



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jessica Holmes

Present: 7 - Commissioner Jessica Holmes, Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Commissioner Matt Calabria, Commissioner Greg Ford, Commissioner James West, Commissioner Susan Evans, and Commissioner Vickie Adamson

Others Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer; Bill Greeves, Chief Information and Innovation Officer; and Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Chair Jessica Holmes

Items of Business

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

2. [Retiree Recognition](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary 1.22.2019.docx](#)
[Richard Sampson Bio.docx](#)
[Alisha Battle Bio.docx](#)
[Candis Alston Bio.docx](#)
[Charlene Mitchener Bio.docx](#)
[Suzanne Stephenson Bio.docx](#)

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager, recognized retirees for their service to Wake County. He recognized the following individuals for their service to Wake County.

Ms. Candis Alston -29 years of service, Sheriff's Office

Ms. Alisha Battle, 29 years of service, Human Services Department

Mr. Richard Sampson, 32 years of service, Sheriff's Office

Ms. Suzanne Stephenson, 25 years of service, Human Services

He presented them with plaques commensurate to their service to Wake County.

3. [Recognition of Recent Awards](#)

Attachments: [Awards Item Updated.docx](#)

North Carolina Public Library Director's Association Best Service Innovation for 2018

Mr. Ellis said Wake County Public Libraries' Thompson Fellowship program was recently recognized by the North Carolina Public Library Directors' Association as the state's Best Service Innovation for 2018.

He said the Thompson Fellowship is a unique work/study opportunity that empowers teens to deliver early literacy enrichment activities in support of Wake County's summer food initiative at Historic Oak View County Park.

He said the eight-week paid work/study program is funded by the county and open to rising 11th and 12th graders who have successfully completed service with the Libraries' Teen Leadership Corps.

Mr. Ellis said the teens selected for the Thompson Fellowship spent their summer break working with Summer Food Service Program participants at Oak View, which served as a summer food host site.

He said the Thompson Fellows engaged the kids each day with fun literacy and recreational activities to help prevent the "summer slide", which often occurs when students slip out of practice or forget some of what they learned during the previous school year.

In addition to their work with the kids at Oak View, the teens also meet weekly with community partners and library staff to further promote their personal and professional development.

He said the Thompson Fellowship program is named for Pearl Thompson, a teacher and champion of literacy with a lifelong commitment to children, reading

and education, including the public library.

He said as a freshman at Shaw University in 1942, in the era of Jim Crow, Mrs. Thompson was denied a Wake County Library card. In order to view the book she needed to complete an assignment, she was directed to sit in the library basement, where a staff member brought her the book and Mrs. Thompson sat and read it. Seventy three years later, Wake County Public Libraries reached out to Mrs. Thompson to make amends and issued her a library card at the Cameron Village Library.

He said this award-winning Fellowship was developed in her name to honor her memory in a way that is meaningful and positive, while impacting the communities for which she advocated. In her words, "Out of darkness is going to come light and you've got to believe that."

As the state's Best Service Innovation, the Thompson Fellowship program is indeed about finding light in darkness. The program is a shining example of collaboration and partnership that ultimately fed the bodies and minds of some of Wake County's most vulnerable residents.

Mr. Ellis recognized Mr. Mike Wasilik, Wake County Library Director; Ms. Ann Burlingame, Assistant Library Director; Ms. Sarah Lyon, Librarian II; Ms. Elena Owens, Librarian II; Ms. Crystal Mitchener, Librarian II; Mr. Gordon Jochem, Librarian I; Ms. Astrid Huber, Librarian II; Ms. Rita Bhattacharya, Librarian II; and Ms. Emily Catherman, Park Manager.

4. [Moment of Silence for Jackie Johns, Garner Town Council Member](#)

Chair Holmes asked Mayor Ronnie Williams, Garner Town Council Members, and family members to come forward in honor of Mr. Jackie Johns, deceased Garner Town Council Member.

Commissioner West acknowledged Mr. Johns as a leader that will be missed. He said that the board offered prayers and condolences for the members of the Garner Town Council. He shared a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others." He said that Mr. Johns consistently made a difference in the lives of others. He shared the accomplishments of Mr. Johns in serving the public as an elected official for 36 years. He said that he served as a Town Alderman and Town Council member. He was the first and only African American on the Town Council in the history of the Town of Garner. He said the population grew from 5,000-\$25,000 during his tenure. He said Mr. Johns led the town through the establishment of White Deer Park, the construction of a new Town Hall, and police station.

He said Mr. Johns was proud of the purchase of the Lake Benson Park. He said that he served the Lord and had a common bond and attended Springfield Baptist Church serving as a deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and Trustee. He said that he hosted an annual luncheon for his late spouse and son for elected officials. He said that it will be difficult to replace him.

