



Town of Carrboro

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

Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Michelle Johnson, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Bethany Chaney and Alderman Sammy Slade, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager, Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk, Mike Brough, Town Attorney

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed the week of May 10-16 as "National Police Week" and May 15th as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day" in Carrboro.

The Mayor and Board made comments regarding the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed as "Public Works Week" in Carrboro.

CHARGE ISSUED TO RECENTLY APPOINTED ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

The Town Clerk issued charges the following recently appointed advisory board members:

- 1.Planning Board – Thomas Tiemann
- 2.Recreation and Parks – William “Bill” Thompson

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of April 28, 2015 and May 5, 2015 were tabled for approval until the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CREATIVE CARRBORO ARTS INITIATIVE MOVING FORWARD

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to accept the Creative Carrboro Steering Committee's report and approve next steps.

A motion was made by Alderman Gist, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this resolution be approved.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CREATIVE CARRBORO REPORT AND APPROVE NEXT STEPS

WHEREAS, The Creative Carrboro Steering Committee has been involved in gathering and sharing feedback,

WHEREAS, The committee hosted five community meetings, implemented an artist survey, completed a question/answer exchange on Engage Carrboro, developed a project logo, monitored a website and Facebook page and completed a creative business listing, and

WHEREAS, The committee also worked with a UNC Capstone Student Group, and

WHEREAS, The Creative Carrboro Steering Committee completed a preliminary report for consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen accept the report and approve next steps - hosting a joint meeting of the Orange County Arts Commission, the Carrboro Arts Committee and the Economic Sustainability Commission to discuss whether they could jointly assume the lead role on the initiative and explore a partnership to re-establish the Arts and Crafts Market.

This 12th day of May, 2015.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Seils, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Gist, and Alderman Haven-O'Donnell

THE BAZAAR (CRAFTS MARKET) AGREEMENT

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider a monthly craft market at town commons.

A motion was made by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that this resolution be approved.

RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF CARRBORO TO PARTNER WITH HIGH STREET DESIGN TO OPERATE THE BAZAAR AT TOWN COMMONS

WHEREAS, Duncan and Meghan Morgan approached the Town of Carrboro about the idea of coordinating a monthly arts and crafts market at Town Commons, and

WHEREAS, A crafts and arts market is encouraged in the Vision 2020 document, and

WHEREAS, during the Creative Carrboro feedback phase, the idea of providing an arts and crafts market was echoed numerous times, and ,

WHEREAS, The Creative Carrboro Steering Committee recommended to restore and sustain a monthly artists market.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen agree to partner with High Street Design to operate the Bazaar at the Town Commons the third Sunday of each month beginning July 19th and ending November 15, 2015.

This the 12th day of May, 2015

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Seils and Alderman Slade

REQUEST TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Mayor and Board to make an appointment to the Arts Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that this resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HEREBY APPOINTS THE FOLLOWING APPLICANT TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE:

Seat Designation	Appointee	Term Expiration
Member	Mary Norkus	2/2016

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 12th day of May, 2015

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Seils and Alderman Slade

A REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE 100 BLOCK OF WEAVER STREET FOR A PILOT “SUMMER STREETS” PROJECT

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider the idea of a pilot “Summer Streets” project and set a public hearing for the temporary closing of the 100 block of Weaver Street, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm on various Sundays during the summer of 2015.

George Seiz, the Town's Public Works Director, made the staff presentation to the Board.

Alderman Gist asked for staff to make sure that the August date does not conflict with UNC's move-in weekend. It was decided that the August date should be the Sunday the 23rd.

Alderman Slade asked for staff to look into cost saving opportunities if the event becomes a regularly occurring event.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked for staff to report back with the purchase cost of an arrow-board during the public hearing.

Alderman Chaney stated that the event should be tied to an economic development initiative to generate funds and benefit the economy in a revenue stream similar to the cost of doing the project.

Alderman Seils asked for more information on what the businesses could be allowed to do with the street space.

This the 12th day of May, 2015

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Seils and Alderman Slade

AN OVERVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS, POLICES, AND STRATEGIES FOR CARRBORO

This report was intended to update the Board on existing economic development guiding principles goals and objectives for Carrboro and to provide data for additional discussion.

Annette Stone, the Town's Economic Development Director, made the staff presentation.

Alderman Chaney asked if the erosion of state or federal support was factored into the cost per capita for services. She stated that looking at the per capita cost of service in 2002 compared to 2014 would be helpful.

Alderman Gist asked to see information for real tax bills for homes at \$300K now versus ten years ago. She stated that she would like for the needs of the middle class to be addressed.

Alderman Slade stated that there is a huge opportunity to partner with the County for economic development. He stated that he is interested in looking into the appropriate ratio between commercial and residential and hinging approval of proposed residential development upon that ratio.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked if the County is targeting any of the 1/4 cent sales tax revenues to the towns.

Alderman Johnson stated that she would like information on the businesses that have left Carrboro in the last ten years. She also spoke to the importance of marketing the revolving loan fund.

Alderman Chaney asked for information that will help educate the Board on what light manufacturing is, what is new, and what will fit within the Carrboro light manufacturing culture. She suggested that the Board find ways to support and encourage businesses like airbnb while making sure that the Town is also getting the taxes that it needs. She suggested that the Town partner with the County and Chapel Hill in the economic development process.

Mayor Lavelle stated that she would like for the Town to discuss airbnb if the State doesn't take action on the matter during the summer. She stated that there are issues related to development on HWY 54 and asked staff to identify ways to allow for development. She also noted that the bills that are related to sales tax redistribution may change revenues for the Town drastically. She asked if there are case studies where cities become so desirable that they become unaffordable.

Alderman Seils asked for staff to determine where the funds come from that separate sales tax cost per capita and cost of services received. He also asked for information on how the cost of rent has changed in the last ten years.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell expressed a need for the Board to discuss home affordability and the increased cost of infill development.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL