



Town of Carrboro

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

Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

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

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

REQUESTS FROM VISITORS AND SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mary Faith Mount-Cors stated that she did not want to see Bolin Creek Forest paved.

Julie McClintock, representing the Friends of Bolin Creek, discussed reasons why the group does not want to see paving along the creek and left reading material with the Board of Aldermen.

John Morris, former director of the Division of Water Quality discussed the water quality of Bolin Creek and the impacts associated with the OWASA easement and the dirt path next to the creek and possible impacts if the trail were to be paved. He stated that it is his observation that the dirt path along the creek is keeping sediment from going into the creek. He stated that paving the path would harm the water quality. He stated that it needs to be maintained in its natural state.

Rob Crook stated that the Board needs to manage the land around Bolin Creek with future generations in mind. He stated that paving the path would damage the land and the creek.

Mary Sonis provided the Board with pictures of amphibians and migratory birds along the creek. She stated that paving the area and removing the trees would destroy wildlife habitat in the forest.

Rob McClure spoke to the Board about the recreational uses along the Bolin Creek Forest. He is a member of the Trailheads Running Group. He stated that he knows only one member of the Trailheads Running group that is in favor of paving the trail. He spoke to the Board about the running group and stated that they are against paving the trail.

Sally Benedict spoke to the Board about the positive effects of nature on human health. She also talked about a "depaving" movement that is going on across the country. She spoke against the paving of Bolin Creek.

Gilly Weeks, a runner for Chapel Hill High School, stated that she has been using the trail since before she could walk. She explained that she is always impressed with the number of people using the trail. She stated that the natural space needs to be preserved and that paving the trail will negatively affect a lot of Carrboro residents.

Lilly Crook, stated that she developed tendonitis in 7th grade and that running on asphalt is the worst surface that anyone can run on. She asked the Board to not pave the path because it provides a natural area for people to run.

Max Blackburn, a senior at Chapel Hill High School and captain of the Cross Country and Track teams spoke about the trail and its value to the teams to run on. He stated that the Bolin Creek Trail is one that the team uses almost every day. He asked the Board not to pave the trail and stated that paving the trail is a terrible idea.

Scout Heashi a student at Chapel Hill High School and member of the Cross Country Team, stated that the trail provided a source of comfort and stress relief during a stressful time in her life. She stated that running on pavement is very bad for the body and she does not want to have to run on pavement. She stated that running in the forest allows her to see abundant wildlife and that fuels her love of both running and science. She urged the Board not to pave the path.

Madeline Mountcores, a sophomore at Chapel Hill High School and member of the Cross Country and Track teams, stated that the woods and trails set the community apart. She stated that the plan to install pavement in Bolin Forest is something that she opposes and would be a waste to pave the trails and take them from the people that use the trails. She stated that it would increase erosion and increase flooding while worsening water quality and destroying habitat for wildlife.

Lena Cohen, a member of the Cross Country and Track Teams at Chapel Hill High School, stated that the Board should not pave the trails. She stated that it is possible to support the biking and running communities. She stated that this trail is one of the most important trails in the running community. She stated that paving the trails would not be the best way to spend the Town's financial resources.

Maria Crook, a senior at Chapel Hill High School and member of the Track and Cross Country teams, stated that she is opposed to paving the Bolin Creek Trails and that she knows many others that are as well. She stated that paving the trail would destroy something precious.

Diane Robertson asked the Board why the Town would even think about paving the trails. She asked if it is something that will help the town or if it will drain the town of financial resources and destroy the forest. She stated that paving the forest would have zero positive effects.

Mayor Lavelle let those in attendance know that paving of Phases 3 and 4 of the Bolin Creek Greenway is not on the table for consideration tonight. She stated that it was part of the first draft of the

Community Climate Action Plan but was removed to allow the Board to discuss them at a later date.

Alderman Gist stated that she hears that people are saying that paving of the trails is something that they do not want included in any plan of the Town's.

Alderman Slade stated that he wanted people to understand that a conversation will be had in the future regarding Phases 3 and 4 and asked for people to attend those hearings. He also stated that the recommendations in the plan were viewed through a climate change lens and that connectivity to create more options for bicycle travel through the town.

Alderman Johnson asked everyone to be sensitive to the fact that the indigenous people once owned the land and that any changes are one of privilege.

Alderman Chaney thanked the high school students for their comments.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell thanked the speakers and stated that she has spent twenty years trying to protect natural spaces.

Alderman Seils stated that there is no plan on the table to pave Bolin Creek in phases 3 and 4 of the project. He stated that the Board is still in a process of developing a public process to make decisions on phases 3 and 4 of the path and that nothing has changed since 2009.

**POETRY MONTH PROCLAMATION AND READING BY CELISA STEELE, CARRBORO'S
POET LAUREATE**

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed as April as "National Poetry Month in Carrboro." Carrboro's Poet Laureate Celisa Steele read two poems for the Board.

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE FOR
COSPONSORING HR 1586**

Asher Hildebrand, Chief of Staff for Congressman David Price, accepted the resolution and thanked the Board for passing it.

Motion was my by Alderman Seils, seconded by Alderman Chaney to approve the resolution below:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REPEAL OF POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE AND ALLOW
LEGAL HIV DISCRIMINATION AND THANKING CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE FOR HIS
CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE REPEAL HIV DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2015 (HR 1586)

WHEREAS, 33 states and two US territories have criminal statutes based on perceived exposure to HIV rather than actual transmission of HIV, and 11 states have HIV-specific laws that make spitting or biting a felony, even though it is not possible to transmit HIV via saliva; and

WHEREAS, 24 states require persons who are aware that they have HIV to disclose their status to sexual partners, and 14 of these 24 states also require disclosure to needle-sharing partners; and 25 states criminalize one or more behaviors that pose a low or negligible risk for HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS, HIV-specific criminal laws are classified as felonies in 28 states; and in three states, a person's exposure of another to HIV does not subject the person to criminal prosecution for that act alone but may result in a sentence enhancement, and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, regulation of persons living with HIV is found in the health code, and violation of HIV-specific provisions of the North Carolina health code is a misdemeanor that can result in up to two years of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the number of prosecutions, arrests, and instances in which HIV-specific criminal laws are used to induce plea agreements is unknown, because state-level prosecution and arrest data are not readily available in any national legal database and, as a result, the societal impact of these laws may be underestimated and most cases that go to trial are not reduced to written, published opinions; and

WHEREAS, state and federal criminal laws and prosecutions do not reflect the three decades of medical advances and discoveries regarding transmission of and treatment for HIV and do not take into account the benefits of effective antiretroviral medications, which reduce HIV viral load to undetectable levels and further reduce the already low risk of transmitting HIV to near zero; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that HIV is only transmitted through blood, semen, vaginal fluid, and breast milk and that correct and consistent male or female condom use is very effective in preventing HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS, although HIV/AIDS is a treatable, chronic medical condition, persons living with HIV have been charged under aggravated assault, attempted murder, and even bioterrorism statutes; and such cases have resulted in disproportionately long sentences as a result of prosecutors, courts, and legislators continuing to characterize the blood, semen, and saliva of persons living with HIV as a "deadly weapon," which has led to persons who are convicted for HIV exposure, nondisclosure, or transmission often being required to register as sex offenders—even in cases of consensual sexual activity—which is detrimental to their employability and family relationships; and

WHEREAS, research findings from multiple peer-reviewed studies have shown that HIV-specific laws do not reduce risk-taking behaviors or increase disclosures by persons living with or at risk of acquiring HIV, and there is increasing evidence that these laws, in fact, reduce willingness to get tested; and

