



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

**Town of Carrboro**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Town Council**

**January 11, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Remote Meeting**

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

**Present:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Sammy Slade, and Council Member Danny Nowell

**Also Present:** Richard White, Town Manager; Mary Bryant, Deputy Town Clerk; Brady Herman, Town Attorney

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**RESOLUTION – NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

Council Member Barbara Foushee read a resolution to highlight National Mentoring Month. Special guests on hand to accept the resolution were Atrayus Goode, President and CEO of Mentor North Carolina and Lorie Clark, representing the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Program.

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

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

WHEREAS, January 2022 marks the 20th anniversary of National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to focus attention on the need for mentors and on how each of us can work to increase the number of mentors to help ensure positive outcomes for young people;

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro honors volunteer mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs like MENTOR North Carolina and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program make our communities stronger by driving impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and provide invaluable support networks; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, mentoring programs have stepped up to fill gaps for young people and families, connecting them with resources and ensuring that mentoring relationships continue virtually to ensure that physical distancing does not mean social disconnection; and

WHEREAS, mentoring plays a pivotal role in career exploration and supports workplace skills by helping young people set career goals, equips mentors with the skills they need to support the professional growth of young people, and drives positive outcomes for young people and businesses; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem, emotional well-being, and growth of young people and their relationships with other adults; and

WHEREAS, students who meet regularly with mentors are more than 52 percent less likely than their peers to skip a day of school, and youth who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor; and

WHEREAS, youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46 percent less likely than their peers to start using drugs and 27 percent less likely to start drinking; and

WHEREAS, almost half of adults today report having a mentor in their youth, and those rates appear to have been rising steadily over the past several decades, and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is a time of year to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring across our state and recruit caring adult mentors in Carrboro;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, hereby recognizes January 2022 as National Mentoring Month in Carrboro and encourages residents to celebrate mentoring throughout the community.

**This the 11th day of January, 2022.**

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

**Ayes: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Sammy Slade, and Council Member Danny Nowell**

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76 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, NOVEMBER**  
77 **9, AND NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

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79 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL,**  
80 **SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**  
81 **OF OCTOBER 26, 2021, NOVEMBER 9, 2021, AND NOVEMBER 16, 2021.**  
82 **VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.**

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85 **COVID-19 UPDATE**

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87 The purpose of this agenda item was for the Town Council to receive an update on Covid-19  
88 and how it is affecting Carrboro and Orange County. Fire Chief Dave Schmidt gave the  
89 Town Council a detailed update with information about Omicron, daily new case numbers,  
90 N-95 and KN-95 masks and the Town's plans for combatting the virus.

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92 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY**  
93 **COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ASK MAYOR SEILS TO TAKE**  
94 **THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY PARTNER**  
95 **INFORMATION SHARING GROUP AT THEIR UPCOMING MEETING.**

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97 **"The Carrboro Town Council strongly believes that the indoor mask mandate should**  
98 **be upgraded to N95, KN95 or equivalent for a 30-day period. Council recognizes the**  
99 **necessity of having the availability of such masks and does not know if the state's**  
100 **provision of masks will alleviate this concern and this is something that should be**  
101 **considered."**

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103 **This the 11th day of January, 2022.**

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

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

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108 **Noes: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine**

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112 **CLOSED SESSION**

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114 **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY**  
115 **COUNCIL MEMBER NOWELL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT**  
116 **TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(6). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

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**OPEN SESSION**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, SECONDED BY  
COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE:  
AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

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**Town Clerk**

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**Mayor**