He asked everyone to remember Mr. Johns and asked everyone to join him for a moment of silence.

Mayor Ronnie Williams, Town of Garner, said Mr. Johns was a servant of the people and a generous servant of the community.

Mr. Rodney Dickerson, Garner Town Manager, said that Mr. Johns was an advocate of the town employees, walked every day, and enjoyed interaction with the employees

Councilman Ken Marshburn, Town of Garner congratulated the board for their service. He said that Mr. Johns was a dedicated servant and will be greatly missed.

Commissioner West said that when Mr. John passed away, everyone benefited from the fruits of his labor.

Mr. John's son said that Mr. John's position will be hard to follow. He shared that his father kept up with information about others. He spoke about his personal experiences with his father.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5. [Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Garner and Wake County regarding Administration of Garner's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance](#)

Attachments: [BOC Item Summary. ILA. Garner Erosion Control Services.01.03.19.docx](#)
[Garner.ILA. Erosion Control Services.pdf](#)

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Garner and Wake County regarding the County's continued administration of Garner's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

6. [Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Knightdale and Wake County regarding Administration of Knightdale's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance](#)

Attachments: [BOC Item Summary. ILA. Knightdale.01.03.19.docx](#)
[ILA. Knightdale. Erosion Control Services.pdf](#)

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Knightdale and Wake County regarding the County's continued administration of Knightdale's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

7. [Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Study](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)
[Memorandum of Agreement for a Raleigh-Cary-Wake County Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.docx](#)
[Wake County AI Final 12.22.15.pdf](#)

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement for participation in a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice study. The motion passed unanimously.

8. [Partial Loan Payoff to Wake County and Partial Release of Interest held in Real Property located at 1105 Tingen Road, Apex](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)
[Correspondence from the Estate of James M. Hooker.pdf](#)

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Accept funds from the sale of James M. Hooker's (now deceased) ½ undivided interest in real property located at 1105 Tingen Road for the partial payoff (50%) of the Wake County Rehabilitation Loan encumbering said property; and**
- 2. Authorize the Board Chair to execute a partial release as to the ½ undivided interest held by the James M. Hooker heirs in the subject property upon receipt of funds totaling 50% of the loan payoff (calculated and to be paid as of the date of closing), subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed**

unanimously.

9. [Accept and Appropriate \\$6,000 of Grant Funds from the Association of Food and Drug Officials](#)

Attachments: [BOC agenda item EHS AFDO 2019.docx](#)
[Award Letter for Risk Factor Study.pdf](#)
[Award Letter for Training.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2019 Grants and Donations Fund.xlsx](#)

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners accept grant funds from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) and appropriate \$6,000 to the County's Grant Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

10. [Resolution to Modify the Alert Fire Insurance District Map Boundaries](#)

Attachments: [Jan 22 Alert Fire dist item.docx](#)
[FIREINS Alert ISO Oct2018a.pdf](#)
[FIREINS Alert ISO Sept2017a.pdf](#)
[RE \[External\] FW Alert ISO Map.pdf](#)

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution modifying the Alert Fire Insurance District. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

11. [Public Hearing to Consider Text Amendment OA-02-18 to the Wake County Unified Development Ordinance regarding use of Native Plants in Required Landscaping](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)
[OA-02-18 Presentation 01-22-19.pdf](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Statement of Consistency Resolution](#)
[Ordinance Amendment Resolution](#)

Ms. Terry Nolan, Planner III, shared the ordinance amendment purpose.

- To update and edit Wake County Unified Development Ordinance pertaining to landscaping requirements. This amendment:
 - Supports county sustainability efforts
 - Fulfills direction from Board of Commissioners to increase use of native plants
 - Updates references to non-native invasive species

She shared the past action.

- Idea first introduced by Open Space And Parks Advisory Committee (OSAPAC)
- Studied by Growth, Land Use, & Environment (GLUE) Committee
- Supported by Board of County Commissioners at Work Session
- Board of Commissioners passed a supportive resolution October 15, 2018

She shared information about article 16 that applies to sections of the UDO

- Off-Street Parking Areas
- Bufferyards
- Fences, Walls, and Berms
- Trash Storage Areas
- Permanent, Freestanding Signs

She shared the staff findings.

- Support the Board of Commissioners' goal to promote sustainability efforts throughout the county.
- Fulfills the direction provided by the Board of Commissioners, as stated in their October 15, 2018 resolution supporting increased use of native plants.
- Replace references to non-native invasive species with resources that are regularly updated.

Chair Holmes opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chair Holmes closed the public hearing.

