

Outer Banks Transportation Task Force

Minutes of the meeting on Jan. 20, 2005, Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Cheryl Byrd, Nancy Bellantine, Randy Carlisle, Lori London, Jody Crosswhite, Kevin Schwartz, Kermit Skinner, Carl Classen, Danny Couch, Ralph Buxton
Guests: Erin Burke, Town of Manteo, Dave Hoare, Jud Lawrie, David Stein and Tom Cook, from ITRE, were unable to attend in person because of bad weather, but attended by speaker phone

Called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman J. Crosswhite.

1. The minutes of the Dec. 12 meeting were approved.

2. Discussion of ITRE Project – The task force discussed by phone with the ITRE representatives the overall timeline for the project including community meetings in March and a symposium in September. Case study sites were discussed, and it was agreed ITRE would evaluate the proposed sites for their closest key characteristics to the Outer Banks.

A draft agenda for the community meetings was discussed, with the consensus of the TTF that the meetings take no more than two hours each. ITRE reps want to look at the venues on their next visit. Good area maps would be needed for display at the meetings, along with flip charts and someone to take notes from the meetings on the charts.

There was discussion of a project Web site, and ITRE said they would forward links to other project Web sites they had done.

It was decided the task force would meet again with ITRE reps present on Feb. 10.

3. Currituck Area Sound Transportation Study – The group discussed this briefly along with its requirement for supplemental environmental impact statements.

4. Saturday turnover – The TTF brought ITRE up to date on traffic congestions issues surrounding in-season visitor check-in and check-out.

5. Workforce Transportation – R. Buxton discussed his ad-hoc effort at directly addressing workforce transportation for the 2005 season with other business people. He announced the next meeting would be Jan. 25 in S. Shores.

6. There was a discussion of the current state of the Dare County transportation system, its resources and restrictions and the county's potential willingness to expand the operation if the resources were available.

7.. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.