WHEREAS, these laws place persons who are aware of their HIV status at greater risk of prosecution, counteracting public health efforts to expand HIV testing and engagement in lifesaving care and treatment and placing legal responsibility for preventing transmission of HIV and other pathogens exclusively on persons diagnosed with HIV, without consideration of other pathogens that can be sexually transmitted, further undermining the public health message that all persons, regardless of HIV status, should practice behaviors that protect themselves and their partners from HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, the continued presence and implementation of HIV-specific laws increases stigma against persons living with HIV and perpetuates misconceptions about HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations (including the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) recommends that criminal law should not be applied to cases in which there is no significant risk of transmission and that criminalization should be limited to cases of intentional transmission, requiring a person to know his or her HIV-positive status, to act with intent to transmit HIV, and to in fact transmit HIV; and

WHEREAS, the Global Commission on HIV and the Law has called on governments, civil society, and international bodies to repeal punitive laws and enact laws that enable and facilitate effective HIV prevention, care, and treatment for all who need them, and has recommended against the enactment of laws that explicitly criminalize HIV transmission, exposure, or nondisclosure of HIV status, which they characterize as counterproductive; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the President's National HIV/AIDS Strategy recommended that legislators consider whether existing HIV-specific laws further the public interest and public health, given that these laws run counter to scientific evidence about HIV transmission and may undermine public health goals; and proposed that state legislatures review criminal statutes to ensure that they are consistent with current knowledge and public health approaches to prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in February 2013, the President's Advisory Council on AIDS passed a resolution stating that US law should be consistent with current medical and scientific knowledge and accepted human rights-based approaches to disease control and prevention and avoid imposition of unwarranted punishment based on health and disability status; and

WHEREAS, at the urging of HIV/AIDS advocates in North Carolina and members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Congressman David Price signed on as a cosponsor of HR 1586, the REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act of 2015, on March 16, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen urges Congress to enact HR 1586, the REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act of 2015, to ensure that federal and state laws, policies, and regulations concerning persons living with HIV (1) do not place unique or undue burdens on persons solely as a result of their HIV status; (2) are based on public health best practices; (3) reflect evidence-based, medically accurate, and up-to-date understanding of the routes, risks, and consequences of HIV transmission; (4) reflect understanding of effective antiretroviral therapy on HIV prevention; and (5) avoid negative impacts on public health and on affected persons, families, and communities.

SECTION 2. The Board of Aldermen thanks Congressman David Price for his cosponsorship of HR 1586 and asks that the town clerk share this resolution with Congressman Price's office.

This the 5th day of April, 2016.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

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

Resolution “Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2016 Resolution” ---

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States have been raped and nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men have experienced other forms of sexual violence at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, in the United States 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of sexual or physical violence committed by an intimate partner (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2010); and

WHEREAS, in the United States, rape is the most costly crime to its survivors, totaling \$127 billion a year, considering factors such as medical cost, lost earnings, pain, suffering, and lost quality of life (U.S. Department of Justice, 1996); and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, a nonprofit agency that has served this community since 1974, is working to stop sexual violence and its impact through support, education, and advocacy;

WHEREAS, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center assisted over 500 survivors of sexual violence, their loved ones, and community professionals during 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center works with the county's two school systems and other groups to provide students with age-appropriate information about violence prevention, reaching over 13,500 youth and adults each year; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 1 in 6 boys and 1 in 4 girls will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18 years (Dube et al., 2005); and

WHEREAS, youth ages 12 to 17 years are 2.5 times more likely than adults to be victims of rape or sexual assault (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006); and

WHEREAS, there are more than 16,500 sex offenders registered as living in North Carolina (Department of Justice, 2015)

WHEREAS, the coordination of the Orange County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is bringing together members of law enforcement, the medical community, the legal system, and other community advocates to improve services for survivors of sexual assault who come forward; and

WHEREAS, national Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every member of our community; and

WHEREAS, victim-blaming continues to be an enormous problem in instances of rape and sexual assault; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as “SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.” The Carrboro Board of Aldermen encourages all citizens to speak out against sexual violence and to support their local community’s efforts to prevent and respond to these appalling crimes.

This the 5 day of April 2016.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

BIKE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed May 2016 as “Bike Month”; May 4, 2016 as “Walk and Bike to School Day”; May 16-20, 2016 as “Bike to Work Week”; and May 20, 2016 as “Bike to Work Day” and presented the proclamation to Bergen Watterson, the Town’s Transportation Planner.

