

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
Elon Planning Board**

**November 16th, 2021
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.**

**Conducted via Zoom and In-Person
Elon, North Carolina**

Attendees: Jim Beasley, Clark Bennett, Dianne Gill, and Mark Podolle.

Staff present: Pamela DeSoto and Mary Kathryn Harward

Community Audience: Aiesha Dawn Leath, Karla Leath, and Brad Moore

Item A - Chairman Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item B – New Business

Item B-i – Approval of Minutes

Ms. DeSoto presented the board with minutes from October 19th, 2021 for approval.

- Mr. Podolle made a motion to approve the August 17th minutes, with Mr. Bennett seconding the motion, and was approved unanimously by the board.

Item B-ii-- Major Development Plan MDP #2021-03 Submitted by Elon University for pedestrian path.

Ms. Desoto presented the board with a PowerPoint containing the details of the proposed construction within the Colonnades parking lot on Elon University. The project proposes to create a pedestrian walkway that will connect the Colonnades Neighborhood with the Danieley Center. The project is currently moving through the TRC process, with the potential for final approval once issues are addressed.

- The project is located on Dalton McMichael Drive, in a recently expanded parking lot.
- Brad Moore, Elon University Architect and Director of Planning, Design and Construction Management provided a statement of intent, summarized:
 - *“Elon University is a series of outdoor spaces connected by pedestrian paths. This is not the case between Danieley Center and Colonnades Neighborhood. This project sets out to convert a portion of the existing Colonnades Parking Lot into a pedestrian connection between these two neighborhoods and provide our campus community a safer and more enjoyable path to and from the Danieley Center.”*
- The entirety of the project lies on property that is zoned according to Elon’s Land Development Ordinance as Public Institutional (PI). According to the LDO, this district is intended to accommodate primarily large-scale public, educational, and institutional uses. The proposed use constitutes a use by right.
- This project will result in a reduction in the overall parking county by 95 spaces, which stays within the bounds set by Section 5.6.2.2 of Elon’s parking requirement in the LDO.

Staff recommended that the Planning Board consider the application, accept public input during the scheduled meeting, and consider a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen on the proposal at their earliest convenience. Staff recommends approval of the request.

After Ms. Desoto's presentation, board members had a few questions which mainly revolved around car access within the designed space, fire access from the Daniele Center, and bike accessibility and usage. All questions were addressed by Ms. Desoto and Mr. Moore.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to adopt submitted plans as suggested by staff and Mr. Podolle seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

Item C – Items from Board Members

Clark Bennett posed questions to Ms. Desoto on the topics of a proposed subdivision on Shallowford Church Road and asked for an update on applicants for the position of fire chief that will soon be vacant.

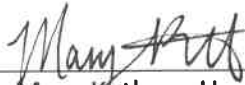
Item D – Board of Aldermen Updates

Ms. DeSoto briefly reviewed the Board of Alderman meeting that occurred on November 9th, 2021.

Item E - Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Beasley and seconded by Mr. Bennett. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Mary Kathryn Harward, Planner
Minutes were completed in
Draft form on November 24th, 2021



Jim Beasley, Planning Board Chair
Minutes were approved on
January 18, 2022