



# Town of Carrboro

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

## Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

**Present:** Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Michelle Johnson, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Bethany Chaney and Alderman Sammy Slade

**Also Present:** David Andrews, Town Manager, Cathy Wilson, Town Clerk, Mike Brough, Town Attorney

### DURHAM-ORANGE LIGHT RAIL ALTERNATIVE

Terry Rekeweg asked the Board to consider changes to the current light rail proposed project by speaking in favor of an alternative plan that would take passengers directly from UNC to RTP.

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### RESOLUTION HONORING DONNIE PENDERGRASS

Mayor Lavelle read the resolution honoring Mr. Pendergrass.

**A motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, that this resolution be approved.**

#### A RESOLUTION HONORING DONNIE PENDERGRASS

WHEREAS, Donnie Pendergrass recently retired from the United States Postal Service, having served as a mail carrier in Carrboro for his entire 47-year career; and

WHEREAS, Donnie grew up in Carrboro, living first in a home on Laurel Avenue, then in a home on South Greensboro Street, where he spent the rest of his childhood; and

WHEREAS, Donnie is the youngest of seven siblings, including former Orange County Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass, and Donnie's family has lived in Carrboro since the early 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Donnie graduated in 1965 from Chapel Hill High School, where he played football, basketball, and baseball, and where he was a starter his senior year on the 1964 football team that played in the State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, Donnie started working at the Post Office in Carrboro in 1965 and worked until 1967, when he was drafted into the Army for the Vietnam War; Donnie served for two years and returned to the Carrboro Post Office in 1969, where he worked until the day he retired, which was December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Donnie drove over 1 million miles as a mail carrier and was genuinely loved as a postal worker, always making sure that his customers were happy and safe; and

WHEREAS, Donnie's son Hathaway remembers that countless times his father would answer phone calls after work and on the weekends from people on his route regarding postal issues, and that when customers on his route were out of town, his dad always looked out for their homes until they returned; and

WHEREAS, Donnie notes that while Carrboro is a lot different than the sleepy old mill town where he grew up in the 1940s and 1950s, he loves the town and takes pride in being a "homegrown product"; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement, we are told that Donnie may do some part-time work somewhere, but mostly, he will work in the yard, cheer for the Tar Heels, play golf, and dog-sit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Carrboro, the Board of Aldermen hereby expresses its thanks and deep appreciation to Donnie Pendergrass for his years of dedicated service to the community, and declares Wednesday, January 14, 2015, as "Donnie Pendergrass Appreciation Day" in the Town of Carrboro.

This resolution shall be entered into the Town's official minutes and a copy presented to Donnie Pendergrass.

**This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Seils and Alderman Slade

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### **RECOGNITION OF ALDERMAN GIST'S 25 YEARS OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL SERVICE**

Mayor Lavelle presented Alderman Gist with a plaque and pin from the North Carolina League of Municipalities for her 25 years of elected municipal service.

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### **PROCLAMATION – BOOK HARVEST DREAM BIG BOOK DRIVE**

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed January 19, 2015 as the "Book Harvest Dream Big Book Drive Day" in Carrboro, NC.

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**PASSING OF JOHN GREENE**

Mayor Lavelle noted the passing of John Greene, a longtime employee of OWASA and extended condolences to his family and loved ones.

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**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SLADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2014. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

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**A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARRBORO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider appointing members to the Carrboro Tourism Development Authority (CTDA).

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell raised the question of reappointing a member of the Authority that works for the ArtsCenter being that there is a proposal to the Town regarding a new ArtsCenter building. The Board discussed the issue and tabled the discussion until a meeting in February.

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**A Resolution Canceling the February 24, 2015 Public Hearing**

The purpose of this item was to cancel the Board's February 24, 2015 public hearing.

**A motion was made by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Slade, that this resolution be approved.**

A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE FEBRUARY 24, 2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN THAT:

Section 1. The February 24, 2015 Board of Aldermen meeting is canceled.

**This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Seils and Alderman Slade

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**A REQUEST TO ISSUE A STREET CLOSING PERMIT FOR THE KIDNEY KARE 5K RUN/WALK**

The purpose of this item was to consider a Street Closing Permit Application submitted by the UNC Kidney Center for the temporary closing and usage of streets to accommodate the Kidney Kare 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 14th, 2015 from 8:20 AM to 9:45 AM.

**A motion was made by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Slade, that this resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSING AND USAGE OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS TO ACCOMMODATE THE KIDNEY KARE 5K RUN/WALK.

Section 1. The following streets shall be temporarily closed and used Saturday, March, 14 2015 from 8:20 am to 9:45 am to accommodate the Kidney Kare 5K Run/Walk:

- Start and Finish on McDougle Southeast Drive
- Right on *Hillsborough Rd* (Stay on Hillsborough Rd through the N Greensboro St split)
- Right on *High St*
- Right on *Main St* (stay in bike lane)
- Right on *James St*
- Left on *Hillsborough Rd* (stay in bike lane)
- Left on *McDougle Southeast Drive*

Section 2. This event is to be held in accordance with the permit issued by the Board of Aldermen pursuant to Article III of Chapter 7 of the Town.

Section 3. The Town shall supply the appropriate traffic control devices to give notice of the temporary traffic controls.

Section 4. No person may operate any vehicle contrary to the traffic control devices installed in accordance with Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 5. The Event Coordinator will be responsible for notifying Central Communications when the street is closed and when it is reopened to vehicular traffic.