Alderman Gist announced that this Sunday, is the open streets event on Weaver Street and invited people to attend.

CHARGE(S) ISSUED TO RECENTLY APPOINTED ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

The Town Clerk issued a charge to Kim Calandra a recent appointee to the Economic Sustainability Commission.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SLADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2016 AND MARCH 14, 2016, AS AMENDED.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

A REQUEST TO APPROVE A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH NCDOT AND ADOPTION OF A CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE JONES CREEK GREENWAY

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider the approval of the municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the adoption of a capital project ordinance for the Jones Creek Greenway.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Seils, that this ordinance be approved.

JONES CREEK GREENWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 11/2015-16

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro, has received federal funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) for the design and construction of Jones Creek Greenway; and,

WHEREAS, local funds have been assigned in the Town's Bond Fund to match the NCDOT CMAQ award; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has approved and authorized the Town Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with NCDOT to administer federal funding to design and build the Jones Creek Greenway;

NOW, THEREFORE PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S 159-13.2, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO THAT:

1. The Jones Creek Greenway Capital Improvement Project is hereby authorized to be undertaken until all project activity is completed.
2. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the Town of Carrboro to complete the project:

FEDERAL FUNDS	\$336,000.00
Town Bond Funds Local Match	<u>\$ 84,000.00</u>
Total	\$420,000.00

3. The following amount is appropriated for this project to be expended in the following manner:

Design and Engineering	\$ 50,000.00
Construction	\$358,000.00
Outreach and Education	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>
Total Appropriation	\$420,000.00

4. Within five (5) days after this ordinance is adopted, the Town Clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance with the Finance Director and Planning Director.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

REQUEST TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

The purpose of this item was for the Mayor and Board to make an appointment to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Mark Vandegrift has submitted his application to the Recreation and Parks Commission and there are five vacant seats.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO
RESOLVES;

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby appoints the following applicant to the Recreation and Parks Commission:

Seat Designation	Appointee	Term Expiration
In-Town	Mark Vandegrift	2/2019

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

TIMELINE OF SOUTHERN BRANCH LIBRARY AND RELATED PROJECTS

The purpose of this item was to update the Board of Aldermen on the anticipated schedule for the Southern Branch Library in relation to studies that may inform the Town how the 203 S. Greensboro property could otherwise be used.

Alderman Slade thanked staff for the work. He also suggested that the Town could aggressively approach the county regarding geothermal utility districts. He also asked if the attorney could explore the district as an option. He also stated that housing would have been a great idea to explore for the building but that it is too late due to the timeline of the county's referendum.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell thanked staff for their work on the project. She stated that she would like to have a work session on the topic of housing and wrap around services as a separate discussion from the library.

Alderman Seils stated that it is important for the Board not to lose vision of the Partnership to End Homelessness initiative and the work that the partnership is doing.

Trish McGuire stated that the town is working with the County to further evaluate geothermal initiatives for the site.

Alderman Slade stated that he would like that the discussion with the county include exploration of the town of Carrboro's interest for a geothermal system, built at the site sized larger than for the building, that could serve a cooling/heating district for Carrboro downtown businesses.

Alderman Slade stated that he would like to touch base with the County so they know that the Town is interested in geothermal in general and not just for that location.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SLADE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS PROVIDED BY STAFF AND IN THE AGENDA PACKET. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE DEED OF EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, REGRESS AND UTILITIES OVER A PORTION OF THE TOWN'S WESTWOOD CEMETERY PROPERTY FOR LION'S CLUB

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to Consider Authorizing the Town Manger to execute a Deed of Easement, conveying an access easement over a 40-foot wide strip on the east side of the Town's Westwood Cemetery Property, to benefit the Lion's Club Property which adjoins the Town's property.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DEED OF EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, REGRESS AND UTILITIES FOR LION'S CLUB PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is the owner of certain real property known as the Westwood Cemetery Property (Orange County Property Identification No. 9778-56-3356);

