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Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council**

March 19, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Barbara Foushee, Council Member Catherine Fray, Council Member Jason Merrill, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Randee Haven-O’Donnell, Council Member Eliazar Posada

Also Present: Marie Parker, Interim Town Manager; Wendy Welsh, Interim Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING

Poette Laurette Liza Wolff-Francis read her poem “Growing a New Garden.”

RESOLUTION – EARTH HOUR

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

A RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN EARTH HOUR MARCH 23rd, 2024

WHEREAS, 8:30 P.M. on March 23rd, 2024 has been designated as “Earth Hour” by the World Wildlife Fund as a reminder that, through collective action, individuals can make a positive impact in the fight against climate change; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour 2024 aims to be a moment of unity that shines a spotlight on nature loss and the climate crisis and inspires millions more to act and advocate for urgent change; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour engages supporters in more than 190 countries and territories annually, making it one of the largest grassroots environmental movements in the world; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour involves two simple actions—turning off lights for one hour and giving an hour for Earth by spending 60 minutes doing something positive for our planet; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has recognized Earth Hour for the past 13 years and is committed to reducing greenhouse emissions; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro made its first commitment to climate protection in 2001 through joining the Cities for Climate Protection and conducted its first greenhouse gas emissions inventory in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted a climate protection resolution in December 2009, accepted the Energy and Climate Protection Plan in 2014, and accepted the Community Climate Action Plan in 2017; and

WHEREAS, cities and states across the country and around the world are joining with Carrboro to demonstrate a commitment to addressing climate action by supporting Earth Hour.

59 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Carrboro Town Council that the Town
60 Council hereby proclaims, March 23rd, 2024, from 8:30–9:30 P.M. as “Earth Hour” in Carrboro
61 and calls upon all residents and businesses of Carrboro to join in supporting the aims and goals
62 of this effort.

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64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Carrboro Town Council directs staff to send out a
65 public service announcement to publicize Earth Hour.

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67 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the lights in front of Town Hall will be turned off March
68 23rd, 2024, from 8:30–9:30 P.M. in recognition of Earth Hour.

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70 This the 19th day of March, 2024.

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74 **RESOLUTION – SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN CARRBORO**

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76 **Council Member Posada made a motion, seconded by Council Member Haven-O’Donnell**
77 **that the following resolution be approved:**

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79 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN CARRBORO

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81 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro recognizes the vital role that immigrants have played and
82 continue to play in the growth, diversity, and prosperity of our community; and

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84 **WHEREAS**, our town upholds the values of inclusivity, equity, and justice as cornerstones of
85 our democracy; and

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87 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro is a welcoming community and prides itself on being a Place
88 for Everyone; and

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90 **WHEREAS**, the collaboration between immigrant communities and local law enforcement is
91 essential for the safety and well-being of all residents; and

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93 **WHEREAS**, equitable access to municipal services, education, and opportunities for civic
94 engagement for all residents, regardless of immigration status, is essential to the fabric of our
95 town.

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97 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Town of Carrboro that the
98 Council:

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100 ● Commits to fostering a welcoming environment for all immigrants living in, working in,
101 and contributing to our town.
102 ● Advocates for policies at the state and federal level that provide a clear path to citizenship
103 for undocumented residents and protect the rights of refugees and asylees.
104 ● Supports local initiatives to provide all residents with access to municipal services,
105 including education and law enforcement protection, regardless of immigration status.
106 ● Empowers and encourages law enforcement officials to intentionally foster trust and
107 cooperation with our diverse immigrant communities.
108 ● Encourages the community to engage in dialogue and cultural exchange to bolster mutual
109 understanding and respect among all residents of Carrboro.

