



DURHAM OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMISSION

Minutes

June 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87515862913?pwd=U3JVS3lVS3hJYUt5V1dxOWI1YnpOZz09>

- I. Call to Order 7:04 p.m. (Deborah Luecken, Lois Ballen, Jeffrey Bakalchuck, Steve Cohn, Taylor Shaw, Peter Whitehead, Melissa Southern, Shakira Campbell, Harrison Gilbert, Celeste Burns, Audrey Vogel, Tom Dawson, Karthik Sundaramoorthy, Fred Myatt, Jane Korest, Dave Connelly, Carl Kolosna, Robb Levinsky)
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of April Minutes (Correct Audrey Vogel name) Dave: Motion to approve the minutes. Moved by Myatt, 2nd by Whitehead.
- III. Excused Absences Quinlan and Luukinen
- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda (Addition of May Bus Tour, New Hope Advisory Committee, ATT Speed Limit, and Office Elections to Old Business)
- V. Presentations: (No Presentations)
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Bus Tour DOST held a successful bus tour of trails, open space, and parks in May. DOST members stated hope for more elected officials to attend the next tour and appreciation for learning about more parks and open space in Durham.
 - b. New Hope Advisory Committee Myatt provided an overview of the recently re-activated New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee. The Committee has requested a DOST representative to attend their meetings. Whitehead nominated Myatt to be the DOST representative on the New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee, Second by Bakalchuck, unanimous approval from DOST.
 - c. ATT Speed Limit DOST discussed the feasibility and complexities around potentially placing a speed limit on the ATT for bicycles. Whitehead: The conflict between bicycled and pedestrian users on the ATT highlights a lack of other infrastructure for other modal options – many different transportation modes all happening at once on the ATT. Levinsky: I am against police enforcement (e.g. speeding tickets being given out) on the ATT.
 - d. Office Elections Staff Liaison Kolosna provided an overview of the process by which new DOST members are appointed by the City and County to DOST. DOST discussed potentially being involved in the review of applicants to DOST. This will be addressed in the upcoming update to the DOST Interlocal Agreement and Bylaws.
- VII. New Business
 - a. DOST Letter to Planning on Comprehensive Plan Cohn provided an overview of the process to develop a letter from DOST to the Planning Department regarding the new Comprehensive Plan, with some specific suggestions for edits to the plan. Cohn put

forth a motion for DOST to approve the letter and transmit to the Planning Department. Second by Whitehead, unanimous approval from DOST.

VIII. Updates

- a. Updates from staff**
 - i. Kolosna gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.**
 - ii. Korest and Burns shared updates on progress for securing a permanent conservation easement in coordination with the Triangle Land Conservancy for 177 acres in Northeast Durham near a firing range.**
- b. Updates from liaisons**
 - i. Campbell: Farmland Protection Advisory Board, there is a Durham County Agricultural Economic Development Program that offers cost share grants. Applications open July 1st and deadline is August 25. Will send an email with additional information**
- c. Updates from committees**
 - i. Campbell: Equity Committee did not meet in June but will meet in August.**
- d. Announcements:**
 - i. Kolosna: DOST will need an interim Secretary, will send out information. No DOST meeting for July.**

Adjournment

- e. Chair Connelly: Motion to Adjourn second by Bakalchuck, adjourned at 8:12pm**