Section 6. Applicant shall distribute flyers of notification, to persons occupying property abutting the streets where the event is to take place, of the contents of any resolution passed.

Section 7. Applicant will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Police and Public Works to facilitate this event. Applicant will be sent an itemized bill for the final costs incurred by Police and Public Works.

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Seils and Alderman Slade

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**A REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE NOT SO NORMAL 5K, 10K, AND HALF MARATHON RACES.**

The purpose for this agenda item was to set a public hearing for January 27, 2015 for a Street Closing Permit Application submitted by [www.MomInChapelHillNC.com](http://www.MomInChapelHillNC.com) for the temporary closing and usage of streets from 7:30AM to 12:30PM on Sunday, May 17th 2015 to accommodate the *Not So Normal 5k, 10K, and Half Marathon*.

**A motion was made by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Slade, that this resolution be approved.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSING AND USAGE OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NOT SO NORMAL 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon**

Section 1. On the day of the event, public streets shall be temporarily used Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM for Not So Normal 5K, 10K, and half marathon races. This event is to be held in accordance with the permit issued by the Board of Aldermen pursuant to Article III of Chapter 7 of the Town Code. Refer to attached maps for exact locations of streets being used for the event.

Section 2. The Town shall supply the appropriate traffic control devices to give notice of the temporary traffic controls.

Section 3. No person may operate any vehicle contrary to the traffic control devices installed in accordance with Section 2 of this resolution.

Section 4. Applicant shall distribute flyers of notification, to persons occupying property abutting the streets where the event is to take place, of the contents of any resolution passed.

Section 5. Applicant will be responsible for all costs incurred by Police and Public Works to facilitate this event. Applicant will be sent an itemized bill for the final costs incurred by Police and Public Works.

Section 6. The scope of this event will require staffing that exceeds what the Public Works and Police Departments can typically provide, and subsequently the coordinator will be hiring additional professional staff to help manage the event. Town staff will help coordinate the traffic control. The applicant must provide additional labor of approximately 10 personnel qualified in traffic control, plus 25 volunteers.

Section 7. The Event Coordinator will be responsible for notifying Central Communications when the street is closed and when it is reopened to vehicular traffic.

Section 8. This resolution is contingent on the applicant providing proper liability insurance to the Town at least 30 days prior the event.

Section 9. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Seils and Alderman Slade

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**PRESENTATION ON TRANSIT STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

The purpose of this item was to have consultants, Nelson/Nygaard provide an overview of the research and findings in the Transit Strategic and Financial Stability Plan.

Brian Litchfield, director of Chapel Hill Transit, made the presentation to the Board.

Tim Nygaard, the consultant, presented the strategic and financial sustainability plan to the Board.

Alderman Gist stated that some riders would see a fare charge as a nuisance but that it would burden some riders.

Alderman Slade asked if electric busses are being considered. He asked for Chapel Hill Transit to pursue electric busses with more vigor.

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE REVIEW**

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to review two concept designs for Martin Luther King Jr. Park as a result of the recent community process.

Derek Williams, the consultant, presented the designs and provided background information on the process.

Maria Hitt thanked the Board for the process and asked that the Community Garden members be able to be at the planning table for the garden space. She asked the Board for money in the capital budget for the garden expansion budget.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell and Alderman Gist asked that the road be removed.

Alderman Johnson and Gist expressed concern with the proposal of a camping site and showers in the restrooms.

Alderman Gist expressed the desire to treat the park as a neighborhood park. She also stated that she is unsure if the park is the correct space for a pump track.

Alderman Seils expressed support for “Option A” and the pollinator gardens. He stated that a pump track isn't a competing interest of open and quiet space. He stated that he is ambivalent on the idea of the camping site.

Alderman Slade expressed support for “Option A” and stated that the option manages the diversity of options very well. He asked for the consultant to review the parking space location and try to move it as close to the road as possible. He stated that he is ok with a camping site on the location. He also stated that the pump track could be considered at a different park if it is seen as competing with the other goals of the park. He expressed support for funding for the community garden and to meet with them to see their funding needs.

Alderman Chaney stated that she was in approval of “Option A” and appreciated the wetlands and opportunities for outdoor education.

Mayor Lavelle expressed support for “Option A” and asked to learn more about the pump track. She asked that the Community Garden receive financial support. She also stated that she would be interested in looking into a permit based camping option specific for certain events.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell also stated that she wants to make sure that this process is slowed down and that it does not stray too far from what people enjoy about the park.

The Board directed staff to work with the consultant on Option A and to bring back additional information in the future. Staff was asked for more information on the pump track and the camping issue.

Heidi Perry explained the process for selecting preferences for park features and stated that there is a lot of interest for the pump park. She asked the Board to view a pump track on a field trip.

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**CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON JOINT PLANNING PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ITEM - AMENDMENTS TO ALLOW FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING**  
**AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT ENTERPRISES IN THE RURAL BUFFER**

The purpose of this item was to continue the proposed joint planning area amendments in follow-up to the Assembly of Governments meeting held on November 19th. Possible modifications to the structure for approving the amendments have been identified and discussed. These amendments are necessary in order for Orange County to approve proposed text amendments to its Unified Development Ordinance that will allow the new uses to occur within the Rural Buffer.

This item was tabled until the January 27, 2015 meeting.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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**OPEN SESSION**

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GIST TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL