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INFORMATION:

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, May 21; Lunch Work Session at 11:30

Council will meet in regular work session at **11:30 A.M.** in the **Council Chamber**. Please note the agenda for the lunch work session is included with the regular meeting agenda and may be accessed via the BoardDocs electronic agenda system:

<http://boarddocs.com/nc/raleigh/board.nsf>

The **regular** Council meeting begins at **1:00 P.M.**

Reminder: If there is an item you would like to pull from the consent agenda for discussion, please e-mail mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov by 11 A.M. the day of the meeting.

Planning Commission Review of Comprehensive Plan Update

Staff Resource: Bynum Walter, City Planning, 996-2178, bynum.walter@raleighnc.gov

During the work session on March 12, 2019, the City Council referred the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation, with instructions to structure review around the 2030 Comprehensive Plan's six Vision Themes. The Planning Commission began reviewing the content of the Update on April 9. A status update of the Planning Commission's review – including a schedule of anticipated deliberations and opportunities for public input - is enclosed with this *Weekly Report*.

(Attachment)


Bus Rapid Transit: Equitable Development Around Transit Plan

Staff Resource: Jason Hardin, City Planning, 996-2657, jason.hardin@raleighnc.gov

The kickoff meeting for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): Equitable Development Around Transit Plan has been scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at the Raleigh Convention Center. The event will include two identical open house sessions, one before and one following a presentation at 6:30 pm.

PLANNING PHASE

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)




Raleigh BRT: Equitable Development Around Transit


BRT is coming to our area!

Bus Rapid Transit will bring the region together by connecting Raleigh, Cary, and Garner, giving people greater freedom to move from place to place. It also provides the opportunity to address key issues, including equity, sustainability, housing affordability, and pedestrian safety.

Please join us for the kickoff of the Raleigh BRT: Equitable Development Around Transit plan to discuss these and other topics critical to the future of the city. We'll provide an update on the state of transit planning and explore the issues above and how they relate to BRT.



Thursday, June 6
 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. : Open House #1
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. : Presentation
 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. : Open House #2
Raleigh Convention Center, Ballroom C, 500 South Salisbury Street



Free parking available on street after 5 p.m. or at Raleigh Municipal Building parking deck (entrance on Morgan Street).

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More than 25,000 of these postcards have been mailed to properties within a half-mile of the potential BRT corridors.

The event will serve as an introduction to the issues being addressed in the process and a starting point for public input. The plan will create a policy foundation for future development and housing along the city's bus rapid transit corridors. It will do so by posing two primary questions:

1. Given expected future growth in the City, what is a reasonable proportion to accommodate along the BRT corridors?
2. What are the City's goals for housing affordability along the BRT corridors?

A memo with more information about the kick-off meeting is enclosed in this *Manager's Report*.
(Attachment)

Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Derrick Remer, Special Events Office, 996-2200, derrick.remer@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Weekly Report* packet is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from the May 7 City Council Meeting

Stormwater Concerns Raised During Public Hearing for Z-2-19 (Council Member Stewart)

Staff Resource: Wayne Miles, Engineering Services, 996-3964, wayne.miles@raleighnc.gov

During the evening session, the City Council held a public hearing for rezoning case Z-2-19 (5513 Dixon Drive). During the hearing, a resident named Carolyn Bishop spoke about stormwater issues on her property at 5506 Dixon Drive, across the street from the proposed rezoning. After some discussion at the meeting, it was determined that the property being rezoned was downstream of Ms. Bishop's property, with no potential to impact her property. After the City Council voted to approve the rezoning, Council Member Stewart asked that Stormwater staff follow up with Ms. Bishop to try to determine the cause of the stormwater issues on her property.

Stormwater staff met with Ms. Bishop on Monday, May 13 to discuss her concerns. In addition to the property on Dixon Drive, Ms. Bishop also owns the property at 420 Snelling Road; both properties are upstream of the rezoning site. Staff showed Ms. Bishop an iMAPS print out outlining the pipe locations and sizes of the existing stormwater system on her properties as well as the rezoned property. Given the amount of elevation drop that is present through this system, staff explained to Ms. Bishop that her properties should not experience any stormwater impacts from the proposed development at 5513 Dixon Drive. Ms. Bishop mentioned that increased stormwater flow occurred at both of her properties when development occurred upstream on Millbrook Road. After some evaluation, staff recommended to Ms. Bishop some improvements that could be made on her private property. Staff provided information to Ms. Bishop about the Drainage Assistance Program, while noting the various criteria that would need to be met for the work to be eligible for funding assistance.

Staff provided Ms. Bishop with their contact information and offered any further assistance possible if any issues arise during development of 5516 Dixon Drive.

