



Town of Carrboro

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

Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

Present: Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Sammy Slade, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Mayor Lydia Lavelle and Alderman Michelle Johnson

Absent: Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell and Alderman Damon Seils

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

REQUESTS FROM VISITORS AND SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Lindsey Paydon spoke to the Board about removing the deer culling recommendation from the Climate and Energy Task Force draft report. She stated that over 300 people have signed a petition to remove the deer culling recommendation.

Alderman Gist asked staff to provide data related to the current status of the deer population.

Alderman Slade stated that the Environmental Advisory Board and the Board of Aldermen will review the comments and the report fully.

Alderman Johnson stated that she would like to know from the Police Chief if culling is an option.

Alderman Chaney stated that the conversation regarding deer should be occurring in the right space, rather than hidden in a climate change conversation. She stated that the recommendations should be based on values in the community and proposed that one of those values need to be that climate change is human driven.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH

THE PEOPLES CHANNEL

The purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the Town Manager to execute on the behalf of the Town of Carrboro an agreement with the Peoples Channel.

A motion was made by Alderman Chaney, seconded by Alderman Slade, that this resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PEOPLES CHANNEL

WHEREAS, The Town of Carrboro was granted use of Time Warner Cable channel 4 as a Public, Education, or Government (PEG) channel; and

WHEREAS, the Town has allowed The Peoples Channel to utilize channel 4 to operate a public access channel and provide programming to Carrboro residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town has the ability to certify channel 4 as an official PEG channel and receive PEG revenues for that channel; and

WHEREAS, any PEG revenues received for channel 4 would be required to be paid to The Peoples Channel as the channel operator; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Carrboro an agreement with The Peoples Channel.

This the 19th day of January, 2016

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Alderman Gist, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Lavelle and Alderman Johnson

Absent: Alderman Haven-O'Donnell and Alderman Seils

REQUEST-TO-SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD CLARIFY REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider setting a public hearing on text amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to clarify the existing provisions relating to short-term rentals.

Alderman Chaney asked why the limit was two people per room and requested that the language be amended to include children. She asked if an auxiliary apartment is constituted as a bedroom or a residence. She also asked if people can rent out space in their campers and if not, that the language be explicit. She asked for staff to provide responses to these questions in the amended ordinance for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Lavelle asked if the language should be changed to mirror current rental ordinance regulations.

Alderman Slade stated that he is not opposed to allowing rentals in campers.

Alderman Gist stated that she wants to be careful not to create an ordinance that restricts rentals to only wealthy home owners.

Trish McGuire, the Town's Planning Director, stated that the ordinance is a draft and that the Board can make any changes that they deem appropriate. Changes discussed by the Board will be made prior to the public hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Chaney, seconded by Alderman Slade, that this resolution be approved.

**A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM
RENTALS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen seeks to provide ample opportunities for the public to comment on proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen sets a public hearing on February 23, 2016, to consider adopting "An Ordinance Amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance to Clarify the Regulations for Short-Term Rentals in Single-Family Residences."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft ordinance is referred to Orange County, the Town of Carrboro Planning Board.

This the 19th day of January, 2016

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Alderman Gist, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Lavelle and Alderman Johnson

Absent: Alderman Haven-O'Donnell and Alderman Seils

REPORT ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY OUTREACH AND ACTIVITIES IN 2015.

The purpose of this item was to receive a presentation from the Transportation Advisory Board regarding the TAB's outreach and activities related to pedestrian safety.

Linda Haac, the Chair of the Transportation Advisory Board, made the presentation to the Board of Aldermen. Collen Barclay, a member of the TAB, provided information regarding the pedestrian areas of concern throughout Town.

Alderman Slade stated that collaboration of the NCDOT is beneficial for the success of the trouble spots. He stated that Shelton Street and James Street be reviewed for better lighting. He stated that he would like to include traffic calming on Cheek and James Street. He stated that the signal timing at Weaver Street is an issue and asked for staff to look into solutions. He stated that he would also like for staff to report back on the scramble option.

Alderman Gist asked for the expanded study to include folks in apartment complexes because so many have dangerous pedestrian commutes.

Diana McDuffee suggested that the Town have an ongoing method to collect comments from citizens and that it would be more successful if it weren't dependent upon the volunteer efforts.

Julie McClintock stated that her original issue was regarding construction that blocks sidewalks and driveways that block entrances onto Main Street. She asked for the Board to require alternate methods of sidewalk access during construction projects. She stated that vehicles at the Hampton Inn development are pulling too far out of driveways and blocking the sidewalk.

Alderman Johnson suggested reviewing the construction management plan to reiterate the Board's desire to maintain pedestrian access during construction. She asked if there are spaces in Town that need to be reviewed for flashing lights at pedestrian crossings, similar to the ones on MLK. She also suggested more information on the Town's website regarding steps to request traffic calming.

