

Minutes for OBTF Future Organization Committee

Date

October 12, 2006, 1:05 PM

Location

Outer Banks CDC, 115 Mustian Street, Kill Devil Hills, NC

Attendees

Jody Crosswaite, Willo Kelly, Cheryl Byrd, Charlie Cameron, Gary Perry, Webb Fuller, Dan Scanlon, Joe Heard, Randy Carlisle, Monica Thibodeau

Staff

Jeffrey Itell, Outer Banks Community Development Corporation

Discussion and Decisions

Cheryl Byrd called meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Cheryl reminded members that the committee's mission is to transition the Task Force into a permanent organization. Cheryl briefed those present on factors affecting the type of permanent organization the Task Force should consider. She also provided a handout addressing these issues, including NCDOT Policies; existing transportation organizations; challenges; and regionalization policy issues.

After reviewing Cheryl's document, committee members suggested four alternative organizational structures for the Task Force.

1. Establish a separate Regional Planning Organization (along with two other counties, presumably Currituck and Hyde.)
2. Create a subgroup of the Albemarle RPO that specifically addresses Outer Banks issues.
3. Become a member county of ICPTA (Inter County Public Transportation Authority). (This alternative was already explored with the Executive Committee of ICPTA and rejected by that group).
4. Create a new regional organization, such as a Transportation Management Association, which encompasses Dare County, the Ocracoke portion of Hyde County, and two sections from Currituck (the northern beaches and lower Currituck County). One major consideration for this approach is ensuring that it meets federal DOT funding requirements.

Cheryl drafted language for changing the policies governing the creation of North Carolina regional transportation entities, which she provided in her handout. She suggested that the

committee support pursuing the policy change in the event that the committee decides to pursue fourth strategy.

The committee decided to ask the Dare and Currituck County Boards of Commissioners to pursue this policy change at the NCDOT Board of Transportation meeting in November, with one change—deleting item three (the non-compete section) from the draft policy. Cheryl will place a resolution on this matter on the agenda for the next Dare County County Board of Commissioners meeting and Dan Scanlon will do the same for the Currituck County Board of Commissioners.

Charlie Cameron suggested obtaining a sense of support from town officials before advising the Dare County Board of Commissioners to support this policy change; since the Board of Commissioners meet soon – on October 16th, this was not feasible, but Cheryl agreed to brief the town mayors at their breakfast next Tuesday, October 17th, if invited to do so

Cheryl also proposed establishing a subcommittee to develop a strategy for establishing a new RPO separate from the Albemarle RPO.

The Committee decided to meet again in November, after the 13th, date to be determined

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.