(No attachment)

Follow Up – General

Request for Information: TCZ-1-19 (Council Member Cox)

Staff Resource: Christopher Golden, City Planning, 996-6368, christopher.golden@raleighnc.gov

Via email earlier this week, Council Member Cox requested demographic information relative to TCZ-1-19, 5001 Spring Forest Road. The requested demographic information is detailed in a memo enclosed with this *Weekly Report*.

Council Member Cox also asked how the case in question evaluates against the City's scattered site policy. For the development to include family units at this location, the City Council would need to grant a waiver to the Housing Location Policy. Elderly units would be exempt from the policy.

Of note: "TCZ" is a new prefix created to identify text change petitions which amend zoning conditions, rather than amending the text of the UDO. Recent case law has established that when a petition seeks to modify zoning conditions without changing the zoning district, it must be treated as a text change rather than a zoning map amendment.

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Special Events Weekly Digest

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Permitted Special Events

Catching Fireflies 5K

Wakefield High School & Route

Friday, May 17

Event Time: 8:00pm - 9:30pm

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be used along the following route from 8:30pm until 9:45pm:

Start at Wakefield High School and head straight over Wakefield Pines Drive onto Schoolhouse Road; Right onto Narrawood Street; Left onto Kelway Drive; Left onto Wakefield Plantation Drive; Stay straight over Falls of Neuse Road to continue onto Wakefalls Drive; Left onto Rolling Rock Road; Right onto Wakefalls Drive; Stay straight over Falls of Neuse Road to continue onto Wakefield Plantation Drive; Right onto Kelway Drive; Right onto Narrawood Street; Left onto Schoolhouse Road; Continue straight across Wakefield Pines Drive into Wakefield High School parking lot to Finish.

Five Points 5K

Whitaker Mill Road & Route

Saturday, May 18

Event Time: 8:00am - 9:30am

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be closed from 8:00am until 9:30am to facilitate the route. Note that all cross streets will be detoured and see below for turn by turn details:

Start at Hayes Barton Baptist Church; Exit onto Whitaker Mill Road eastbound; Left onto Sunset Drive; Right onto White Oak Road; Right onto Alexander Road; Right onto Oxford Road; Right onto Dunhill Drive; Right onto Medway Drive; Left onto Lowden Street; Left onto Noble Road; Right onto McNeil Street; Right onto Bernard Street; Right onto Whitaker Mill Road; Right into Hayes Barton Baptist Church parking lot to Finish.

Minuteman Muster

Gold Star Drive & Route

Saturday, May 18

Event Time: 8:00am - 10:30am

Associated Road Closures: Reedy Creek Trail tunnel at the intersection of Edwards Mill Road and Reedy Creek Road will be used and roads will be closed from 8:00am until 10:30am to facilitate the route. Note that all cross streets will be detoured and see below for turn by turn details:

Start on District Drive; Right onto Gold Star Drive; Left onto Reedy Creek Road; Left onto Reedy Creek Trail to pass under Edwards Mill Road; Left onto Reedy Creek Road; U-Turn before Trenton Road intersection; Continue on Reedy Creek Road to return by the same route.

NAMI Walks North Carolina

Dorothea Dix Park

Saturday, May 18

Event Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Cranmer Drive at Umstead Drive will be closed and Harvey Hill will be used from 6:00am until 3:00pm. The following route will be closed from 10:20am until 12:30pm (walk starts at 10:30am):

Start at Umstead Drive and Cranmer Drive; Right onto S. Boylan Avenue; Left onto Rocky Branch Trail; Left onto Hunt Drive; Left onto Umstead Drive; Left onto S. Boylan Avenue; Left onto Rocky Branch Trail; Left onto Hunt Drive; Left onto Umstead Drive to Finish.

Mud Day 2019

Peterson Street

Saturday, May 18

Event Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Peterson Street between S. State Street and the east side of the Carnage Middle School driveway will be closed from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

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Fayetteville Street District

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19

Event Times: 11:00am - 10:00pm on 5-18-19; 10:00am - 6:30pm on 5-19-19

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and the south end of City Plaza and Davie Street, Martin Street, and Hargett Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 5:00am on 5-18-19 until 11:59pm on 5-19-19. Note that local vehicular traffic will have access to the 500 block of Fayetteville Street.

Spring Fling Adult Egg Hunt

Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

Saturday, May 18

Event Time: 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Dawkins Drive will be closed and Flowers Field will be used from 12:00pm until 9:00pm.

Carolina Hurricanes/Carolina Ale House Cool Bar Playoff Celebration

Glenwood Avenue

Saturday, May 18

Event Time: 5:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Glenwood Avenue between W. Johnson Street and Tucker Street will be closed from 12:00pm on 5-18-19 until 1:00am on 5-19-19.

*Note that this event is pending and will only take place if the Carolina Hurricanes play in an away game on the permitted event date.