110 This is the 19th day of March, 2024.

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112 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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116 **RESOLUTION – CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CARRBORO’S DEXTER**
117 **ROMWEBER**

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119 **Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Haven-O’Donnell**
120 **that the following resolution be approved:**

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122 A RESOLUTION HONORING DEXTER ROMWEBER
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124 **WHEREAS**, on Friday, February 16, the town of Carrboro and the music world at large suffered
125 a grievous loss with the sudden and unexpected death of John Michael “Dexter” Romweber II.
126 The youngest of the Romweber family’s seven children, Dexter was just 57 years old, and
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128 **WHEREAS**, Dexter was 11 years old when the Romwebers moved to Carrboro in 1977. They
129 were a musical family – sister Sara played drums in legendary bands Let’s Active and Snatches
130 of Pink, while brother Joe led the band UV Prom – so it was natural that Dexter was playing
131 guitar by his teenage years, and
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133 **WHEREAS**, young Dexter playing on various local street corners was a familiar site back then,
134 and his early bands included I Married a Monster, The Remainz, and Crash Landon and the
135 Kamikazes. But where he truly made his mark was with Flat Duo Jets, a hugely acclaimed band
136 in the 1980s and ’90s, and
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138 **WHEREAS**, formed in 1983, Flat Duo Jets started out as a guitar-drums duo when that was a
139 rarity. The Jets played roots rock faster, louder and more intense than just about any other band
140 on the planet. Dexter was a monster guitarist, and a singer with a voice for the ages. White
141 Stripes, Black Keys and Cat Power were just a few of the popular acts who owe a big stylistic
142 debt, and
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144 **WHEREAS**, after Flat Duo Jets broke up, Dexter continued on as the Dex Romweber Duo with
145 a series of drummers, including sister Sara. Together they made glorious music, and
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147 **WHEREAS**, for all the critical acclaim, Dexter never achieved mainstream commercial success.
148 But he maintained his artistry with unimpeachable integrity. He made his home in Carrboro and
149 was widely beloved here and elsewhere, and
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151 **WHEREAS**, the past five years have been tragic and difficult for the Romweber family, starting
152 with sister Sara Romweber’s death in 2019. Two brothers, Joe and Luke Romweber,
153 subsequently passed within weeks of each other. And their mother Sara Romweber, the family
154 matriarch, died in October 2023, and
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156 **WHEREAS**, Dexter’s passing represents another sad chapter. But the music he made and the
157 inspiration he provided will live on. He meant the world to his friends, loved ones, listeners, and
158 the Carrboro community.
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160 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Carrboro Town Council expresses its deep
161 appreciation for Dexter Romwebers’ talent, commitment to the local music community, and
162 towering legacy, as well as our sincerest condolences to the loved ones mourning his loss.
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164 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Carrboro Town Council directs Town staff to develop
165 a fitting public remembrance of Dexter, his sister Sara, and the Romweber family, reflecting
166 their lifelong work to bring music into community spaces where it could be shared with all their
167 neighbors.
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169 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Carrboro Town Council declares Friday, March 22,
170 2024 to be Dexter Romweber Day in Carrboro and urges all residents to continue to celebrate the
171 life and legacy of Dexter Romweber and his important contributions to the artistic life of North
172 Carolina, the nation, and the world.
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174 This the 19th day of March, 2024.
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176 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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180 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – ARTS CENTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY**
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PROCLAMATION – CARRBORO FARMERS MARKET WEEK

WHEREAS, the mission of the Carrboro Farmers’ Market is to create and sustain a vibrant and innovative Market that supports local farmers and artisans, while extending the benefits of local food to the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Farmers’ Market is “Locally Grown, Nationally Known” and one of the oldest and most well-established producers-only farmers markets in North Carolina, with everything grown and produced by the Market’s farmers and artisans; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Farmers’ Market serves over 80 local farmers and small business owners by creating direct-to-consumer sales opportunities and serving as a business incubator; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Farmers’ Market is an important community gathering space in Carrboro, hosting an estimated 2,500 to 3,500 visitors per week during the Main Season and an estimated 150,000 visitors annually from Carrboro and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Farmers’ Market is a leader in food access efforts at farmers markets in North Carolina, with a robust Double Bucks program that provides a dollar-for-dollar match to shoppers using nutrition benefits programs like SNAP/EBT and NC Farmers Market Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Farmers’ Market provides educational and engaging programming including special events, kids’ activities, chef demos, and more that aim to connect producers and consumers and create a strong local food ethic; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Farmers’ Market operates year-round, and begins its Main Season in April with extended hours on Saturday mornings and a mid-week market on Wednesday afternoons; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Farmers’ Market was founded in 1979 and celebrates its 45th anniversary this year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 1st through 7th, 2024 as “CARRBORO FARMERS’ MARKET WEEK.”