Ms. Nolan said the Wake County Planning Board recommended this item unanimously.

Commissioner Hutchinson said Mr. Tom Earnhardt, Exploring North Carolina, had shared this with him. He commented on Mr. Earnhardt's accolades. He said this an opportunity to celebrate the diversity.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Find that Text Amendment OA-02-18 is consistent with the Wake County Land Use Plan and the Wake County Unified Development Ordinance and is reasonable and in the public interest; and adopt the attached resolution;

and by a separate motion;

2. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the proposed amendment to the Wake County Unified Development Ordinance as presented in Text Amendment OA-02-18. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Kenneth Boone, 1102 Green Knob Court, Fuquay-Varina, NC, said that he serves on the HOA Board of the Crooked Creek Community. He shared information about the information on social media. He said that he was in China on a business trip when the decision about the park land was made on January 7, 2019 without public debate in advance.

Ms. Nancy Ferrell-Unwin, 4405 Linaria Lane, Fuquay-Varina, shared the minutes from a Board of Commissioners' Work Session Minutes. She shared information about allocation of funds. She said the facility and the master planning account, debt services, and savings are the three types of funds.

Mr. Thomas Huegerich, 5400 Brushy Meadows Drive, Fuquay-Varina, NC, said the sale of the property for surplus is a wound that will grow bigger and create a scar that will not go away. He said the bidding process of the land will be a vigorous. He said the question before the citizens is "do they trust local government." He said that social media and the news prints are negative and create a red flag for those that are considering to move to Wake County. He asked for the board to re-consider the proposal.

Ms. Sheree Ward, 4604 Spring-Crest Court, Fuquay-Varina, NC, shared the timeline of events from the purchase of the Crooked Creek property and the sale of the land as surplus property.

Ms. Beth Greene, 5424 Willow Bridge Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC, yielded her speaking time to Ms. Sandell

Ms. Linda Sandell, 5413 Willow Bridge Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC, spoke of the public trust about the Crooked Creek Park Land sold as surplus. She said if the sale moves forward then citizens will not be allowed to use a much needed park. She said that commissioners ignored the public's

request. She shared various reasons of why the public's trust has been betrayed by four commissioners.

Ms. Stacey Larson, 114 Gables Gate Court, Apex, NC, commended Commissioner Evans for stating that she did not have enough information to make a decision about the Crooked Creek Park Land. She spoke about the vote and asked whether the vote can be taken again. She quoted Martin Luther King, Jr. about having a dream.

Ms. Kathy Mason, 4620 Gomar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC, said that the community had a vision for the South Wake Park. She quoted from a 14 page rebuttal from a commissioner. She said there is a lack of planning from imagination and wisdom. She said the new elementary school can be used for environmental education. She asked the board to follow the lead of the late Mr. Jackie Johns, Town of Garner.

Ms. Shelley Peele, 7528 Trey Stone, Fuquay-Varina, NC, said that the 14 page rebuttal did not explain the reasons for the sale of the land as surplus. She asked the board about planned land to be used for a park. She questioned fiscally responsible government. She asked the board to keep their park promise.

Ms. Monica Nawayczyk, 5700 Creekfall Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC, yielded her comments to Ms. Patty Goodwin, 2627 Brighton Bluff Drive, Fuquay-Varina, NC. Ms. Goodwin spoke of a park poll that was taken in Fuquay-Varina, NC and surrounding areas. She said the Master Plan only covers existing parks. She noted that the \$2 Million earmarked for social workers, counselors is being changed at today's meeting. She said that she needed information on this item.

Mr. Edward Miller, 4420 Baldpate Court, Raleigh, NC, spoke about the orphan roads in Wake County. He spoke of moving here to Wake County and the circumstances around 75 percent of persons that were needed.

Ms. Kelly Araneda, 4124 Ridgebrook Bluff Drive, Raleigh, NC, said her family needs a park. She said that her family of four enjoys to walk. She said that home schooling provides connectivity for her children. She said that part of their childhood is missing.

Mr. John Adcock, 7429 Rouse Road, Holly Springs, NC, shared the process of the board in the past for the park. He said that the process to revote was 19 days. He said that good governance was not followed. He said the proposed South East Wake Park is now a priority after 15 years. He said there is 168 acres of land that is committed for recreation and asked the board to do the right thing by voting again on this decision. He quoted Thomas Jefferson.

12. [Public Hearing on ZP-898-18 to Modify a Condition from a Previously Approved Conditional Use Rezoning Case in 2000](#)

Attachments: [ZP-898-18 BOC Item Summary.docx](#)
 [ZP-898-18 Presentation 01-22-19.pdf](#)
 [ZP-898-18 BOC SR.docx](#)
 [ZP-898-18 Ordinance for Consistency Reasonableness Public Interest.doc](#)
 [ZP-898-18 Ordinance for Approval of Rezoning Petition.doc](#)
 [ZP-898-18 Petition Materials.pdf](#)
 [Maps.pdf](#)
 [Planning Board Minutes Excerpt.docx](#)

Mr. Keith Landford, Planner III, said that the rezoning request remains unchanged. He said the modification of a previously approved rezoning condition that limited impervious surface coverage to 30 percent of the lot area by allowing it to be increased to fifty percent of the lot area.

Mr. Lankford shared the purpose of the rezoning request.

1. To **modify a condition from a previously approved (2000) conditional use rezoning case** to increase the impervious surface coverage on the subject property from 30% to 50% in order to resolve existing zoning violations and to allow for a possible future expansion of use within a vacant portion of the existing building.
2. A site plan review will be required to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations such as stormwater management.

He shared an aerial map and zoning map of the area.

He shared the background of the request.

- The site was approved for Conditional Use-General Business rezoning in 2000 with a condition that limited impervious surface coverage to 30 percent.
- The site is over the allowed impervious surface coverage due to:
 - ❖ An error on the original site plan.
 - ❖ The addition of a freestanding ATM.
 - ❖ The lack of the two required ATM parking spaces.
 - ❖ The placement of almost 1,500 square feet of gravel to accommodate overflow parking of large trucks because they were causing erosion damage.

He shared the land use plan information.

- General zoning was first applied to the southeastern portion of Wake County in 1970.
- East Raleigh-Knightdale ALUP was adopted, designating the surrounding area as an Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) in 2003.
- Located within Raleigh's SRUSA and a NAC, which allows for a variety of small-scale nonresidential uses (specifically lists convenience stores, gas sales, and restaurants).
- Consistent with two stated goals of the Land Use Plan.
- The requested condition modification, the existing and continued CU-GB zoning, the existing and continued uses, and the permissible range of uses (only food services) would be consistent with the LUP's NAC designation, reasonable, and appropriate for the area.

He shared the information related to the resonableness and public interest.

- Allow for resolution of the existing zoning violations, which will allow for the continued provision of these convenience services to the community.
- Allow for a moderate expansion of use within the vacant portion of the existing building (additional parking spaces may be needed).
- No changes to any of the other previously approved rezoning conditions.
- Site plan review will ensure compliance with all applicable UDO standards and provide protection of the public health and safety.

He shared the staff findings.

1. To modify a previously approved rezoning condition to resolve existing zoning violations and to allow for a possible moderate expansion of use within the vacant portion of the existing building.
2. All other previously approved rezoning conditions will be unchanged and will remain valid and in effect.
3. The request is consistent with the LUP's NAC designation, two stated LUP goals, and would be reasonable, and appropriate, for the area.
4. There are no environmentally sensitive features on, or near, the subject property, and there is no indication of previous stormwater issues on the subject property.
5. A site plan will be required to ensure compliance with all applicable current standards so as to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

6. There are no traffic issues on the adjacent roadways, and the modification of the previously approved rezoning condition is not anticipated to generate any significant new traffic to the site.
7. The City of Raleigh had no objection to the request and indicated that the uses are consistent with the City's Future Land Use Map.
8. The Wake County Planning staff has received no objections from the surrounding property owners or the general public.

Commissioner West said the property is in his residential district. He asked whether the request fits into the county's current Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Mr. Lankford said the current Land Use Plan has the request designated for low density residential, but there was a neighborhood activity center that allowed the neighborhood scale uses at the intersection. He said the property is in the City of Raleigh's Short Term urban Service Area. He said one of the previous conditions is that connection be provided to the City of Raleigh water and sewer service. He said connection occurred in 2001 when the site was built.

Commissioner West asked if the site met the impervious surface conditions. Mr. Lankford said it is over the impervious surface limit. He said there are no stormwater devices on the site since the regulations did not require them. He said a site plan review would be needed to install a stormwater device under stricter conditions.

Commissioner West said the City of Raleigh has a Citizens' Advisory Council for rezoning requests and asked whether this request went through their processes. Mr. Lankford said that City of Raleigh Planning staff said they had no objection to the rezoning increase in impervious surface and it is consistent with their land use plan.

Vice-Chair Ford clarified that the motion modifies the zoning and places the property back in compliance. He asked whether there would be harmful impacts to the environment, issues with the surrounding neighbors, or government entities. Mr. Lankford confirmed that this is correct.

Chair Holmes opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chair Holmes closed the public hearing.

Mr. Lankford said that staff supports the request.

