinson, Stakeholder Committee member/PTP-Forsyth County; Randy McCaslin, City of High Point; Mary Fabrizio, Stakeholder Committee member/resident; Jimmy Morgan, Stakeholder Committee member/resident; Joanne Morgan, resident; Doris Chappell, Stakeholder Committee member/resident; Blake Cox, Stakeholder Committee member/resident; Dr. Pat Schreiber, Stakeholder Committee member/resident; Homer S. Wade, Stakeholder Committee member/Guilford County Commercial Development; Thomas Clary, Stakeholder Committee member/Sierra Club; Bruce Boyer, President, Kernersville Chamber of Commerce; Ron Guerra, Stakeholder Committee member/resident; Rafe & Marianne Royle, resident; Cathy Poole, resident; Steve Winsett, War Memorial Foundation; David & Carolyn McBrayer, resident; Chris Frantz, Stakeholder Committee member/Forsyth County Commercial Development.

Co-Chairman Bruce Davis called the meeting to order.

A moment of silence was observed for Greg Niles, Guilford County Planning Director, who recently passed away. Co-Chairman Davis expressed the appreciation of the Strategic Planning Committee for the work done on the Heart of the Triad project by Mr. Niles.

Minutes.

Co-Chairman Davis asked for any comments on the April meeting minutes. If no corrections were needed, he asked for a motion of approval.

Motion by: Robbie Perkins to approve the April minutes.

Second by: John Faircloth.

Vote: Unanimous.

Draft By-Laws Review.

The Heart of the Triad Technical Committee presented a draft of by laws for the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC). The draft incorporates most of the changes suggested by the Stakeholder Committee meeting at the April SPC meeting. Members of the Technical Committee previously met to discuss the suggested changes. They did not support the following two changes: 1) Provisions to treat the Technical Committee as a publicly appointed committee. 2) Referencing specific Roberts Rules of Order.

Jeff Hatling addressed SPC members and stated that the Technical committee is a staff group and not a formally appointed group with decision making authority. Paul Norby stated that the planning directors and other support staff are working as a group to actually generate the work that is then subject to the public review process. Dr. Schreiber, Chairperson Stakeholders Advisory Committee, asked that the Stakeholder Committee be included in the planning process. Co-Chairman Linville stated that the Technical Committee will share any work and recommendations with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the SPC. The SPC will ask for input from all members of the Stakeholder Committee, including residents, environmental groups, and developers. John Faircloth stated that the Heart of the Triad project will not replace the planning efforts of local jurisdictions. Mr. Norby stated that the local jurisdictions will continue to conduct normal planning studies and the Heart project is a voluntary effort to work together as a region. Committee members agreed that individual projects will benefit from regional planning efforts. Co-Chairman Davis stated that the SPC will make Heart of the Triad recommendations to local jurisdictions and hopefully drive the local governments to a regional effort.

Dick Hails addressed the second point of referencing specific Roberts Rules of Order. The Technical Committee recommends using a generic reference. SPC members are already trained to conduct their meetings in general conformance with Robert's Rules.

Motion by: Ray Combs to approve the by-laws as presented by the Technical Committee.

Second by: Robbie Perkins.

Vote: Unanimous.

Joint Orientation Heart of the Triad Meeting.

Mr. Norby discussed conducting a joint orientation meeting for the SPC and the Stakeholders Committee. The meeting would be an overview of the Heart project and presentation of information about the planning process. Committee members set a date of August 6, 2008 at 4:00pm in the PART board room, suite 101. Dinner will be provided. Committee members are also invited to a field review of the study area on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. Interested members will meet at the PART office at 8:30am. Transportation will be provided by PART and should take approximately 2 hours. Robbie Perkins asked that large aerial photos of the project area be available for review and discussion.

Dr. Schreiber questioned ethical principals of the SPC. Co-Chairman Linville stated that all elected government officials sign agreements to uphold the laws of the state of North Carolina and each SPC member and alternates are elected officials and will conduct themselves appropriately.

Gloria Whisenhunt thanked the PART staff for their work and “volunteer” efforts for the Heart of the Triad project. Co-Chairman Davis also expressed appreciation to the regional efforts of PART and the other jurisdictional planning staff.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chairman Davis.