



Town of Carrboro

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Town Hall

Carrboro, NC 27510

Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

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

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

POETRY READING, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Abigail Browning, a member of the Carrboro Poet's Council, read a poem by Greg Williams entitled "Annual Returns" and a poem by Maryanne Moore entitled "I May, I Might, I Must."

PROCLAMATION: DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2017 AS CARRBORO WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH AND OCTOBER 4TH, 2017, AS CARRBORO WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed October as Carrboro Walk/Bike to School Month and October 4th, 2017, as Carrboro Walk/Bike to School Day in Carrboro.

DACA INFORMATION FROM EL CENTRO HISPANO

Mayor Lavelle announced that the Town of Carrboro and El Centro Hispano are hosting a DACA information session on September 28, 2017 beginning at 6:30 with a free renewal clinic on September 30, 2017.

Eliazar Posada, representing El Centro Hispano, spoke to the Board about the program and the outreach to assist DACA recipients. He asked the Board to attend the meetings if they have the opportunity.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AND
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SEILS,
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AND SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, AS
AMENDED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NCDOT BICYCLE PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

The purpose of this item was to seek Board of Aldermen authorization to submit an application for NCDOT's upcoming bicycle and pedestrian planning grants initiative.

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN NCDOT BICYCLE PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has issued a call for projects for the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a long history of developing bicycle facilities and includes in its policy document, *Carrboro Vision 2020*, goals relating to the implementation of the Town's bicycle plan, such as completing missing links in the bicycle network; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a silver level Bicycle Friendly Community, and desires to achieve gold status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognizes that an update of the 2009 bike plan will help the Town in achieving this goal and qualifies as a project under the NCDOT grant initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board endorses the Town's 2018 North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Application to update the Town of Carrboro Comprehensive Transportation Bicycle Plan.

This the 19th day of September, 2017

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS - ESTES DRIVE AND NORTH GREENSBORO STREET (TIP #U-5846)

The purpose of this item was to provide the Board of Aldermen with an update on the status of the intersection improvement project at Estes Drive and North Greensboro Street.

Alderman Gist asked if the property acquisition would affect any of the neighboring homes.

Tina Moon, the Town's Planning Administrator, stated that the right-of-way acquisition is ongoing and that all homes will remain with very little right-of-way taken.

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

A RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE A STATUS REPORT ON THE ESTES DRIVE AND N. GREENSBORO ST. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (TIP #U-5846)

WHEREAS, the intersection of Estes Drive and N. Greensboro Streets was submitted for improvements to SPOT 3.0 in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the project is programmed in the 2016-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for design in FY17 and construction in FY18; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT and their consultant, SEPI Engineering, held a public meeting at Town Hall on November 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT extended the public comment period to accommodate the Board of Aldermen discussion and resulting comments on the intersection improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board received an update on the project at its December 6, 2016 meeting, prepared comments and endorsed the Transportation Advisory Board's comments on the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen receives the update.

This the 19th day of September, 2017

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONCEPT PLAN OPTIONS FOR POSSIBLE DESIGN OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE 203 SOUTH GREENSBORO STREET PROPERTY INCLUDING CONTEMPLATED ORANGE COUNTY SOUTHERN BRANCH LIBRARY

The purpose of this item was to provide the Board of Aldermen with an opportunity to receive public comment on additional concept plan options for the Town's 203 S. Greensboro Street property in follow-up to the June 27th public hearing on this topic.

Jim Spencer, with Jim Spencer Architects, provided the update to the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Gist asked about the cost change associated with moving the parking off-site. Jim Spencer stated that without a building design, it would be very hard to provide actual numbers but that the cost would have to take into account the purchase of the off-site lot.

Alderman Slade stated that if the town uses a lot that it already owns for additional parking then that would most likely be a cost savings.

Alderman Chaney stated that she is concerned about the different moving parts and would like to better understand the cost estimates. She asked the distance between the Chapel Hill Library and their parking lot that is down the hill. Jim Spencer stated that he would estimate a 1/4 mile and that all the locations proposed for the offsite location in Carrboro would be much closer. She stated that the Board should be sensitive to onsite parking needs if they are expressed by Orange County.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that a lot of library use is for children activities during the day and that there should be onsite parking available for parents and others that need parking in close proximity. She stated that it would be necessary to determine which offsite lots are feasible. She asked if underground parking is a possibility in the design that was presented in the summer. Jim Spencer stated that it would change the construction type and complicates the design and cost.

Alderman Seils stated that he is not totally convinced that the need exists to locate a 300 space parking lot near the site. He asked if the more narrow travel lane and wider sidewalk design would serve to create a safer travel lane for bicycles and pedestrians just by design. Jim Spencer stated the narrow design will slow vehicular traffic and that he will look into the design to further examine the balance of the different transportation modes.

Alderman Gist stated that she wants to make sure that the 80 spaces that are currently being used in the lot will be replaced prior to the lot closing for construction. She stated that the downtown businesses depend on that parking.

Paul Clark, a Carrboro resident and candidate for Alderman, asked if there had been a possibility to do a green deck with a park on top. Jim Spencer stated that type of design would be discussed further in the next steps of the process. Paul Clark stated that he has witnessed parents at the Chapel Hill library circle the area for 20 minutes rather than park down the hill and that the people he has heard from prefer a parking deck.

Alderman Slade stated that he prefers the site plan with off-site parking that allows for more outdoor public space and stated that he would like more information. He also stated that he would like to explore finding out if the space next door would be available for purchase.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell suggested doing a community survey on what the folks want for parking but no other Aldermen agreed with the suggestion.

Mayor Lavelle stated that this is the third public hearing the town has had and that when the county approves the development agreement that she imagines that there will be continued outreach. She stated that she does not think this project can be done without a parking deck.

PRESENTATION ON THE 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the Board of Aldermen with an update on the development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, with a focus on the Alternative Analysis.

Andy Henry, with the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO), provided the presentation.

Alderman Slade stated that he would like for Carrboro to send more information about Carrboro having an extension of the light rail.

Mayor Lavelle stated that the more the town emphasizes travel by other means than cars that congestion can be reduced. She stated that she brings up the Carrboro light rail extension during her conversations at the MPO during all of the discussions but that extension would be after the first phase of the light rail is completed.

The presenter stated that the CTP does have an extension to Carrboro shown because it is not fiscally constrained.

Alderman Chaney stated the Board should be visionary about how they are doing their planning around the underutilized corridors both for commercial and for housing.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she agrees that the Carrboro light rail extension needs to continue to be discussed so it can be formalized and not forgotten. She stated that bus rapid transit and a dedicated shuttle service to the UNC Hospital formalized.

Alderman Seils stated that the Jones Ferry Road and HWY 54 corridors are ripe for redevelopment and the town is not doing any planning for it. He suggested that the Town plan so they are ready for the development when it comes.

Alderman Gist stated that if you look at light rail in cities, you can plan for some affordable housing but there will not be anyplace for the middle class to live along the rail. She stated that if the Town is going to plan, there should be a plan for everyone and not just the top and the bottom because the middle class will get squeezed out.

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

A RESOLUTION RECEIVING A PRESENTATION ON THE DCHC-MPO METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, all MPOs are federally mandated to prepare Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTP) every five years to address future transportation infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, transportation projects must be included in the MTP to be eligible for submission to the SPOT process; and

WHEREAS, the draft DCHC-MPO MTP includes highway, bicycle, and pedestrian recommendations for the Town of Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period for the Alternative Analysis phase of the 2045 MTP was opened on August 9, 2017 and will extend through September 20, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board receives the presentation on the draft MTP.

This the 19th day of September, 2017

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS - MERRITT MILL/FRANKLIN/EAST MAIN/BREWER (TIP #U-5847)

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the Board with an update on the status of the intersection improvement project with a focus on possible designs and anticipated timelines for moving forward.

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

Alderman Slade suggested that the Transportation Advisory Board review the project.

Mayor Lavelle noted that a meeting was had between NCDOT, the Town of Chapel Hill, and the Town of Carrboro. She stated that it seemed that most agreed that a big intersection change that did not accomplish an increase in level of service did not make much sense and that pursuing this as a Bike-ped project seemed to be the best plan.

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

A RESOLUTION RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MERRITT MILL-FRANKLIN –MAIN-BREWER (TIP #U-5847)

WHEREAS, a highway project to improve the intersection of Brewer Lane-West Franklin Street- East Main Street-Merritt Mill Road Lane received State funding and is programmed to be constructed in FY2019; and

WHEREAS, conceptual design has been underway with an alternatives analysis yielding descriptions of benefits associated with the different types of improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro and the Town of Chapel Hill have reviewed the alternatives and requested clarifying information from the project designers; and

WHEREAS, on the recommendation of NCDOT, an intersection improvement project at the same location was submitted for scoring as a bike-ped project in SPOT Prioritization 5.0 for consideration in the FY2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as an alternative to the highway project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) continue its work to evaluate improvements for all modes at the Merritt Mill-Franklin-Main-Brewer intersection,

This the 19th day of September, 2017

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (A)(3) (5)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SLADE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (A)(3)(5). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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