Mr. Lankford said the Wake County Planning Board recommended approval of the zoning request unanimously.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing to consider rezoning petition ZP-898-18 and:

1. Adopt the draft statement finding that the requested rezoning to modify a condition from a previously approved (2000) conditional use rezoning case to allow the impervious surface coverage to be increased from 30% to 50%, the existing and proposed continued zoning district for the subject property, the existing and proposed continued uses, and the allowable range of possible uses, would be consistent with the Wake County Land Use Plan's Neighborhood Activity Center designation, and would be reasonable, and appropriate, for the area. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners:

2. Approve the rezoning request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

13. [Public Hearing and Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application by Passage Home for Community Services Block Grant Fund Designation](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)

[Passage Home Presentation 01-22-19.pdf](#)

[Resolution](#)

[Passage Home CSBG Documentation of Submission to County Commissioners.pdf](#)

[Passage Home FY2019-20 CSBG Grant Application.pdf](#)

Mr. Seth Friedman, CEO, Passage Home, said the mission of Passage Home is to help break the cycle of poverty and create generational self-sufficiency for the individuals and families of Wake County by helping them achieve housing and income security. He said the mission driven programs are permanent, supportive housing (affords families security and the ability to focus on longer-term goals), comprehensive case management (focuses on removing barriers to living wage employment), and workforce development (provides trainings and classes that help residents gain and retain employment). He shared a chart of the pathway to self-sufficiency. He said there is a micro and macro approach. The micro approach to alleviating poverty focuses on the specific needs of the individual and helping them overcome their barriers to housing security and

living wage employment. He said the macro approach to alleviating poverty looks at societal and community issues that entrenches the clients in the cycle of poverty. He said the macro approach has led to a large community vision. He shared a chart of achievements for family self-sufficiency program outcomes.

Commissioner West said that he served on the board of Passage Home for ten years. He said that the non-profit focused on sustainable issues such as poverty. He said the grant is a part of the Office of Economic opportunity. He said that Passage Home is part of two pilots: social economic vitality and vulnerable communities in the southeast Raleigh area and the Wendell/Zebulon area. He said that it is important to the goals of the Board of Commissioners as it relates to affordable housing.

Vice-Chair Ford said the board is excited about Mr. Friedman's leadership on the Passage Home Board. He said that Wake County has a history with Passage Home, and he is looking forward to his leadership and experience. He said the case management will provide stable homes, education, services, and wrap around services.

Commissioner West asked if the process was competitive. Mr. Friedman said they are in the application process and it will follow the previous process.

Chair Holmes opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chair Holmes closed the public hearing.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Hold a public hearing to receive comments from interested parties on Passage Home Designation as a Community Services Block Grant Recipient; and**
 - 2. Approve a Resolution for the Submission of an Application for Community Services Block Grant Fund Designation by Passage Home.**
- The motion passed unanimously.**

- 14. [Public Hearing and Consideration of Business Development Grant Agreement for Advance Auto Parts, Inc.](#)**

Attachments: [AdvanceAutoAgendaItemDraftJanuary222019.docx](#)
[Advance Auto Parts Presentation 01-22-19.pdf](#)
[Advance Auto Parts - Wake County Grant Agreement.docx](#)
[WakeCountyEconomicDevelopmentPolicyOctober2018Final.pdf](#)

Mr. Chris Dillion, Assistant County Manager, shared the project details. He said Project Hawkeye was under the project name. He said the addition of the Advance Auto Parts, Inc. headquarters will bring 435 jobs to the county with an average salary of \$106,752.

Chair Holmes opened the public hearing.

Mr. Amish Patel, Attorney, Williams Mullen, said that he has represented Advance Auto Parts through this process. He said that Advance Auto Parts is excited to be in Wake County and locate its headquarters here. He thanked the board for their support.

Chair Holmes closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hutchinson welcomed Advance Auto Parts to the community and said this is good for Wake County.

Commissioner Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and approve a Business Development Grant Agreement with Advance Auto Parts Inc., subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

15. [Funding Agreement with the Town of Fuquay-Varina for the Depot Trail Greenway](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item Greenway FA Fuquay 2019 01 07.docx](#)
[Depot Trail Greenway Presentation.pdf](#)
[CLEAN Fuquay Varina Greenway Funding Agreement Draft 5.23.18.docx](#)
[CIP Budget Memo - FY 2019 County Capital Fund - Open Space.xlsx](#)

Mr. Chris Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, shared the purpose of the Open Space Preservation Program. He shared information about the Depot Trail Greenway.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Mr. Snow and shared accolades of the property. He said the project will connect the greenway with a neighborhood and a school, which will be a great benefit. He applauded Wake County for supporting the Town of Fuquay-Varina with the project.