Mayor Lavelle noted that the Town is working towards improvements on some of the areas mentioned as trouble spots. She also suggested that the blinking lights at crosswalks be researched by staff with the crosswalk at Southern States on N. Greensboro be addressed early on. She mentioned using fluorescent paint on the sidewalks to get motorists attention. She stated that one of the most informative tours she has taken was with Ellen Perry to see the condition of curbs and sidewalks from a person with different mobility abilities and asked that Town staff consider this when making suggested changes.

Alderman Chaney stated that a flashing light in the middle of a crosswalk is a great idea.

Bergen Watterson, the Town's Transportation Planner, stated that she met with the NCDOT Division engineer to see what options are available and will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that this resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY OUTREACH AND ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, Board of Aldermen referred a citizen request to appoint a short-term taskforce charged with researching pedestrian safety in downtown Carrboro to the Transportation Advisory Board on October 7th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board developed a Proposal for Pedestrian Safety in collaboration which included a number of recommendations for initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board gathered over 100 comments at a pedestrian safety forum at the Open Streets event in April 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board created a map showing the hot spots of pedestrian safety concern in Carrboro and provided basic recommendations for improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board receives the presentation from members of the Transportation Advisory Board and for staff to use the comments provided by the Board for next steps.

This the 19th day of January, 2016

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Alderman Gist, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Lavelle and Alderman Johnson

Absent: Alderman Haven-O'Donnell and Alderman Seils

AN UPDATE ON GRAFFITI IN CARRBORO

The purpose of this item was to update the Board on graffiti in Carrboro, particularly in the downtown and on private property, and to provide options for the Board to discuss regarding abatement strategies.

Julie Eckenrode, an assistant to the Town Manager, provided the staff report.

Alderman Slade stated that he would like to make the distinction between tagging and graffiti. He also stated that he would like to know the distinction of public versus private laws regarding graffiti. He stated that it will be helpful to know what buildings are most commonly defaced and for those areas to be considered for an artist commissioning. He stated that private property owners that may be interested in having a mural on their property.

Alderman Chaney stated that she is interested in the cleanup that can be done on the tags and graffiti that are slurs and ugly. She suggested a cleanup fund and policy.

Annette Stone, the Town's Economic Development Director, stated that she has not had complaints directly regarding graffiti and she does not think there would be an opposition to a plan to help clean it up or prevent it.

Alderman Johnson suggested involving the business owners in the policy development, as well as any known graffiti artists, prior to bringing that item to the Board. She stated that she likes Alderman Chaney's idea to provide financial support to local private property owners to clean up graffiti.

Mayor Lavelle suggested that publicly owned walls be cleaned and a "service" day set when artists or children could paint on the walls.

Alderman Slade stated that Tourism dollars could be used to fund the graffiti removal and suggested that public funds could also be used to hire a graffiti artist.

Alderman Gist stated that the Arts Commission has an award for Carrboro students that could be used to find a match for some of these projects and that they could be used as a resource.

DISCUSSION OF REGULATIONS RELATED TO DOWNTOWN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS

The purpose of this item was to begin a conversation relating to existing regulations for properties within the downtown National Register Historic Districts.

Tina Moon, the Town's Planning Administrator, made the staff report.

Mayor Lavelle stated that she would like to have a future discussion on this item when additional Board members are in attendance.

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

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TOWARD CLARIFYING THE DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PROPERTIES IN AND AROUND NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has three National Register Historic Districts in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, all three districts provide important reminders of Carrboro's history; and

WHEREAS, collectively, the three districts create the backbone of the existing urban fabric which makes downtown Carrboro the charming, walkable destination that it has become.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board directs staff to

1. Prepare a draft ordinance that would expand the scope of the language in Section 15-185(3)(e).
2. Explore local historic district designation for the existing National Register Historic Districts, or some combination of them with updated boundaries.

This the 19th day of January, 2016

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Alderman Gist, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Lavelle and Alderman Johnson

Absent: Alderman Haven-O'Donnell and Alderman Seils

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO, AND APPOINTING THE CHAIR PERSON OF, THE CARRBORO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider appointing members to the Carrboro Tourism Development Authority (CTDA) and select a chair.

A motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that this resolution be approved.

A Resolution Making Appointments to the Carrboro Tourism Development Authority and Selecting a
Chair Person for the Authority

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby appoints:

1. Alvin Sellers
2. Erin Jobe
3. Phaedra Kelly

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen hereby selects Phaedra Kelly

Section 3. The terms shall expire January 31, 2016

Section 4. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

This the 19th day of January, 2016

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Alderman Gist, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney, Alderman Lavelle and Alderman Johnson

Absent: Alderman Haven-O'Donnell and Alderman Seils

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL