



Town of Carrboro

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

Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, April 12, 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

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed April as "Autism Awareness Month" in Carrboro and presented Ellen Perry with a copy of the proclamation.

CHARGE(S) ISSUED TO RECENTLY APPOINTED ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

The Town Clerk issued a charge to Sheila Walsh-Reddy, a recent appointee to the Economic Sustainability Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Town Manager announced upcoming public meetings in the Town.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of March 22, 2016 and March 26, 2016 were delayed for approval until April 19, 2016.

CONTINUATION OF BOARD DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DRAFT COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board to continue the discussion initiated on April 5th relating to the draft Community Climate Action Plan.

Trish McGuire, the Town's Planning Director, made the staff presentation.

Alderman Gist asked if the plan would be approved by the Board if sent to the public hearing and she expressed a desire to move forward with option 2 and allow staff to conduct a more detailed fiscal analysis of the proposals in the draft. She stated that she does not want the implications of the plan to change the Town's land use ordinance.

Alderman Seils clarified that the Board is not adopting anything at this point and the plan will get sent to a public hearing. He suggested moving forward with the public hearing to get a feeling from the public on which proposals staff should move forward with a more detailed analysis.

Alderman Chaney stated that the public hearing notice could be crafted and prescriptive in detail so that the public is aware of what the Board is seeking. She stated that policy documents need to be clear and not conflict with other policy documents in the Town. She asked for staff to develop a decision making matrix that identifies cost/benefits. She stated that she would like to see a way to flush out the high priority pieces of the plan. She stated that are areas in the plan that could be simplified; such as planting native vegetation rather than examining the impact on deer herds on the vegetation.

Alderman Johnson stated that she is ok with moving forward to the public hearing process. She stated that it would be good to develop a question for the public to guide the response since the document was written by experts in the field and that would help the Board get more specific information from the public.

Alderman Slade stated that he wants to hear from the public because it can reveal things that could be missing from the plan. He stated that he has read emails from citizens that are focused on reducing the amount of meat that people consume and the impact that animal agriculture has on GHG. He stated that this plan could be a shovel ready plan that is ready for federal and state funding if those funds become available. He agreed with Alderman Chaney's suggestion regarding a decision making matrix would be helpful.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she is comfortable moving forward with the public hearing because it will start to broadcast the Town's level of concern and readiness to move forward on climate protection. She stated that she agrees that it may take a few public hearings. She suggested that staff blend options 1 and 2 so that staff can begin to review the fiscal impact of the various proposals and place things on a timeline. She stated that she would like to be able to think through the revenue generation options that will make the plan sustainable.

Alderman Johnson asked if there is a way to educate the community and engage citizens that are not normally involved in public hearings.

David Andrews, the Town Manager, clarified the public input process and suggested that additional outreach efforts could extend into May. Staff could possibly report back to the Board in June. The

Board would then decide if they want to make any edits to the plan based on public input.

Alderman Seils stated that the Board could even set the public hearing for April 26th and then continue it, as needed, while continuing to collect comments from the public from various outlets.

Alderman Gist suggested going to the schools to get the word out. Alderman Haven-O'Donnell requested the information go to WCHL, Jeff Danner, and to check with the sustainability coordinator to explore ways to have the kids involved. Alderman Gist suggested reaching out to the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC).

Alderman Chaney suggested a series of outreach events during the summer.

Trish McGuire stated that staff can present ideas for outreach during the April 26, 2016 agenda.

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

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STAFF REPORT AND DRAFT COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PLAN

WHEREAS, a temporary Energy and Climate Action Task Force was formed in 2014 to present community climate action planning recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force presented a draft Community Climate Action Plan to the Board of Aldermen on June 23, 2015 and a revised draft Community Climate Action Plan on November 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen referred follow up actions on the draft plan to staff; and

WHEREAS, staff have revised the plan and prepared a staff memorandum including a preliminary fiscal analysis of the recommendations outlined in the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing to receive public input on the draft plan is planned for April 26th;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen accept the staff report and recommended edits to the draft plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1) That the Board of Aldermen submits the draft Community Climate Action Plan, as submitted in the April 12, 2016 agenda packet and dated April 8, 2016, to the April 26, 2016 public hearing.

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 REPORT ON SPECIAL/SIGNATURE EVENTS SPONSORED OR SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN OF CARRBORO

The purpose of this item was to determine the cost/benefit of doing special/signature events in terms of staff time and budgetary considerations

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

Alderman Gist asked if some of the Tourism funds are being used to off-set some of the Town's cost for events. Annette Stone stated that those funds are being used for several Town events.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked why the Poetry Festival is one of the Town's most costly per attendee. She stated that it would be helpful to break out festivals and events that are bringing in attendees from out of town.

Anita Jones-McNair spoke to the Board about the details associated with the Poetry Festival Costs. She also stated that El Centro Hispano's festival will be taking place in August as the last part of summer streets.

Alderman Chaney stated that the overtime of staff should not be taken lightly and asked that staff define what capacity remains for events. She stated that she would like to see the Tourism Development Authority contribute more funds as the Town's needs increase.

Chief Walter Horton and Anita Jones-McNair explained to the Board how staff are assigned and compensated for special events.

Alderman Slade stated that he agrees with Alderman Chaney's suggestion to use more Tourism Development Funds to offset costs for events.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON, THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REPORT ON TOWN OF CARRBORO PARTICIPATION IN THE ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC AND EDUCATION NETWORK (OPEN) INITIATIVE

The purpose of this item was for staff to report to the Board of Aldermen on the Town's participation in the local OPEN initiative and the efforts being made toward interconnecting, sharing and expanding fiber optic infrastructures located throughout Orange County.

Andy Vogel, the Town's IT Director, made the staff report.

Alderman Seils stated that there is a lack of access to the internet for portions of the Carrboro community. He asked if the group is looking into a way to expand access. Andy Vogel stated that the school system is using MiFi devices to help with access and that the group is dealing with this problem as a top level concern.

Alderman Slade stated that the Town can continue to look into extending broadband access. He asked for staff to look into wireless access and expanding this where possible. He asked for staff to continue to build with additional fiber optic strands when it is possible.

Alderman Chaney asked about security and risks. Andy Vogel stated that the shared infrastructure is a win-win with no risks that he could identify.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SEILS, THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, THAT THE BOARD ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(3). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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