

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting of May 23, 2024

(Present: Pugh, Myatt, Welch, Fowler, Flinn, Anderson, Healy (chair), Ed Harrison, Dave Bradley)

- (1) Fowler said that he had located a copy of the wonderful old film about the New Hope, narrated by Reynolds Price, at Triangle Land Conservancy. Bo Howes is trying to get the DVD duplicated. Healy suggested that it be posted both on the TLC website and on You Tube. He could then put a link to the film on newhopecreek.org

Healy said that there is already a film on You Tube, made by the NC Association of Landscape Architects, which has about 10 minutes of Ken Coulter, at Sandy Creek Park, talking about the New Hope and the NHCCAC. Healy will also post a link to this. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7HUtkeHQPw>

- (2) It was suggested that we need a link to the Durham Planning Department. But who and how?
- (3) There is a new website, Durham Zoning Explorer, that organizes rezoning applications by address, with a way to link to applications. This is a great convenience. There is a schedule of staff, Planning Commission and Council hearing dates. There is also a way (box at the top of each application) for citizens to email comments on individual projects at any time in the process.

See

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/d96aee655e60439e9b46856fd5106c06>

- (4) Pickett Road apartment development. Healy showed the Ascension Development website, which has a rendering of the project. See <https://www.ascensionconstruction.org/content/portfolio-items/pickett-lofts/> He said that in addition to the comments that the NHCCAC will offer, individuals could submit comments, for example on water quality and traffic, through the Durham comment process described above. He said that neighbors are well organized to oppose the development and have a website Pickett Road Zoning Resource Center <https://www.pickettroadzoning.com/>
- (5) Mt. Moriah Rd. development. It seems as though no application for rezoning has been submitted pending annexation by Durham. Healy said that the proposed 1000 unit projects includes quite a few townhouses and wondered if these might be offered for sale rather than rental, which would be a good thing. Pugh said that when Chapel Hill passed a resolution allowing Durham to annex the land they imposed some conditions. Will these be met?
- (6) Bradley said that although there will be no new money for Hollow Rock Phase 2 in the Orange County Parks budget, there may be some funds from past budgets that could be used for improvements. Healy noted that he had seen an exhibit at

Duke's Nicholas School on the geology of the area, which might be borrow or duplicated for display in the store. Fowler said his wife, Gail Boyarski, and Judd Edeburn have a number of objects from the interior of the old store. Healy said that a camera was needed on the site because of a rash of car break-ins in the parking lot. Bradley said there were some cameras and arrests had been made.

- (7) Myatt said that the Open Space Committee of DOST is preparing a 'development scorecard' for the open space and wildlife impacts of projects. The NHCCAC will happily make comments on this. Healy suggested that Brooke Massa and the Eno-New Hope Corridor group also be involved, as they have great data resources.