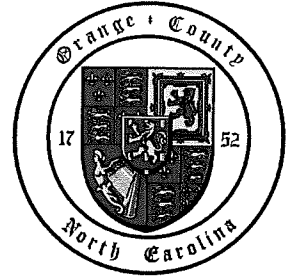


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Subject: Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force

Dear Sir or Madam,

In 2009, Chatham and Orange Counties developed a task force to discuss topics of mutual interest including transportation, water resources, comprehensive planning, population and employment projections, etc. These quarterly meetings also included other interested parties (via appointments by representative boards) such as the towns and OWASA.

There is renewed interest to reformulate the task force. By virtue of this letter, we invite you to participate by making an appointment to the Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force. The attached memo from the June 6, 2017 Orange County Board of Commissioners meeting elaborates on some of the aspects of the proposed task force. Information regarding the 2009 Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force can be found at the following link <http://server3.co.orange.nc.us:8088/WebLink8/DocView.aspx?id=10077&dbid=0>.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Craig N. Benedict, AICP, Planning Director of Orange County. Mr. Benedict can be reached by phone at (919) 245-2575 or by e-mail at cbenedict@orangecountync.gov.

In struggle,


Mark Dorosin
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Enclosures

CC: Bonnie Hammersley, Orange County Manager
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
 Bonnie B. Hammersley, County Manager

FROM: Craig N. Benedict, AICP, Planning Director

DATE: June 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Information Item – Update on Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force

Please accept the following memorandum regarding the Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force.

Background

In 2009, Chatham and Orange Counties developed a task force to discuss topics of mutual interest including transportation, water resources, comprehensive planning, environmental corridors, and population and employment projections. These quarterly meetings also included other interested parties (via appointments by representative boards) such as the towns and OWASA. The task force was “sunsetted” in 2010, however, because of recently renewed interest, Chatham and Orange County staffs have met over the last few months to discuss the format and reconvening of a new task force.

The suggested parameters of the meetings are tentatively as follows:

- Quarterly meetings: The Task Force’s Chair would rotate by host including staff support and summary minutes as necessary.
- Composition (besides Orange and Chatham Counties): Towns of Pittsboro, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and OWASA appointment (each as necessary for topics of mutual interest)
- Topics of Discussion:
 - Comprehensive planning including land use and demographics;
 - Traffic and transportation including corridor planning;
 - Public transit including rural systems;
 - Water resources and regulations including Jordan Lake;
 - Economic development;
 - Broadband;

- Affordable housing;
- Environmental areas of joint interest; and
- Legislative agendas

Chatham County will be represented on the task force by Chairman Jim Crawford and Commissioner Mike Dasher. Orange County's representatives will be Vice Chair Penny Rich and Commissioner Mark Marcolpos. Support staff would be present at the task force meetings depending on the topic of discussion scheduled for that meeting. In addition, respective planning staff would organize the task force meetings. There may be meetings where participation is not necessary depending on the topic and as a result some members would not be required to attend those meetings. Information regarding the 2009 Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force can be found at the following link <http://server3.co.orange.nc.us:8088/WebLink8/DocView.aspx?id=10077&dbid=0>.

Next Steps

In order to proceed with the formation of the Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force, the Board of County Commissioner Chair will be signing a letter for transmittal to the Town of Chapel Hill, the Town of Carrboro, OWASA, and GoTriangle. This letter will provide a brief summary and request for appointments to the task force. Due to a busy budget season, Chatham County staff recommended a late summer or early fall start date for the task force to commence meetings. The initial meeting will fine tune the task force charge at that time.

If you have questions, please contact Perdita Holtz, Orange County Planning Systems Coordinator, by phone at (919) 245-2578 or by e-mail at pholtz@orangecountync.gov or Craig N. Benedict, Orange County Planning Director, by phone at (919) 245-2575 or by e-mail at cbenedict@orangecountync.gov.