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Town of Carrboro

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

January 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Remote Meeting

This meeting was held via Zoom teleconference and broadcasted live on cable television and the internet.

Present: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager; Cathy Dorando Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING

Fred Joiner, the Town's Poet Laureate, read a poem by Hafizah Geter called "Un-American."

PROCLAMATION – HONORING DR. KIZZMEKIA “KIZZY” CORBETT

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed Tuesday, Jan. 26, as "Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett Day" in the Town of Carrboro.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments provided from the public.

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APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AND DECEMBER 1, 2020 WERE
TABLED FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of this item was to provide the Town Council a monthly overview of calls for service.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL
MEMBER SEILS, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of this item was to provide Town Council with a brief overview of the monthly calls for service.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL
MEMBER SEILS, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

STORMWATER UTILITY MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the monthly update regarding Stormwater Utility projects and initiatives.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL
MEMBER SEILS, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of this item was to provide the regular monthly activities and status report for the Economic Development Department.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL
MEMBER SEILS, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

A RESOLUTION TO DEFINE NET ZERO FOR THE TOWN OF CARRBORO BUILDINGS

The purpose of this item was for the Town Council to adopt a definition, including a metric and boundary, for the term “Net Zero Buildings” for the Town of Carrboro.

A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Seils, to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING A NET ZERO DEFINITION FOR THE TOWN OF CARRBORO BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Town Council received a Net Zero Buildings report and presentation at the December 1, 2020 Town Council Meeting by the Town’s consultant, Sud Associates, P.A., and subsequently discussed the Net Zero Buildings metric and boundary options presented; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) received the same presentation on January 11, 2021 and have submitted the attached hereto comments; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council and the EAB are in agreement with which Net Zero Buildings definition to adopt for the Town of Carrboro; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council and the EAB also agree that the approach to any Net Zero Buildings project will be to first conserve as much as possible through energy efficiency measures, then to make up the balance through renewable energy generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the following Net Zero Buildings definition be adopted for the Town of Carrboro:

Net Zero Buildings shall be evaluated using greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) as the accounting metric. Renewable energy can be generated off-site to offset GHG emissions from nonrenewable energy consumption.

This definition conforms to Option 3C of the attached report.

This is the 19th day of January, 2021.

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O’Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

124 **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION**

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126 The purpose of this item was for the Town Council to consider adopting the resolution
127 establishing the Racial Equity Commission.

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129 Anita Jones-McNair provided the staff report.

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131 **A motion was made by Council Member Gist, seconded by Council Member Seils, to**
132 **approve the following resolution:**

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134 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION

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136 WHEREAS, On October 20, 2020, the Town Council approved a resolution entitled, Supporting
137 Reparations for Black Carrboro; and,

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139 WHEREAS, One of the expectations set forth in that resolution is to establish, within a year, a
140 Racial Equity Commission empowered to make short, mid and long-term recommendations that
141 will make significant progress toward repairing the damage caused by public and private
142 systemic racism, boosting economic mobility and opportunity, and creating generational wealth
143 in the Black community; and,

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145 WHEREAS, the draft framework outlines the establishment, powers and duties of the Racial
146 Equity Commission presented on this day.

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148 NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro adopts the establishment,
149 powers and duties of the Racial Equity Commission.

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151 This is the 19th day of January, 2021.

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153 **Ayes:** Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn
154 Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council
155 Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

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159 **ENERGY AND CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN AND COMMUNITY CLIMATE**
160 **ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

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162 The purpose of this agenda item was to update the Town Council on Energy and Climate
163 Protection Plan and Community Climate Action Plan Implementation Efforts and to request
164 comments on the Green Neighborhoods Grant Program proposal from the Town Council.

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166 **A motion was made by Council Member Seils, seconded by Council Member Haven-**
167 **O'Donnell, to approve the following resolution:**

169 A RESOLUTION RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE CLIMATE AND ENERGY
170 PROTECTION PLAN AND COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
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172 WHEREAS, the Town Council has received a presentation regarding the Energy and Climate
173 Protection Plan and the Community Climate Action Plan; and,

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175 WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has a number of emissions-reduction projects in process; and,

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177 WHEREAS, Town staff have requested Council input at key milestones; and,

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179 WHEREAS, staff have provided the Council with updates on particular projects at regular
180 intervals.

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182 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council
183 receives this update on the implementation of the Energy and Climate Protection Plan and the
184 Community Climate Action Plan.

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186 This is the 19th day of January, 2021.

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188 **Ayes:** Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn
189 Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council
190 Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

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192 **A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Haven-**
193 **O'Donnell, to approve the following resolution:**

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195 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED GREEN
196 NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM
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198 WHEREAS, Community Integration Recommendation #3 in the Community Climate Action
199 Plan recommends creating a Green Neighborhoods Program to engage neighborhoods in efforts
200 to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions; and,

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202 WHEREAS, Community Integration Recommendation #5 in the Community Climate Action
203 Plan recommends expanding capacity to pursue community sustainability initiatives and creating
204 a community grant program; and,

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206 WHEREAS, staff have drafted a Green Neighborhoods Grant Program structure; and,

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208 WHEREAS, the funding for this program has been budgeted in the FY20-21 Town Budget.

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210 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council
211 provides the following comments:

212 1. That staff prepare to be “shovel ready” for any climate oriented federal projects that may
213 become available from the Biden administration.

214 2. That the rubric be amended to provide for additional points for projects that can serve as a
215 model.

216 3. That the guidelines are clearly written so that the opportunity is open for all residents.

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220 **Ayes:** Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn
221 Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council
222 Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

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226 **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S 143-318.11(A)(4)**

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228 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL**
229 **MEMBER FOUSHEE, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S.**
230 **143-318.11(A)(4) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.**

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234 **OPEN SESSION**

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236 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY**
237 **COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION.**
238 **VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.**

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241 **ADJOURNMENT**

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243 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED**
244 **BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE:**
245 **AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

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250 **Town Clerk**

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254 **Mayor**