



**PED COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
August 16, 2016**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Vice-Mayor Gwen Wisler, Councilman Brian Haynes, Councilman Gordon Smith

**Staff in Attendance:** Cathy Ball, Sam Powers, Ken Putnam, Ashley Qualls, Stephanie Monson-Dahl, Stacy Merten, Alan Glines, Shannon Tuch, Melissa VanSickle

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Haynes moved to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Wisler seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. UPDATES**

**a. Riverfront Office; Stephanie Monson-Dahl**

Ms. Stephanie Monson-Dahl reminded members of important dates and that there are construction updates on the Riverfront webpage.

**b. Comprehensive Plan; Todd Okolichany**

Ms. Stacy Merten informed members about the first public meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Collider. Also, Ms. Merten noted that a survey has been available online for public participation and in November, staff plan to have public workshops at various locations in the community.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Consideration of Level II Wording Amendment; Shannon Tuch**

Ms. Shannon Tuch provided a background of the previous wording amendments for Level II review. Events prior to June 2011 caused a change to the review process to be adopted, which moved the final review of a Level II project from the TRC to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Under this process, the TRC still performs its technical review which is then, to some degree, duplicated by the Planning & Zoning Commission who is limited in their ability to review to the same ministerial standards that the staff is bound by. After five years, this change did not produce the desired results of public involvement and a request to return the final review of Level II projects back to the TRC was made at the August 2014 PED meeting. In this meeting, the PED moved to recommend that Council consider this change but to apply it only to those Level II projects proposed for areas outside of the downtown (non-CBD projects) and to identify strategies to maintain or improve public notice and opportunity for input. Staff is suggesting that DSD post all documents within one week of the application, a notice be sent to all property owners within 200 feet that decision was made, and signage be used to advertise the meetings.

Vice-Mayor Wisler inquired about Planning and Zoning Commission overriding TRC decisions and Ms. Tuch indicated that from what she could recall, there were no such instances. Councilman Smith asked that staff communicate the changes when they occur.

Councilman Smith made a motion to recommend the wording amendment and that staff moves forward with the process for making the changes. Councilman Haynes seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

**b. Consideration of Multimodal Transportation Improvement for I-26; Ken Putnam**

Mr. Ken Putnam described the working group that has formed with the City of Asheville and the N.C. Department of Transportation. Staff has also met with community members and engaged youth to begin discussions about possible impacts to neighborhoods. The working group has met three times so far and would like to set up a subcommittee to focus on local needs. Staff plans to continue to update Council and will come back to PED to ask for support on a regular basis. Staff is also asking for support to move forward with setting up a subcommittee.

Vice-Mayor Wisler asked that staff bring updates to PED and that those updates move forward to Council as needed.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ADJOURN**

**Chair Wisler adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m. without objection.**