Ramblin' Rose Women's Only Triathlon

AE Finley YMCA & Route

Sunday, May 19

Event Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Baileywick Road between Harvest Oaks Drive and Chander Drive will be used from 8:00am until 11:00am for the bike ride. Note that the majority of the bike ride impacts streets outside of Raleigh city limits. Lead Mine Road northern sidewalks between Harvest Oaks Drive and Six Forks Road and Harvest Oaks Drive eastern sidewalks between Lead Mine Road and Baileywick Road will be used from 8:00am until 12:00pm for the run portion of the triathlon.

IY Joyner Run/Walk

Dorothea Dix Park

Sunday, May 19

Event Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Associated Road Closures: Whiteside Drive between Umstead Drive and Biggs Drive will be closed from 12:30pm until 4:00pm. Roads will be closed from 1:50pm until 3:00pm to facilitate the following route:

Start at Whiteside Drive; Right onto Biggs Drive; Right onto Ruggles Drive; Left onto Umstead Drive; Right onto Dawkins Drive; Left onto Umstead Drive; Right onto Ruggles Drive; Left onto Biggs Drive; Right onto Palmer Drive; Left onto Cranmer Drive; Left onto Umstead Drive; Right onto S. Boylan Avenue; Left onto Tate

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Drive; Right onto Richardson Drive; Left onto Umstead Drive; Right onto Middleton Drive; Left onto Palmer Drive; Right onto Biggs Drive; Right onto Whiteside Drive to Finish.

Raleigh Night Market

City Market

Thursday, May 23

Event Time: 5:30pm - 10:30pm

Associated Road Closures: Parham Street between Martin Street and Wolfe Street, Wolfe Street between Blount Street and Blake Street, and Blake Street between Martin Street and Davie Street will be closed from 2:00pm until 11:59pm.

Other Events This Weekend

PRIME Music Festival

Friday, May 17 – Saturday, May 18

Red Hat Amphitheater

Biss Plays Beethoven – North Carolina Symphony Classical Series

Friday, May 17 – Saturday, May 18

Meymandi Concert Hall

Swan Lake – Carolina Ballet

Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19

Memorial Auditorium

Beehive The 60's Musical – Theatre Raleigh

Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19

Kennedy Theatre

Showstopper 2019 Dance Event

Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19

Raleigh Convention Center

Mary Belle Pate Park Dedication

Saturday, May 18

Mary Belle Pate Park

New Entrepreneurs Winning

Saturday, May 18

Raleigh Convention Center

Skywatching – Bright Spring Objects

Saturday, May 18

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Fitness Series at Pullen Park

Sunday, May 19

Pullen Park

Public Resources

[Event Feedback Form](#): Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome citizen and participant feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Special Events Office. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

[Temporary Road Closures](#): A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

[Online Events Calendar](#): View all currently scheduled events that are regulated by the City of Raleigh Special Events Office.



Raleigh

MEMO

TO: Ruffin Hall, City Manager

FROM: Bynum Walter, Planning Supervisor
Ira Mabel, City Planner

DEPARTMENT: City Planning

DATE: May 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Status of Planning Commission Review of Comprehensive Plan Update

During a work session on March 12, 2019, City Council referred the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update to Planning Commission for review and recommendation, with instructions to structure review around the 2030 Comprehensive Plan's six Vision Themes. The guidance to Planning Commission was to report their recommendations back to City Council for each Vision Theme on a rolling basis as they are finalized.

Planning Commission began reviewing the content of the Update on April 9. Review is ongoing and the Planning Commission's schedule is as follows:

Date & Time	Meeting	Location
May 23, 4:00 pm	Committee of the Whole	Raleigh Municipal Building Room 305
May 28, 9:00 am	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
May 30, 4:00 pm	Special Work Session	Raleigh Municipal Building Room 303
June 5, 4:00 pm	Special Work Session	Council Chambers
June 19, 4:00 pm	Special Work Session	Raleigh Municipal Building Room 305

These review sessions have been promoted on the Comprehensive Plan Update's project website, through govDelivery emails. Approximately 15 members of the public attended the work session on April 30, and approximately 10 attended the session on May 9.

To date, Planning Commission has completed review of the one Vision Theme, "Managing Our Growth" and delivered their recommendation to City Council on May 7. A public hearing is scheduled for June 4, 2019.

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To provide alternative times for the public to provide comments on the Update and to ask questions of staff in a more informal setting, Planning Department staff will offer Ask-A Planner four times in advance of the June 4 public hearing:

Date & Time	Location
May 29, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Raleigh Municipal Building Room 237
May 29, 4:00 – 6:00 pm	Raleigh Municipal Building Room 237
May 30, 8:15 – 10:00 am	Raleigh Municipal Building Room 305
June 4, 5:30 – 6:30 pm	Raleigh Municipal Building Room 237

The times and locations of these events will be advertised through govDelivery and social media. City Planning staff is in the process of visiting all CAC's to share information about the adoption review process, including details of Planning Commission's review schedule. Staff has already visited six CAC's and is working with the remaining CAC's to schedule additional visits.



