

THE EAST SIDE

East Citizens Advisory Council

Meetings are held Bi-monthly @ 7:00 on the third Monday of the month. Except in January when it's on the fourth Monday.
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That Makes A BIG
Difference!!!

EAST CAC March 16, 2020 NEWSLETTER

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 16th and will be held at Lions Park Community Center - 516 Dennis Ave., Raleigh, NC at 7PM

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of January minutes
- III. Housing and Neighborhoods, Raleigh Police Department, and Parks Recreation & Cultural Resources, Planning Department Reports
- IV. Ira Mable COR Planning Dept. Ira.Mable@raleighnc.gov (919) 996-2652
- V. Vote on Rezoning Case # Z-5-20 (1950 New Bern Avenue) Yvette Holmes VP of Resource Development and Partnerships, DHIC. (919) 832-4345 ext. 3015.
- VI. Vote on Rezoning Case # Z-54-19 a parcel of property located at 3102 Kelley Austin Drive. Presented by Randy Herman from BA Folk

Health & Wealth Fair-Festivals postponed until further notice.



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Everyone is Welcome!

***Happy Birthday, Anniversary and Congratulations to all
of our East CAC Patrons that celebrate in March!***

EAST CAC January 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 27, 2020

Location: Lions Park Community Center

Officers in Attendance:

Jake Levitas (Co-Vice Chairperson)

Brian Kurilla (Secretary)

Minutes Prepared By:

Brian Kurilla

Residents in Attendance: 9

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Meeting started at 7:06pm.
- b. Mr. Kurilla welcomed residents and asked for approval of the minutes from the November 2019 meeting.

II. Approval of November Minutes

- a. The minutes from the November 2019 meeting were approved without revision.
- b. Chairperson Ford read a thank you note from Alliance Medical Ministry for nominating them for the neighborhood recognition award at the September East CAC meeting.

III. Reports: Housing and Neighborhoods Department; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources; and Raleigh Police Department

a. Housing and Neighborhoods

- i. Aracelys Torrez, Community Relations Analyst with the City of Raleigh, informed residents that applications are currently being accepted for Spring 2020 for both Raleigh Neighborhood College and Citizens Leadership Academy.
 1. More information about Raleigh Neighborhood College can be found here: <https://raleighnc.gov/Community/content/CommServices/Articles/NeighborhoodCollege.html>
 2. More information about Citizens Leadership Academy can be found here: <https://raleighnc.gov/Community/content/CommServices/Articles/CitizensLeadershipAcademy.html>
- ii. Ms. Torrez also informed residents that volunteers are needed for the Health and Wellness Fair currently being planned by officers of the East CAC.
 1. The Health and Wellness Fair is presently scheduled for July 25th.

b. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

- i. Christie Jones, Director of Lions Park, informed residents about upcoming athletic registrations and Summer Camp.
 1. Online summer camp registration begins March 2, 2020 and is staggered by camp location. Residents can browse the 2020 Summer Camp brochure online and in staffed facilities.
 - a. The 2020 Summer Camp brochure is available here: <https://user-2081353526.cld.bz/SummerCamps>

c. Raleigh Police Department

- i. Raleigh RPD provided an update on crime statistics in the East CAC from the past couple months. Overall, total crime in the area is down 13 percent compared to the previous two months.
- ii. Between 12/2 and 12/29, there were 55 reported crimes. In contrast, between 12/30 and 1/26, there were 48 reported crimes. Compared to the same time last year, the number of reported crimes in the East CAC is up 17 percent, from 41 reported crimes in 2018 to 48 reported crimes in 2020.

IV. Rezoning Case # Z-5-20

- a. Matthew Klem, a planner with the City of Raleigh, provided a brief overview of land use, zoning, and the city's re-zoning process. Following this, he introduced rezoning case Z-5-20.
- b. With representation from Molly Stuart at Morningstar Law Group, DHIC is requested to rezone a 4.6 parcel located at 1950 New Bern Ave.
- c. The current zoning consists of two types: R-6 and OX-3-CU. The applicant is requesting to rezone the entire parcel as **RX-4-GR-CU** (residential mixed-use – 4 stories – green frontage/landscaping – with conditions)
- d. Under the requested rezoning, office, retail will be more limited than under current zoning conditions.
- e. Included among the zoning conditions is a commitment from the applicant to plant trees and shrubs along New Bern.
- f. According to Mr. Klem, current zoning allows a maximum of about 97 residential units. Under proposed rezoning, that number could increase to about 138 residential units.
- g. Yvette Holmes, VP of Resource Development and Partnerships at DHIC, and Kayla Rosenberg, Multifamily Project Manager at DHIC, spoke next about the specific plans for the site.
 - i. Plans are to build two fourth-story buildings to provide housing for seniors, totaling about 140 units.
 - ii. DHIC is committed to ensure that units will be affordable to renters/seniors (55+) earning 60% of AMI or less for 75 years.
 - iii. Amenities to include: fitness center, library/computer room, game room, onsite service coordinator.
 - iv. If rezoning is eventually granted, plans are to begin construction by the end of 2021.
 - v. DHIC is looking into saving some of the architectural details of the church that is presently located on the property (e.g., stained glass windows).
 - vi. The grave site on the property will remain and be maintained by the owners.
- h. The applicant plans to return at the March East CAC meeting to ask for a vote from the community.

V. New Bern Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Update

- a. Het Patel and Andrea Epstein, both planners with the City of Raleigh, provided an update on the New Bern Ave. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor.
- b. The New Bern Ave. BRT is currently in the 10% design phase, with 30% design expected by Spring 2020. Station site design plans will be unveiled in Fall 2020, with final design expected around Summer 2020.

- c. As part of the BRT project, the City of Raleigh is also conducting work on Equitable Development Around Transit. The final report from this is expected in Spring 2020.
 - i. Upcoming opportunities for public engagement on Equitable Development:
 - 1. **Thursday, February 27th**, at 4:30pm at the Raleigh Convention Center.
 - 2. **Saturday, February 29th**, at 10:00am at Martin Street Baptist Church.
- d. In response to a question from about whether residents along New Bern Ave. will lose parking due to BRT, Mr. Patel said that the city is currently exploring ways to use side-streets to mediate lost parking.

VI. Rezoning Case # Z-32-19: Community Vote

- a. With representation from J.W. Mills, Associate Attorney with Longleaf Law Partners, Sunnybrook Land LLC seeks to rezone four parcels of land at 223 Sunnybrook Road from R-6 to **OX-3-PL-CU**. The specific parcels in question are parcels 213, 217, 221, and 223, totaling 3.26 acres.
- b. The applicant intends to develop the property into medical office space with “parking-limited” features. The OX zoning designation will allow for small, limited retail, which might be incorporated, especially if it supports the surrounding office environment.
- c. According to Mr. Klem, this rezoning case will review this zoning case on Tuesday, January 28th.
- d. J.W. Mills, Associate Attorney Longleaf Law Partners, provided additional information about the intended use of the land.
 - i. Mr. Mills showed residents a proposed site layout and a proposed office design. He stated that the goal is to place the building close to Sunnybrook road to encourage walkability and to take advantage of public transit.
 - ii. Mr. Mills also stated that although the OX-3 zoning designation permits up to three stories, the applicant’s intent is to build only two stories. Present plans are to seek around 10-15 tenants.
- e. Following the overview, there was a vote on the case among the residents in attendance.
 - i. The results of the vote were: **7 in favor vs. 2 opposed.**

VII. Rezoning Case # Z-54-19

- a. With representation from Randy Herman from BA Folk, Venkata Reddy LLC is requesting to rezone a 1.97-acre plot of land at 3102 Kelley Austin Drive from IX-3/SHOD-1 to **CX-5/SHOD-1**.
- b. According to Mr. Klem, the requested zoning will permit greater building height but less intense uses than the current “Industrial” zoning.
- c. Mr. Herman described that the applicant intends to build a 5-story hotel on the land, most likely a Mariotte, with about 65-70 rooms.
- d. In response to resident questions, Mr. Herman said his applicant has reached out to nearby WakeMed to receive their input on the plans but have not yet heard back. Mr. Herman also stated that a hotel will create jobs, and priority will be given to hiring from surrounding neighborhoods.
- e. The applicant plans to return at the March East CAC meeting to ask for a vote from the community.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.