



301 W. Main St.
Town Hall
Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council**

April 4, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

Present: Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Sammy Slade

Also Present: Richard White, Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

A motion was made by Council Member Foushee, seconded by Council Member Slade to have Council Member Nowell chair the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Foushee to excuse the members of the Town Council who are not present for the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Foushee to move the Poetry Month Proclamation and Resolution supporting extension of the temporary protected status program for Guatemala to the next meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

POETRY READING

Poet Laureate-Liza Wolf-Francis read the poem "Question, What Are Your Many Callings?"

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46 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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52 **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 14, 2022 MINUTES**

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54 A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Foushee to
55 approval the June 14, 2022 Minutes.

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57 **Ayes: Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell,**
58 **Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade**

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60 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, and Council Member**
61 **Eliazar Posada**

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65 **RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE STORMWATER ADVISORY**
66 **COMMISSION**

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68 The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to make appointments to the
69 Stormwater Advisory Commission.

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71 **A motion was made by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member**
72 **Slade that the following resolution be approved:**

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74 **A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE**
75 **STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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77 Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following applicant(s) to
78 the Stormwater Advisory Commission.

Seat Designation	Appointee	Term Expiration
In-Town Voting Member	Margaret Kurz	2/2026
In-Town Voting Member	Beth Vollins	2/2026
In-Town (or ETJ) Voting Member	Deanna Hardesty	2/2026

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81 Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
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83 This the 4th day of April 2023.

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85 **Ayes: Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-**
86 **O'Donnell, Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade**

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88 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, and Council**
89 **Member Eliazar Posada**

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93 **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF TOWN CODE CHAPTER 3 TO EXPAND THE**
94 **CLIMATE ACTION TEAM**

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96 The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Town Council with a proposed amendment to
97 expand the Climate Action Team from nine to thirteen members.

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99 **A motion was made by Council Member Sammy Slade, seconded by Council Member**
100 **Haven-O'Donnell that the following ordinance be approved:**

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103 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CARRBORO TOWN
104 CODE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLIMATE ACTION TEAM MEMBERS AND TO
INCREASE THE QUORUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

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Ordinance No: 9 / FY 22-23

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THE CARRBORO TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

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Section 1. Article V of Chapter 3, Section 3-24.16 (a), of the Carrboro Town Code is amended
as follows:

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(a) There shall be a Climate Action Team (CAT) consisting of thirteen members
appointed by the Town Council. Members shall be residents, business owners, or
employees in the Town or extraterritorial planning jurisdiction or the Town's joint
planning transition area. All such members shall be interested in or have expertise
relevant to the duties of the CAT. At least one member should have experience related to
community organizing or environmental justice. One seat should be reserved for a
Carrboro resident currently enrolled in public, private, or home school at the high school
level.

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Section 2. Article V of Chapter 3, Section 3-24.17(b), is amended as follows:

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(b) A quorum shall be present for the CAT to take official action and all actions shall be
taken by majority vote. A quorum shall consist of seven members if all seats on the CAT
are filled and six members if there are one or more vacancies on the board.

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Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

122 The foregoing ordinance, having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was
123 duly adopted this 4th day of April, 2023:

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125 **Ayes: Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-**
126 **O'Donnell, Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade**

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128 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, and Council**
129 **Member Eliazar Posada**

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133 **RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CLIMATE ACTION**
134 **TEAM**

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136 The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to consider applicants and make appointments to
137 the Climate Action Team.

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139 **Council Member Slade made a motion, seconded by Council Member Foushee that the**
140 **following resolution be approved:**

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142 **A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE**
143 **CLIMATE ACTION TEAM**

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145 The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following to the Climate Action Team:

Appointee	Term Expiration
Jane Danielewicz	2/2026
Meg Molloy	2/2026
Greg Randolph	2/2026
Riz Rashdi	2/2026
Nicholas Stover	2/2026

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147 This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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149 This the 4th day of April 2023.

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151 **Ayes: Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell,**
152 **Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade**

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154 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, and Council Member**
155 **Eliazar Posada**

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159 **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRUTH PLAQUE TASK FORCE'S THIRD**
160 **PLAQUE - TONEY AND NELLIE STRAYHORN HOMEPLACE**

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162 The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to approve the final text and location
163 for the Truth Plaque Task Force’s third plaque project for the Toney and Nellie Strayhorn
164 Homeplace.

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166 **Council Member Haven-O’Donnell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Foushee**
167 **that the following resolution be approved:**

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169 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRUTH PLAQUE TASK FORCE’S TONEY AND
170 NELLIE STRAYHORN HOMEPLACE PLAQUE TEXT AND LOCATION
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172 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro Truth Plaque Task Force has identified the final text and
173 location for the Toney and Nellie Strayhorn Homeplace Plaque.

174 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CARRBORO TOWN COUNCIL**
175 **HEREBY APPROVES:**

176 Section 1: The final text shall read, “Enslaved in Orange County, Toney and Nellie Strayhorn
177 were one of the first Black families to settle in Carrboro. After purchasing 30 acres of land, they
178 built a one-room log cabin in 1879, which has been added onto over the years. This home is a
179 historic landmark and a testament to their faith, resilience, and determination to persevere.”

180 Section 2: That the location of the plaque shall be at 109 Jones Ferry Rd.

181 Section 3: That an unveiling ceremony shall be planned, and the community shall be invited to
182 attend.

183 Section 4: That the plaque be double-sided.

184 This the 4th day of April 2023.

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186 **Ayes: Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O’Donnell,**
187 **Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade**

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189 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, and Council Member**
190 **Eliazar Posada**

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194 **ADOPTION OF A FACILITIES NAMING POLICY**

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196 The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council adopt an official naming
197 policy for town-owned facilities and rooms.

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199 The Assistant to the Town Manager gave a briefing on the naming policy.
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201 Council Member Foushee inquired about previous naming policies and how facilities have been
202 named in recent years.

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204 Council Member Haven-O'Donnell shared that there haven't been any facilities named in a long
205 time. Building 203 is a partnership with Orange County, so is it going to be named by Carrboro
206 or by Orange County? Will the library be a separate name from the building?

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208 Council Member Slade likes Orange County model because it is more streamlined policy. The
209 policy should be reviewed by advisory boards and public relations before it comes back to
210 Council.

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212 Council Member Nowell sought input from other Council members on this item and to check
213 with other Council members and have this on a consent agenda in an upcoming meeting.
214 Suggested to add a 90-day public notice for feedback on the naming policy. Announce that the
215 town is considering this feedback and follow suit with other public hearing time frames.

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217 Council Member Nowell the staff needs to propose back to County and Carrboro elected officials
218 and County Manager to establish a joint naming committee. Add language so joint ownership
219 provision is included and multiple room naming can be named separately and included within the
220 policy.

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222 **Council Member Haven-O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Foushee**
223 **that this policy vote be postponed to the April 18th meeting.**

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227 **APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

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229 The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to make appointments to the Planning Board.

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231 **Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Foushee to**
232 **postpone this decision to the April 18th meeting.**

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236 **ADJOURNMENT**

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238 **A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Foushee to**
239 **adjourn the meeting.**

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241 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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