Raleigh

MEMO

TO: Ruffin L. Hall, City Manager

FROM: Ken Bowers, AICP
Jason Hardin, AICP

DEPARTMENT: City Planning

DATE: May 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Bus Rapid Transit: Equitable Development around Transit

The kickoff meeting for the BRT: Equitable Development around Transit plan (a project previously referred to with the working title of BRT land use policy framework) is set for June 6 at the Raleigh Convention Center. The event will serve as an introduction to the issues being addressed in the process and a starting point for public input.

The event will include both an open house, which begins at 4:00 p.m., and a presentation, which begins at 6:30 p.m. The open house will include several stations with information - and input opportunities - about topics such as:

- The citywide BRT system
- Examples of transit-supportive planning and development
- Projected future growth in the city and region
- Equity issues, including housing affordability and access to opportunity

The event also will include information about and the opportunity to provide input on the New Bern Avenue BRT design project, which will hold its first public meeting later in June.

The formal presentation will address these topics as well. It also will provide information about the next steps of the process, which will include workshops scheduled for late summer. The plan will wrap up later this year with a final open house.

Significant public outreach is occurring to promote the event and process. Postcards, which are shown on the second page of this memo) are being mailed to properties within a half-mile of the potential BRT corridors. More than 25,000 are being sent.

As the questions involved are of citywide interest, promotion is going beyond the BRT corridors. Efforts include CAC outreach, emails to city news subscribers and previous participants in city planning processes, communication with groups interested in housing and development, and direct outreach to bus riders.

The plan will create a policy foundation for future development and housing along the city's bus rapid transit corridors. It will do so by posing two primary questions: 1) Given expected future growth in the City, what is a reasonable proportion to accommodate along the BRT corridors? 2) What are the City's goals for housing affordability along the BRT corridors?

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Equity and sustainability are core considerations of this project. Maintaining and enhancing affordability, ensuring accessibility to the service from existing residential areas, and minimizing displacement from rising real estate values will be issues, along with increasing ridership, reducing carbon emissions, and providing economic development opportunities.

Council Member Follow Up



Raleigh

MEMO

TO: Ruffin Hall, City Manager

FROM: Ken Bowers, Planning Director
Christopher Golden, Senior Planner

DEPARTMENT: City Planning

DATE: May 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Council Member Cox: inquiry relating to TCZ-1-19,
5001 Spring Forest Road

On May 14, 2019, the City Planning Department received an information request by Council Member Cox. The inquiry pertained to text change TCZ-1-19 located at 5001 Spring Forest Road¹. Council Member Cox asked for the following information in relation to this case:

- Population over the last 10 years in the vicinity of the case location
- Population Density over the last 10 years in the vicinity of the case location
- Percentage of census tract residents who rent in the vicinity of the case location
- Number of multi-family units for each census tract in the vicinity of the case location
- Number of single-family homes for each census tract in the vicinity of the case location

5001 Spring Forest Road is located within the boundaries of a single census tract, however there two additional census tracts in the immediate vicinity (See attached map). For this reason, the data for three census tracts have been provided to demonstrate a more accurate representation of the characteristics of the area in terms of the questions being asked. The census tracts that staff researched for this request are distinguished by the following census tract number classifications: 540.15 (Site), 540.08, 541.04. The same data for the

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City of Raleigh has also been provided as a comparison. The tables containing this information can be found on the following page.

Population (ACS 5-year Estimates, ACS 1-year Estimates)								
Year	540.15 (Site)		540.08		541.04		Raleigh, NC	
	Population	Density (per acre)	Population	Density (per acre)	Population	Density (per acre)	Population	Density (per acre)
2010	2270	1.918	7013	12.695	10025	3.484	403892	4.387
2011	2249	1.900	6295	11.395	10539	3.663	416468	4.509
2012	2429	2.052	6061	10.972	10626	3.693	423179	4.577
2013	2547	2.152	6556	11.868	10687	3.714	431746	4.657
2014	2516	2.126	6567	11.888	10706	3.721	439896	4.735
2015	2501	2.113	6850	12.400	10859	3.774	451006	4.835
2016	2869	2.424	7257	13.137	11184	3.887	458880	4.912
2017	2915	2.463	7289	13.195	11831	4.112	464785	4.940

Housing, percent of total units (ACS 5-year Estimates)								
	540.15 (Site)		540.08		541.04		Raleigh, NC	
Rent	49.1		83.7		26.3		48.1	
Own	50.9		16.3		73.7		51.9	
1-unit detached	51.9		18.3		71.3		46.6	
2+units	33.2		73.7		10.4		36.2	
(*doesn't include 1-unit attached (duplex))								