

TRANSPORTATION AND CONNECTIVITY ADVISORY BOARD

To assist the Chapel Hill Town Council in creating an inclusive connected community by recommending, advocating and planning for comprehensive, safe, effective and sustainable multi-modal transportation and connectivity

RECOMMENDATION

Aura
(Project #20-074)
April 5, 2021

Recommendation: **Approved** ☐ **Approval with Conditions** ☐ **Denied** ☒

Motion: Rudy Juliano moved, and Brian Hageman seconded, to recommend denial of the conditional zoning application. The Board wanted to include the following reasons for denial:

- The development does not reflect the goals of the Central West Small Area Plan
- The development does not meet the transit priority goals of the Town due to the number of parking spaces and the increase in single occupancy vehicle trips
- The project will conflate existing pedestrian and bicycle safety issues due to the increase in traffic on Estes Drive and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., and thus is not in line with the Road to Zero pedestrian safety goals of the Town.
- The traffic impact analysis and the Townwide traffic model do not reflect the current reality and lived experience of drivers on Estes Drive, nor do they take a holistic view of traffic on Estes Drive, including the future development of other surrounding parcels. The traffic model needs to be validated.
- The Estes Drive site access is a major safety hazard and should be right-in-right-out.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Rudy Juliano, Brian Hageman, Denise Matthews, Katie Huge

Nays:

Prepared by:

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