



TOWN OF CARRBORO

PLANNING BOARD

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

August 20, 2015

Request for Comment

Dear Advisory Board Members:

The Board of Aldermen will be reviewing the Carrboro *Vision2020* later this year. The Planning Board proposes that the advisory boards' annual project be to assess and comment on the vision document prior to the aldermen's review. The advisory boards would comment on Carrboro's progress toward the goals and directions of the document in the 15 years since its adoption. They would note where the goals have been accomplished or where more effort is needed. They may also highlight if goals and directions should be added, revised, or even abandoned.

The result of the project would be recommendations for an updated *Vision2020*, one that looks at the town's accomplishments of the last 15 years as well as providing mileposts for the next 5 years. This project would be in lieu of the public outreach forum series for this year. The Planning Board anticipates that the Board of Aldermen will seek public input at a later time.

An excerpt from *Vision2020* is attached. Below is a list of the advisory boards and sections of *Vision2020* that most directly relate to the boards' purview. Boards should comment on the sections listed but are not limited to these sections and can comment on any section that captures their attention.

Arts Committee:

1.2

Economic Sustainability Commission:

3.0 (entire section), 6.0 (entire section)

Human Services Advisory Committee:

1.0 (entire section)

Recreation and Parks Commission:

1.1, 5.3

Appearance Commission:

2.3, 2.4, 3.0 (entire section)

Environmental Advisory Board:

2.4, 5.0 (entire section)

Planning Board:

2.0 (entire section), 3.0 (entire section), 6.0 (entire section)

Transportation Advisory Board:

4.0 (entire section)

Greenways Commission:

1.1, 5.3

The Planning Board proposes that each board return comments in the format shown in the example below, noting the relevant section number and which board is providing the comment. **Please return comments to Tina Moon (cmoon@townofcarrboro.org) as a Word document no later than October 15th.** We believe this schedule is feasible because the *Vision2020* except is short. The Planning Board intends to meet the week after and invites the advisory boards to join us to review and discuss all of the comments.

Example:

3.23 Other downtown commercial activity could include restaurants, entertainment venues, technology companies, lodging, and offices.

- *Planning Board: Carrboro should increase efforts to attract more professional offices. The number of restaurants and bars featuring entertainment has increased significantly, but businesses that generate all-day activity have not.*