The meeting went into recess and the meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Appropriate \$257,432 of Open Space Funding; and**
- 2. Authorize the County Manager to execute a Funding Agreement between Wake County and the Town of Fuquay-Varina for the Depot Trail Greenway, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.**

16. [Wake County Public School System Capital Improvement Program Appropriations](#)

Attachments: [Spring 2019 Appropriation Request.docx](#)
[WCPSS Appropriations Presentation 1-22-19.pdf](#)
[BOC Resolution.docx](#)
[Board of Education Resolution - Spring 2019 Appropriation Request.pdf](#)

Mr. Bryan Roof, Program Executive, Wake County Public School Facility, Design, and Construction Department, said the spring 2019 allocation for Capital Improvement funding is in accordance with WCPSS Master Funding Schedule. He said two-thirds of the funding is being used for existing schools as well as student and staff needs.

He shared a table of the appropriation and reallocations.

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approve the following requests for appropriations in the Seven Year Capital Improvement Program:

Appropriate \$131,857,123 for new construction at South Lakes Elementary, construction for renovations at Fuquay-Varina High, Stough Elementary and Conn Elementary, design at E-41 Elementary, and other ongoing program needs including life cycle replacements, educational equipment, environmental and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, technology infrastructure and security. The motion passed unanimously.

17. [Wake County Water, Sewer and Road Financial Policy](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)[Water Sewer and Roads Policy Presentation 01-22-19.pdf](#)[Water Sewer Financial Policy 01-22-19 without formatting.pdf](#)[Amended Petition 01-22-19 without formatting.pdf](#)

Mr. Tim Maloney, Wake County Planning Development and Inspections Director, shared the proposed changes to the policy adopted in April 2015. He shared the background of the policy changes. He shared information about orphan roads. He shared photo examples of orphan roads. He shared information since the policy was adopted. He shared a map of the communities and the options that they have. He shared the lessons to be learned to date. He clarified the policy and petition process. He shared the information on the formula to determine the assessment period. He shared a chart of sample scenarios (50 lots/\$500,000 Cost).

He shared the information about adopting the changes to the policy and petition.

Vice-Chair Ford asked about the financial hardship policy and how the threshold will be determined, and is there a hardship model the County can use. Mr. Maloney said he contacted Mr. Marcus Kinrade, Wake County Revenue Director, and he would like to allow the director to make suggestions on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the General Assembly stopped requiring bonds on the developers. Mr. Maloney said the county used to be permitted to require bonds from developers. He said a portion of the money was then set aside to be used as leverage to ensure the roads were turned over to DOT. He said there was legislation passed that took away the county ability to obtain these bonds. He stated that Mr. Chris Dillion, Assistant County Manager, is working with the legislature on this issue. Mr. Dillon said the issue is on the legislative agenda, which will be presented for approval later in the meeting.

Commissioner West asked the percent of homes that have septic systems. Mr. Maloney said he doesn't know the number, but he will obtain it from Environmental Services and share it with the board.

Commissioner Calabria said projects are performed on affordability. He asked if feedback has been received from residents who may apply for financing. Mr. Maloney said West Oaks and Rose Hall expressed concern on the affordability.

Commissioner Calabria asked about the timing of the processing of a hardship application. Mr. Maloney said the policy is not specific on the timing for the hardship application.

Mr. Maloney said if the assessment is not paid within the 30 days, then the financing terms apply and the Revenue Director would process the information based on any information that can be found.

Ms. Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer, said this leaves flexibility to the Revenue Director to determine who is in hardship situation.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed amendments to the Wake County Water, Sewer and Road Financial Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

18. [Approval of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' 2019-2021 Legislative Goals](#)

Attachments: [2019WakeCountyLegislativeGoalApprovalDraft.docx](#)
 [2019LegislativeAgendaJanuary22Final.pdf](#)
 [2019NCACCLegislativeGoals.pdf](#)

Mr. Dillon shared the Legislative Goals Process.

- Counties submitted proposed goals to North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Sept.
- NCACC steering committees reviewed goals in Sept./Oct.
- NCACC Board of Directors approved draft goals in Dec.

- NCACC Membership adopted goals at Legislative Goals Conference in January 2019

He said all of the board's goals were approved at the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference.

Core Values

- ✓ Retain Local Government Authority (NCACC Core Values)

Tax and Finance

- ✓ Protect Local Revenue Sources (TF-1)
- ✓ Reinstate Affordable Housing Tax Credit (TF-3)

He shared the goals.

General Government

- ✓ Protect State Transportation Formula(GG-1)
- ✓ Reinstate Subdivision Roadway Maintenance Guarantees

(GG-2)

- ✓ Allow Counties to Provide Fiber-Optic Infrastructure(GG-3)
- ✓ Oppose Changes to Current ABC System (GG-4)

Health & Human Services

- ✓ Increase in Funding for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment (HHS-3)
- ✓ Medicaid Expansion and Funding Increases for Public Health (HHS-4&3)

Public Education

- ✓ Increase in Statewide Per Pupil Education Funding (PE-Guiding Principle)

Justice & Public Safety

- ✓ Reinstate Funding for Drug Treatment Courts (JPS-1)

Environment

- ✓ Prevent the Relaxation of Regulations for Water Supplies (ENV-2)

He shared the next steps.

- Receive feedback on proposed goals
- Approve NCACC statewide goals on January 22, 2019
- Share with the delegation at a Wake County Legislative Delegation meeting
- Advocate!

Chair Holmes thanked Mr. Dillion for his support advocating for the board. She noted that the goal for the per pupil funding and updating the Pre-K formula. She said the Opioid formula should be shared to move the priorities forward.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Commissioner Calabria for being the voting delegate at the conference.

Vice-Chair Ford thanked Mr. Dillion for his advocacy on behalf of the county. He thanked Commissioner Calabria for advocating for the county.

Commissioner West thanked Commissioner Calabria for the input in the process.

Commissioner Calabria commended Mr. Dillion for his work and his raport with other county officials. He stated there were six commissioners that attended the conference.

Commissioner Evans said she could not attend the conference and commended the leadership of Commissioner Calabria. She highlighted

the goals related to public education (PE.2). She said that for the legislature to pass the goals that the Board of Commissioners; that it is impressive. She commended the work that has been done toward the goals.

Commissioner Adamson said that the process was fascinating and she thanked Mr. Dillion for his work.

Commissioner Adamson moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners approve the NC Association of County Commissioners' 2019-2021 Legislative Goals. The motion passed unanimously.

19. [Motion to Remove Conditions on the Use of Funds Appropriated to the Wake County Public School System](#)

Attachments: [DRAFT item for Commissioner Adamson.docx](#)

Commissioner Adamson said that in the past the funds given to the Sheriff's Office and the Board of Education is to designate funds to their choosing. She said that to achieve a better relationship with the Board of Education, funds would not be earmarked.

Chair Holmes said that when the budget was adopted in June, she expressed concern about earmarked funds. She asked that the board refer back to best practices in terms of allocations to the Board of Education. She said that she recalled concern by school staff that gave warning signs that access is needed for resources to be available by most vulnerable citizens.

Commissioner Evans said that she appreciates the item. She said this does not change the funding, but removes the earmark. She said that the Board of Commissioners supports school funding, but the commissioners should not earmark funds.

Vice-Chair Ford echoed the previous comments and ensuring the safety of students. He said that the discussion reaffirms that the elected board should be considered a partner. He expressed his discomfort at the last budget cycle.

Commissioner West said that during the recession there were challenges as it relates to the school system. He said that after school programs were cut, but the manager did not designate how the funds were to be used. He said the Board of Education decided to use the funding for a previous budget year item.

Chair Holmes said that the request is taken seriously. The county is behind

the national record for nurses, counselors, and social workers. She said it is important to have those skill sets when they are needed. She thanked Commissioner Adamson for highlighting the importance of this issue.

No action was taken by the board.

20. [Consideration of 2019 Board of Commissioners Committee Structure](#)

Attachments: [2019 Commissioners Committee Structure.docx](#)
 [Board Committees 2019 Assignments 1.22.19.pdf](#)
 [2019 Adopted Advisory Boards for Committee Structure -.docx](#)

Chair Holmes said there have been minor changes to the Committee Structure to accommodate new board members and maximize everyone's talents. She shared the structure and it was noted that this is the first time since she had been elected that board members have met with the chair prior to committee assignments in order to discuss personal goals."

She shared the committee structure and Advisory Board liaisons.

She commended the work of Commissioner Calabria of Chairing the Public Safety Committee.

She said the Education Committee would continue to function as a Committee of the Whole.

She said the Economic Strength Committee would function as a Committee of the Whole.

Vice-Chair Ford thanked Chair Holmes for meeting with each commissioner and for collaborating with him on the decisions and leadership and respecting the interests and equitable distribution of the talents.

Chair Holmes thanked board members for their input..

Commissioner Evans commended Chair Holmes for meeting with commissioners. She noted that just because a commissioner is not assigned to that committee they can still attend any committee meeting.

Chair Holmes agreed that any commissioner may attend any Advisory Board meeting. She said that anything that comes forward from the committee comes before the board. She said the Chair leads the conversation as Chair of a committee.