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Lion's Club is the owner of certain adjoining property (Orange County Property Identification No. 9778-56-7241), which is a "landlocked" parcel;

WHEREAS, historically, access to the Lion's Club Property has been from Fidelity Street via a gravel drive located on the Town's Westwood Cemetery Property, running generally parallel to the eastern property line of the Town's Lion's Club Property;

WHEREAS, the Lion's Club has asked the Town to formalize this easement so that the Lion's Club may be able to convey the property to a purchaser;

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized by North Carolina General Statutes Section 160A-273 to grant easements over, through, under or across any city property or right-of-way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 5th day of April, 2016 that the Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen authorizes the Town Manager to execute a deed of easement for ingress, egress, regress and utilities for a portion of the Town's Westwood Cemetery Property, in favor of the Carrboro Lion's Club (the current owner of the Property).

The foregoing Resolution was put to a vote of the Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen, the results of which was as follows:

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The Board of Aldermen was asked to consider establishing a Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee to recommend transportation projects, policies, programs, or activities that serve to increase the safety and convenience of walking and bicycling to school and fulfill related functions.

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

DESIGNATED SEAT	APPLICANT NAME	AGENCY	TERM EXPIRATION
Member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education	Joal Broun	CHCCS Board of Education	February 2019
Member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Administration	Jonathan Norris	CHCCS Administration	February 2019
Member of administration, faculty, or staff of Carrboro Elementary School	Jillian LaSerna	Carrboro Elementary School	February 2019
Member of administration, faculty, or staff of McDougle Elementary School	Tiffany Cheshire	McDougle Elementary	February 2018

DESIGNATED SEAT APPLICANT NAME AGENCY TERM EXPIRATION

Member of administration, faculty, or staff of Morris Grove Elementary School	Amy Rikard	Morris Grove Elementary	February 2018
Member of the Carrboro Transportation Advisory Board	Kurt Stolka	TAB	February 2018
Representative of the North Carolina Department of Transportation	Charles Edwards	NCDOT	February 2017
Parent of a student attending an elementary school in Carrboro	Eric Allman	Parent	February 2017
Resident of the Town with a demonstrated background in public health, physical activity promotion, or active transportation	Suzanna Dupee	Fitness/Active	February 2017
Youth Member enrolled in High School	Jonah Perrin	High School	February 2017 or until successor assigned or they remain enrolled in the same school category
Alternate Youth Member Enrolled in High School	Curtis Kinnaman	High School	February 2017 or until successor assigned or they remain enrolled in the same school category
Youth Member Enrolled in Middle School	Nathan Barta	Middle School	February 2017 or until successor assigned or they remain enrolled in the same school category
Youth Member Enrolled in Elementary School	Ashé Rivera Soltero	Elementary School	February 2017 or until successor assigned or they remain enrolled in the same school category
Board of Aldermen Liaison	Damon Seils	Board of Aldermen	Until successor assigned
Alternate Board of Aldermen Liaison	Lydia Lavelle	Board of Aldermen	Until successor assigned

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CONSIDER A LOAN REQUEST FROM EDEN FOOD GROUP FOR TANDEM

The purpose was to consider a business loan fund request from Eden Food for \$100,000 to help capitalize a new restaurant concept named Tandem.

Alderman Gist stated that the language in the application was a little insulting to other restaurants in Carrboro and encouraged the owners to support other businesses.

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOAN FOR EDEN FOOD GROUP, INC.

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has had a Business Loan Program for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Town has loaned over \$2,000,000 in business loans for 50 + businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to continue to support small local businesses by creating jobs and providing capital investment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Eden Food Group has submitted a complete application requesting a loan from the Town in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has offered property at 104 Gracewood Place, Chapel Hill, NC as collateral for the loan; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Sustainability Commission has reviewed application and recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve application for the loan request for a minimum of \$56,239.00 and up to the requested \$100,000.00 (if the applicants can demonstrate additional equity in Ms. Dunbar's property) for a term of 10 years at 3% interest rate with payments of \$543.05 deferred for year one and a final balloon payment of \$6516.66 or payments of \$603.39 deferred for year one.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen approve the loan based on the Economic Sustainability Commission recommendation and accept the property at 104 Gracewood Place as collateral for the loan.

This 5th day of April 2016.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

AN UPDATE ON CARRBORO'S PARKING STUDY

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive an update on the Town's Parking Study.

Timothy Tresolahvy, representing VHB Engineering, provided an update to the Board of Aldermen. He stated that so far, the three biggest takeaways are:

- 1) 70% typically park in a public lot
- 2) 91% walk less than 5 minutes to their destination
- 3) 63% responded that a 2 hour time limit is fine and 35% suggested 4 hours or more

Alderman Gist stated that she wanted to make sure the businesses were being contacted and asked that Annette Stone include all that she has a listing of for the contact list.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked how information can be distributed to residents that live further than a mile out of downtown. Timothy Tresolahvy responded that so far, the results have a broad geographic range and that further outreach efforts are ongoing, including a table at the Farmers Market.

Mayor Lavelle stated that she has an interest in employee parking in the public lots and will look to a long-term discussion of how to deal with business employee parking.

AN UPDATE ON CARRBORO'S BICYCLE FRIENDLY 'PATH TO GOLD' EFFORTS, AND BIKE MONTH 2016 ACTIVITIES

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive an update on the Town's efforts to achieve a Bicycle Friendly Community Gold-Level status, and a list of local Bike Month 2016 activities.

Bergen Watterson, the Town's Transportation Planner, provided the report to the Board.

Alderman Slade thanked staff for the beginning of an effort to map bikeability to schools; he suggested further work on the map to include bikeability to schools per an accepted bikeable distance standard and to include more routes such as the ones that were presented by the advocates of Bolin Creek earlier in the meeting. Alderman Slade asked for Alderman Seils (SRTS rep) and Mayor Lavelle (SRTS alternate) to work with the schools to request them to update their maps to include bikability.

Bergen Watterson stated that she will work with the Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee regarding these comments.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that the trails presented by the speakers earlier in the night should not

be included on maps at this time because they are just recommendations presented by a consultant in 2009. She stated that Seawell School Road and the connector should be a number one priority because it is incomplete. She stated that the community wants parts protected from paving and she wants the Town to make sure that the Town is willing to make that a statement up-front in the process.

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

A RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CARRBORO'S BICYCLE FRIENDLY 'PATH TO GOLD' EFFORTS, AND BIKE MONTH 2016 ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2015 the Board of Aldermen resolved to express its commitment to pursue Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community status; and,

WHEREAS, Town staff has been working to address the issues outlined in the League of American Bicyclists' 'Key Steps to Gold' report card; and

WHEREAS, there are many local and regional events scheduled to celebrate Bike Month 2016 in May, which will further support the Town's efforts towards Gold-Level status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board receives the update on 'Path to Gold' efforts and Bike Month activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff take into account the Board comments offered above.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RESPONSE TO BOARD REVIEW OF DRAFT COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The purpose of this item was to respond to the Board's review of the draft plan.

Randy Dodd, the Town's Environmental Planner, made the staff report.

Alderman Gist stated that her number one priority is to use funds to fix flooding. She stated that she would like to know how much the land owned by the Town for use for a public works facility is worth and if the Town sold it, is it possible to use the proceeds of the sale of that land to offset that.

Alderman Slade stated that he is looking forward from the report from staff on prioritization that will provide an opportunity for the Board to provide further direction.

Alderman Johnson asked about working with other towns that have hired sustainability directors to gauge when it is appropriate to hire. She stated that she also has concerns about relying on community champions. She also stated that someone needs to be charged with holding this plan as accountable because she is unsure that staff has the capacity to implement the goals.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she would like to see how the Town's natural waterways assist in the carbon sequestration plans. Alderman Slade stated that he would like to understand the connection a little better and asked for staff to provide references.

Mayor Lavelle stated that the Board could provide further comments during the next week's meeting on April 12th.

This item was continued to April 12, 2016.

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (3) - ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(3). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

OPEN SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SEILS TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ADJOURNMENT

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