

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GIST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION BELOW:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING TOWN STAFF TO PROCEED WITH HOMESTEAD-CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-USE PATH BOLIN CREEK PHASE 1B PROJECT

Dated: May 17, 2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro commenced work on conceptual design of the Homestead Road-Chapel Hill High School Multi-Use Path (the "Path"), also known as Phase 1B of the Bolin Creek Greenway Project (the "Project"), in 2009 and ultimately awarded a contract for construction of Phase 1B in December 2015, with work scheduled to begin in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Project involves input and/or approval from various government entities including the Federal Highway Administration (for grant funding), the North Carolina Department of Transportation ("NCDOT"; for contract and grant administration), Orange County and the Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools (for access to school property), and the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill and the State of North Carolina (for an easement for the greenway on University/State-owned Land); and

WHEREAS, individuals have recently expressed concern regarding the design of the Path in relation to the cross country course at Chapel Hill High School and on State-owned land adjacent to Chapel Hill High School;

WHEREAS, because of the concerns expressed, Town Staff have consulted with the Town's design professionals, the Project contractor, NCDOT and State representatives, and others, to investigate options and alternatives available to the Town which would not jeopardize the Project or the grant funding for the Project; and

WHEREAS Town Staff and representatives of the Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools (including the cross country coach) have met and discussed options for potential modifications to the design and construction of the Path in an attempt to address the concerns raised; and

Whereas the Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools have indicated the School District does not want the Town to create an alternative loop in the Chapel Hill High School cross country course, but rather have expressed their preference to wait until Phase 1B path is completed before determining whether to reroute the cross country course; and

Whereas if an alternative alignment were found viable along the west and north side of the tennis courts, fulfilling the same purpose and scope of the Greenway and not jeopardizing the funding or timing of the project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen as follows:

1. Town Staff is directed to issue a notice to proceed with the contract for the Project so that work on the Project can commence;
2. Town Staff is directed to investigate the technical feasibility and financial feasibility of modifying the specifications for the material used for the surface of a portion of the Path which runs parallel to and/or intersects with the Chapel Hill High School cross country course. The purpose of this review is to determine the feasibility of substituting a softer surface (such as crushed stone or a rubberized surface) instead of asphalt on the portion of the Path that would be used by the cross country team as part of its course.
3. Town Staff may also investigate the technical feasibility and financial feasibility of modifying the alignment of the Path so that it proceeds to connect to the School Property on the west side of the Smith Middle School tennis courts (as presently designed, the Path connects to the School Property on the east side of the tennis courts).
4. Town Staff should consult and coordinate with NCDOT representatives, UNC Property Office representatives, School District representatives, the Town's design professionals and the contractor for the Project as soon as possible to explore the feasibility of the alternative designs identified in the preceding paragraphs and to report back to the Town Manager regarding alternatives considered so that timely action can be taken to modify the contract for the Project if necessary.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing Resolution was put to a vote of the Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen on May 17, 2016, the result of which vote was as follows:

Ayes: Alderman Seils, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Alderman Gist, and Alderman Haven-O'Donnell

Absent: Mayor Lavelle