This the 19th day of March, 2024.

PROCLAMATION – SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (APRIL)

WHEREAS, sexual violence is common: Over half of women and almost one-third of men in the United States have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence starts early: More than half of female rape survivors and more than 40% of male rape survivors reported that they were raped when they were minors; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence disproportionately affects some groups: Women and racial and ethnic minority groups, trans and gender-nonconforming people, people with disabilities, and children experience a higher burden of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence is costly: Rape is the most costly crime to its survivors, totaling over \$3 trillion in lifetime societal costs, considering such factors as medical costs, lost work productivity, pain and suffering, and lost quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center organized the first nationwide Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and in 2009 President Barack Obama became the first president to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

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246 **WHEREAS**, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, a nonprofit agency that has served this
247 community since 1974, is working to stop sexual violence and its impact through support,
248 education, and advocacy; and
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250 **WHEREAS**, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center assisted more than 950 survivors of sexual
251 violence, their loved ones, and community professionals in 2023 to ensure no survivor faces their
252 trauma, or healing, alone; and
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254 **WHEREAS**, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center works with the county’s 2 school systems
255 and other groups to provide students with age-appropriate information about violence prevention,
256 reaching more than 15,500 youth and adults each year; and
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258 **WHEREAS**, the Orange County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Response Committee
259 (DVSARC) brings together members of law enforcement, the medical community, the legal
260 system, and community advocates to improve services for survivors of sexual assault who come
261 forward; and
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263 **WHEREAS**, victim-blaming continues to be an enormous problem in instances of rape and
264 sexual assault; and
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266 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of
267 Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 to be Sexual Assault
268 Awareness Month in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to speak out against sexual violence and
269 to support the local community’s efforts to prevent and respond to these crimes.

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271 This the 19th day of March 2024.

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275 **PROCLAMATION – FLEET FEET DAY**

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277 **WHEREAS**, Fleet Feet first opened its doors to the Carrboro community on March 19th, 1994;
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280 **WHEREAS**, Fleet Feet has provided 30 years of service and support to the Carrboro community
281 and surrounding areas through expert shoe-fitting, product knowledge, and community-based
282 events and runs; and
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284 **WHEREAS**, Fleet Feet employs over 30 people dedicated to delivering on expert customer
285 service, high quality products, and genuine knowledge and care towards their customers; and
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287 **WHEREAS**, Fleet Feet established their Training Programs in 2008 to support, train, and
288 encourage runners and walkers of all abilities to accomplish their goals, and has grown the
289 programming to support over 1000 runners and walkers each year; and
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291 **WHEREAS**, Fleet Feet supports local non-profit organizations, schools, and other businesses
292 with in-kind and financial support to encourage all to run, walk, and move together; and
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294 **WHEREAS**, Fleet Feet hosts run and walk events and community races throughout the year to
295 grow community and encourage folks to get moving; and
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297 **WHEREAS**, the Fleet Feet National Headquarters opened in Carrboro in 2001 and now employs
298 over 100 individuals who support more than 260 Fleet Feet stores in 40 states across the country;
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300 **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, in North
301 Carolina, do hereby declare Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 as Fleet Feet Day in Carrboro, to honor
302 the 30 years of service to the people of Carrboro and to recognize their contributions to our
303 community.

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305 This the 19th day of March, 2024.
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Gretchen Gochenauer spoke about preserving the Pathway Drive parcel as public land.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON MARCH 14, 2023, TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 21 AND 28, 2023, AND LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2023

A motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member Posada to approve the meeting minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

This agenda item is for Council to make appointments to the Board of Adjustment.

Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following applicant(s) to the Board of Adjustment:

Seat Designation	Appointee	Term Expiration
In-Town	Kacy Gordon	02/2027
In-Town	Heather Hunt	02/2027
In-Town	Melinda Manning	02/2027

Section 2. The Carrboro Town Council hereby re-appoints the following applicant(s) to the Board of Adjustment:

Seat Designation	Appointee	Term Expiration
In-Town	Linda Bowerman	02/2027
In-Town	Brian Hageman	02/2027
In-Town	Sriv Navaratnam	02/2027

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 19th day of March, 2024.

The motion carried unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

This agenda item is for Council to make reappointments to the Planning Board. This does not include any new appointments.

Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada that the following resolution be approved:

360 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

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362 Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following applicants to the Planning
363 Board:

Appointee	Term Expiration	Seat
Bruce Sinclair (reappointment)	2/2027	In-Town
Braxton Foushee (reappointment)	2/2027	In-Town
Rachel Gaylord-Miles	2/2027	In-Town

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366 Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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368 This the 19th day of March, 2024.

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370 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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372 **Recused: Mayor Foushee**

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376 **APPOINTMENT TO THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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378 This agenda item is for Council to make an appointment to the Stormwater Advisory
379 Commission.

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381 **Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada that the**
382 **following resolution be approved:**

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384 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE STORMWATER ADVISORY
385 COMMISSION

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

Seat Designation	Appointee	Term Expiration
In-Town Voting Member	Mikey Cristiano	2/2027

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391 Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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393 This the 19th day of March, 2024.

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395 **The motion was carried unanimously.**

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399 **REAPPOINTMENT TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION**
400 **(AHAC)**

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402 This agenda item is for Council to make a reappointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory
403 Commission (AHAC). This does not include new appointments.

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405 **Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada that the**
406 **following resolution be approved:**

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408 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
409 ADVISORY COMMISSION (AHAC)

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411 Section 1 The Carrboro Town Council hereby re-appoints the following applicant(s) to
412 Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (AHAC):

Appointee	Term Expiration
Heather Nash (re-appointment)	02/2027

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415 Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
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417 This the 19th day of March, 2024.

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419 **The motion was carried unanimously.**

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423 **REAPPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

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425 This agenda item is for Council to make a reappointment to the Transportation Advisory Board
426 (TAB). This does not include new appointments.

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428 **Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada that the**
429 **following resolution be approved:**

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431 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
432 BOARD (TAB)

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434 Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following applicant(s) to the
435 Transportation Advisory Board (TAB):

Appointee	Term Expiration
Lenore Jones-Perretto (reappointment)	02/2027

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438 Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
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440 This the 19th day of March, 2024.

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442 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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446 **APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC)**

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448 This agenda item is for the Town Council to make appointments to the Economic Sustainability
449 Commission.

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451 **Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada that the**
452 **following resolution be approved:**

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454 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILTY
455 COMMISSION (ESC)

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457 Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following to the Economic
458 Sustainability Commission:

Appointee	Term Expiration
Tyler Huntington	02/2026
James Keegan	02/2026
Melba Ribeiro	02/2026

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461 Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
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463 This the 19th day of March, 2024.

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465 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE

This agenda item is for Council to make reappointments to the Arts Committee. This does not include any new appointments.

Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION MAKING REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby re-appoints the following applicant(s) to the Arts Committee:

Seat Designation	Appointee	Term Expiration
In-Town	Shaundra Daily	02/2027
In-Town	Lindsey Womack	02/2027

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 19th day of March 2024.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO SET LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS

To request the Town Council consider setting a public hearing on text amendments to the Land Use Ordinance relating to Cafes and Residential Density in Certain Zoning Districts. A resolution setting a public hearing for April 23, 2024 has been provided.

Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada that the following resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE RELATING TO CAFES AND RESIDENTIAL DENSITY IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS

WHEREAS the Carrboro Town Council seeks to provide ample opportunities for the public to comment on proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council sets a public hearing on April 23, 2024, to consider adopting “An Ordinance Amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance Relating to Cafes and Residential Density in Certain Zoning Districts.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft ordinance is referred to Orange County and the Town of Carrboro Planning Board for consideration and recommendation prior to the specified public hearing date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft ordinance is also referred to the following Town of Carrboro advisory boards and commissions.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appearance Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation and Parks Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Advisory Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Advisory Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Advisory Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Sustainability Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

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519 This the 19th day of March, 2024.

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521 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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525 **UPDATE ON STATUS OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS**

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527 This agenda item is to give Council an update on the status of ARPA funds distributed (\$6.75M)
528 to the Town from the Federal Government, including: Background, Definitions, and Timeline to
529 date; Council approved programming created by department heads; Graphic showing funds
530 expended, in queue, garnering immediate discussion, and remaining projects and allocations;
531 Reporting guidelines; Present next steps as defined by Finance Department.

