MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 2008

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Northwest Room of the Broyhill Inn and Conference Center. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason, Liz Aycock and Stephen Phillips. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele was also present. Staff present were Town Manager Greg Young, Town Clerk Freida Van Allen and Development Services Director John Spear. ASU representatives were Board of Trustee member Jim Deal, John Cooper and Jeannine Collins. ASU staff present were Greg Lovins and Dayton Cole.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to begin a joint planning process.

Council member Mason started the meeting by commenting that both the Town and ASU have issues of common concern. Council member Mason pointed out this is a good opportunity to address those concerns since ASU is updating its Master Plan and the Town is implementing smart growth planning principles and developing a master land use plan. Mayor Clawson agreed and said she is excited to be at this point with ASU. Jim Deal said he realizes it is frustrating for the Town not to know where ASU will grow in the future.

David Owen, Professor with the School of Government, reviewed his areas of expertise and presented his general observations for joint planning as follows:

1. Both sides must realize and respect the importance of mutual interests and the different missions and responsibilities.

2. Communication between each entity is important. There must be strong, open lines of communication at various levels. Staff should be able to talk formally and informally.

3. Both entities must understand the issues that intersect and the principles that guide each group.

4. Finally, both groups must design the coordination tools necessary to deal with the issues.

Mr. Owen commented that from his observation both groups seem compatible and willing to work with each other. Jim Deal agreed that, for the most part, the Town and ASU agree on 95% of the projects/issues, but when there is a disagreement on the remaining 5%, it is major.

Both groups agreed that a few short-range issues include:

1. Traffic.
2. Transportation/Streets.
3. Student Housing/Housing - on and off campus.
4. Infrastructure.
5. Shared Parking.
6. Storm Water Control.

Council member Phillips suggested that the Town show ASU where it should grow and make it easier for rezoning requests if they develop in areas where the Town is promoting ASU growth. Council member Aycock agreed and said the Town needs to know the areas where ASU would like to grow. Mr. Owen said both planning documents could include that information.

Council member Mason asked Mr. Owen how the UNC campus master plan was developed. Mr. Owen said the original plan was developed in the 1920's and has been updated several times with the most recent in 2001. The 2001 plan update required more than three years to complete and was developed as a 50-year plan. Mayor Clawson asked if the Town Council was involved in that plan update. Mr. Owen said yes but indicated that mostly town staff participated in the update.

Mr. Owen finalized his discussion by suggesting that both entities identify issues that will need future collaboration. Both ASU and the Town Council agreed to meet again to discuss priorities and principles.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Town Clerk Mayor