



## **Meeting Summary (1<sup>st</sup> meeting 5/05/08)**

### **BACKGROUND**

This was the first meeting of the Hillsborough–Orange Interlocal Agreement Steering Committee and was focused on introductions, objectives, and scheduling for the project. The meeting started with introductions from all committee members and a brief discussion of the Strategic Growth Plan report.

### **SCOPE**

Roger Waldon of Clarion Associates, the consultant retained to assist with this initiative, then described the scope of the Interlocal Agreement project. The project has 6 primary objectives, as set by the two elected boards after endorsing the Phase 1 plan:

1. A map indicating changes to Hillsborough's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)
2. A map indicating a boundary for land that can be considered for annexation by Hillsborough
3. A map indicating "Proposed Hillsborough Services/Future Annexation Areas" with jointly agreed upon Hillsborough land use regulations
4. A map indicating areas outside Hillsborough's jurisdictional interest with courtesy review and information-sharing
5. Provisions for the map in objective #3
6. Provisions for courtesy review and information-sharing between Hillsborough and Orange County for areas designated in the maps of objective #3 and #4

Mr. Waldon clarified that the aim of the elected boards of both Hillsborough and Orange County was for the committee to provide for more detailed discussion and analysis of the Strategic Growth Plan, and noted that the existing interlocal agreement between Orange County, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro provided an example of a current interlocal agreement for consideration.

### **DISCUSSION OF OUTCOMES**

The next portion of the meeting was a facilitated discussion of the committee's desired outcomes and a tentative timeline for the final product. The issues discussed are listed below in the order discussed.

- The total acreage of new Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) given to Hillsborough by the County should be roughly equivalent to the amount given up.
- A key point is that some property owners will be affected by a switch in regulatory jurisdiction, and that public involvement in and awareness of this initiative is very important.
- Aim for a Joint Public Hearing on a draft agreement in November 2008 or February 2009.

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

The next section of the meeting dealt with possible ways to engage and inform members of the public about the project. The following strategies and issues were discussed:

#### **Steering Committee Members:**

Eric Hallman (Hillsborough)  
Barry Jacobs (Orange Co)  
Barrie Wallace (Hillsborough)  
Dan Barker (Hillsborough)  
Craufurd Goodwin (Orange Co)  
Hervey McIver (Orange Co)  
Joe Phelps (Hillsborough)  
Kathleen Ferguson (Orange Co)  
Renee Price (Orange Co)

#### **Staff:**

Margaret Hauth (Hillsborough)  
Craig Benedict (Orange Co)

#### **Consultant Team:**

Roger Waldon (Clarion)  
Stuart Pratt (Clarion)

- Discussion about the role of the general public and a possible reiterative process with a series of public meetings.
- The topic of jurisdictional adjustments is likely to be controversial with some, and attention to public engagement is critical.
- How much public participation will be built into Steering Committee meetings? (Response: All meetings are open to the public, and arrangements should be made to allow public comment.)
- Note that once the Steering Committee reaches an outcome, both Hillsborough and Orange County will then have to go through an additional, legally mandated public hearing processes where further amendments could be made.
- Possible initial public meeting in the early summer in order to inform the public about the Strategic Growth Plan and the schedule for consideration of a draft agreement.
- Education is needed about where sewer lines exist.
- Discussion about creating opportunities for the public to provide written comments before a final recommendation is prepared by the Steering Committee.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The last topic centered on the next meeting, scheduled for **May 22, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the new Durham Tech campus**. Future meetings will include the following:

- Discussion of the process by which the Strategic Growth Plan was put together.
- Include a handout of the Transition Area Task Force's principles for reference.
- Provide binders for each committee member.
- Incorporate a live connection to GIS data at a future meeting in order to view parcel data about sewer and other infrastructure locations.

