



**MINUTES**  
**Heart of the Triad Strategic Planning Committee**  
**January 27, 2010**

**Strategic Planning Committee Members Present:**

Richard Linville, Forsyth County Commissioner  
 Gloria Whisenhunt, Forsyth County Commissioner (alternate)  
 Jim Kee, Greensboro City Council  
 David Rowe, Town of Oak Ridge (alternate)  
 Kevin Bugg, Town of Kernersville  
 John Faircloth, High Point City Council

**Others Present:**

Brent McKinney, Executive Director PART; Paul Norby, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Director; Lee Burnette, City of High Point Planning Director; Lisa Chislett, PART; Jeff Hatling, Community Development Director, Town of Kernersville; Bruce Oakley, Town of Oak Ridge; Mark Kirstner, PART; Paul Johnson, High Point Enterprise; Les Eger, Guilford County Planning Dept.; Randy McCaslin, City of High Point; David Hyder, High Point MPO; Stuart Parks, Dave Hauser, Piedmont Triad Partnership; Tom Clary, Stakeholder Committee member, Sierra Club; Stakeholder Committee member/Forsyth County-Residential Development; Jimmy Morgan, Stakeholder Committee member/Guilford County resident; Joanne Morgan, resident; Doris Chappell, Stakeholder Committee member/resident; Blake Cox, Stakeholder Committee member/Forsyth County resident; Dr. Pat Schreiber, Stakeholder Committee chairperson/Forsyth County resident; Doug Atkinson, Stakeholder Committee member, Forsyth County PTP representative; Gene Stafford, Stakeholder Committee member/Guilford County resident; Jonathan Smith, Stakeholder Committee member/Forsyth County-Industrial Development; Cathy Poole, resident.

Co-Chairman Richard Linville called the meeting to order.

**Minutes.**

Co-Chairman Linville asked for any comments on the January 2009 meeting minutes. No corrections were needed, Chairman Linville approved the minutes.

**Project Overview.**

Paul Norby thanked PART for the facilitation of the Heart of the Triad project. The project began in 2004 with funding from the state and the private sector. The consulting firm of HDR developed a report which was presented to area Planning Directors. A Resolution to continue work on the project was approved by seven local jurisdictions. Area Planning Directors have continued to meet along with the Stakeholder committee and a set of Goals and Objectives were created. Guiding principals were developed with a consensus agreement from the Stakeholders Committee. Planning Directors have developed a land use map.

Co-Chairman Linville recognized new members of the SPC; Kevin Bugg, Town of Kernersville and Jim Kee, City of Greensboro.

### **Land Use Classifications.**

Lee Burnette discussed specified land use classifications as established with the Stakeholders committee. Wide-range land use classifications include: Open Space, Business Land Uses, and Residential Land Uses. The classifications were developed to provide high quality places for employment, residential and recreational use. Designs will be unified with preservation of existing culture in the area. A detailed description of each land use was presented to Board members.

Dr. Pat Schreiber, Chairperson of the Stakeholders Committee expressed appreciation to PART and the Planning Directors for full disclosure of planning process. The Stakeholders Committee has full involvement and input in the project.

Jeff Hatling discussed map locations of defined land use classifications. He noted there will be overlay maps of existing land uses from each jurisdiction. The Heart of the Triad project planning will enhance development standards to ensure high quality planning and development. The final document presented to the Strategic Planning Committee members will include narrative chapters on preserving open space, transportation planning organization, economic development, etc.

Dr. Schreiber expressed concerns of the Stakeholders Committee:

1. FedEx Ground entrance is directly across from Triad Park. This is on a 2-lane road, no signal light and poor visibility for oncoming traffic.
2. Open space in the project area is privately owned land with long term ties to the families of the owners. Choice of land development should be determined by owner.
3. Feasibility study of economic development. Businesses should have accountability for jobs promised to the area.

Paul Norby discussed draft timeline for project next steps. Planning Directors and Stakeholders will meet to discuss narrative content for final document. A public input meeting will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Bunkerhill Methodist Church. Strategic Planning Committee members would like to meet prior to the public meeting to review narrative. Tentative date for SPC meeting is March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. Co-Chairman Linville asked for overlay map of area showing airport connector road, Piedmont Parkway, and any new established roadways. He also stated that the FedEx Ground entrance should be examined by NCDOT. Audience members stated that High Point MPO is moving forward with the North / South Connector road.

Planning Directors will gather information on planned roadways and present to Stakeholder Committee. Dr. Shreiber asked that draft narrative content be emailed to Stakeholder Committee members for review prior to the next joint meeting. Tom Clary, Stakeholder member representing the Sierra Club, stated that area water and sewer needs should be considered.

Dr. Shreiber thanked elected officials for allowing citizen involvement in the planning process. Mr. Jimmy Morgan, Stakeholder member, expressed appreciation for

consideration of preservation of old buildings with architectural character in the Colfax community.

The meeting was adjourned.