Commissioner West moved, second by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners consider and adopt the Committee Structure of County Commissioners to Wake County Boards. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, second by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners consider and adopt the Advisory Board appointments of County Commissioners to Wake County Committees. The motions passed unanimously.

Manager's Report

21. [Wake County Transit Update](#)

Attachments: [Transit Item Summary Update 1.22.19.docx](#)
[Transit Presentation 1.17.19.pdf](#)
[FY 18 Annual Report](#)
[GoTriangle FY 2018 CAFR](#)

Ms. Nicole Kreiser, Assistant County Manager, shared the Wake Transit Update and the background.

- GoTriangle, CAMPO, and Wake County are parties to the Wake Transit ILA which guides the funding and implementation Wake Transit projects.
 - Transit ILA requires an “Annual Wake Transit Report” which “should include information regarding meeting strategic public transit objectives and includes the performance achieved, strategies being followed, and key milestones for capital projects and operating services.”
- Board of Commissioners have provided input on key initiatives funded through annual Wake Transit Work Plans
- The Board also approves cost share agreements for projects that cross county jurisdictional boundaries.
 - Example: BOC approved amendment to cost share agreement for Commuter Rail January 2019.
- Today’s requested Board action
 - To receive an update from staff and partners on the FY 2018 Wake Transit Annual Report and next steps for Wake County Transit Plan Implementation

She shared a chart of the process to develop the Wake Transit Plan. She shared the objectives and initiatives.

Objective: Guide the implementation of the Wake County Transit Plan.

Initiatives:

1. Monitor and oversee the deliverables and processes established by the transit governance interlocal agreement.
2. Continue to support and seek public participation in the development and implementation of the transit plan, including consumer experience goals and service metrics.
3. Collaborate with municipal, community and private partners to encourage best development practices in corridors and areas identified for transit investment, including serving communities in need and creating affordable housing.*
4. Seek opportunities to increase collaboration between transit providers and the Wake County School System.*
5. Promote opportunities to maintain affordability of transit services and address needs in vulnerable communities and rural areas.

She shared a chart of the revenues and expenditures. She shared the ridership information for services. She shared the public engagement and implementation.

- More than 2,800 people at more than 60 events and more than 3,200 survey responses on 2018 planning activity.
- Public input on 10-Year Wake Bus Plan, Bus Rapid Transit Preliminary Planning, FY 2019 Proposed Service Enhancements, Grant Program for Local Wake Communities (Community Funding Area Program)

She shared the major studies now complete informed by outreach. She shared a chart of the Work Plan Underway. She shared the information shared with the board in February/March 2018.

- FY 2020 Wake Transit Draft Work Plan Proposed Projects
- Wake Bus Plan: Coordinated Human Services Transportation Study and Recommendations for GoWake Access
- Next Steps for Commuter Rail and BRT
- Wake Bus Plan Fare Strategy and Technology Upgrades

Chair Holmes said she was excited over the partnership and the program is a good opportunity for ridership and the value of the transit plan.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Ms. Kreiser for her budget experience and her transit work.

Commissioner Calabria said Youth Go Pass was originated from the

board's GLUE and Commission Meetings. He said allocations from sales tax to capital fund is separate.

Commissioner Hutchinson said 2800 students have had access to free transit. He said that level of transit is freedom. He said this has been a year long process and the next step is transit affordability in vulnerable communities. He said the county is moving forward for a transit system for all of the citizens.

Ms. Kreiser said there are partnerships between the libraries, school system, and human services. She said the majority of Youth Go Passes are distributed through one of these partnerships.

Commissioner Evans said she was excited about the transit plan and there will be continued support for transit..

Committee Reports

Chair Holmes said the Affordable Housing Committee met and was engaged. Congressman David Price shared his role in congress. He said that Ms. Lorena McDowell, Wake County Housing Director, spoke about Housing Development.

She said that there was a retreat this past Saturday in order to fine tune the 2019 Goals. She commended the County Manager and Ms. Rogers for their work on the County goals. She commended all staff that assisted with the retreat.

Other Business

Mr. Ellis recognized Ms. Alicia Arnold, Human Services Division Director. He said she was recently recognized by East Carolina University as one of their "forty under forty" in their leadership program.

Mr. Ellis introduced Mr. Derwick Paige as the county's first Community Vitality Officer. He said Mr. Paige joined the county recently and brings years of experience with him.

Commissioner West said that the Human Services Advocacy event is taking place this weekend and he invited all to attend.

22. [Informational Items for the Board of Commissioners](#)

Attachments: [Information Items Summary 1-22-19.docx](#)
 [January 2019 CIP Transfers Report.pdf](#)

Closed Session

Adjourn

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk to the Board
Wake County Board of Commissioners