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533 **Council Member Nowell made a motion, seconded by Council Member Posada to approve**
534 **the update on the ARPA funds distribution.**

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536 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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540 **AN UPDATE ON THE CRISIS DIVERSION FACILITY IN ORANGE COUNTY**

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542 This item involves an update on the Crisis Diversion Facility planned for Orange County.

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544 Chris Atack, Chief of Police, introduced Caitlin Fenhagen, Orange County Criminal Justice
545 Resource Director, and Tony Marimpietri, Project Lead for Orange County Crisis and Diversion
546 Facility, who gave a presentation on the Orange County Crisis Facility.

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548 Discussion ensued between Council Members and the presenters about how care would happen.
549 The presenters explained the first goal is to help a person get through a crisis and get them back
550 into the community. This facility won't solve all crisis's but will help them make an effective
551 transition into the next phase, whether that's a long-term facility or specialty care.

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553 Council Members and the presenters discussed the location of the facility as it relates to the
554 proximity of the emergency room in Hillsborough and the ease of access to the highway. The
555 facility is about a 5-minute transfer to the emergency room.

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557 The presenters clarified that the facility is owned by Orange County, and they will be responsible
558 for the inspections and maintenance. The providers will be licensed and follow state and federal
559 laws.

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561 Council Members and the presenters discussed that the facility will provide mental health and
562 formerly incarcerated transition programs.

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566 **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE CO-GEN RAIL LINE PROJECT**

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568 This item is to formalize the partnership on the Co-Gen Rail Line project.

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570 Senator Graig Meyer, Alana Keegan, from Central Pines, and Michael Piehler, from UNC, gave
571 a presentation about the Co-Gen Rail Line Project.

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573 Council Members discussed nominating either Council Member Haven-O'Donnell or Council
574 Member Merrill, or both, as the representative to the Co-Gen Rail Line Project.

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576 Council Members and presenters talked about the rail line, to include it not connecting to
577 Hillsborough but to Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Durham.

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579 Council Members and presenters talked about the environmental impact of the project. There are
580 studies underway, and they will be complete before the project begins.

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582 Council Members and presenters talked about the timeline of the project. The project will not be
583 complete before 10 years because it is dependent on UNC stopping coal usage at the power plant
584 first, then the railway must be released to the project, then construction.

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586 Council Members and presenters talked about the working group make up and they have over 46
587 people made up from local governments, UNC, Jackson Center, and other community
588 organizations. The MOA is the first step to get things going, to include funding, then the working
589 group is needed to push the process through.

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591 Council Members and presenters discussed the current expansion of the DOT rail and how this
592 section of rail is not part of the current plan for DOT. Expressed the cost of a passenger train to
593 the rail off US-70 would be more than the benefit. Also discussed the study would look at road
594 crossings, parking lots, etc before construction would begin.

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596 Council Members and presenters discussed that the North Carolina Railway Corporation owns
597 the railroads and leases them to Norfolk-Southern. The equity partners already are the Jackson
598 Center, No Coal UNC, and the Interfaith Power and Light arm of the NC Council of Churches.

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600 **A motion was made by Council Member Fray, seconded by Council Member Posada to**
601 **accept the Memorandum of Agreement.**

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603 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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607 **SPECIAL USE PERMIT-A EXTENSION REQUEST**

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609 Town Council is asked to consider approving a request for an extension for a Special Use
610 Permit-A for Veridia Architecturally Integrated Subdivision at 810 Old Fayetteville Road.

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612 Martin Roupe, Development Administrator, gave a presentation on the background and overview
613 of the project.

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615 Council Members and Martin Roupe discussed concerns of displacement for current residents.
616 There is a current active permit that requires 35 of the 39 homes be offered at \$300k or less,
617 which was middle range housing when it was approved in 2011. This land was rezoned in the
618 70s after a possible lawsuit over density. Owner has a vested right to 68 parking spaces as well.

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620 **A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Haven-**
621 **O'Donnell to table this item to talk to the applicant as well as Anne-Marie Vanaman,**
622 **Housing and Community Services Director.**

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624 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Posada to move into closed session.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell to move into open session.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Nowell to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.
