



Town of Carrboro

301 W. Main St.

Town Hall

Carrboro, NC 27510

Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, November 14, 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, Sharmin Mirman, Deputy Town Clerk, Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Gary Philips, the Town's Poet Laureate, read a poem entitled *Recuerdo* by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

PROCLAMATION: "CARRBORO JAGUAR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS"

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed Wednesday, November 15, 2017 as "Carrboro Jaguar Women's Volleyball Day."

CHARGES ISSUED TO RECENTLY APPOINTED ADVISORY BOARD VOLUNTEERS

Sharmin Mirman, the Deputy Town Clerk, issued charges to Danielle Kaufman-Sedano, Madeleine Mount Cors, Noah Friedman, Reid Barker, Demi Wang, Alec Caruana, Ananya Saravanan, and Spencer Yandrofski, recent appointees to the Youth Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION REGARDING IMMIGRANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA WITH TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

Alderman Seils read the resolution, accompanied by Eliazar Posada, Bridgette Richards, and Judith Montenegro, of El Centro Hispano.

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

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security may grant “temporary protected status,” including employment authorization and protection from deportation, to immigrants in the United States who are unable to return safely to their home countries because of violence, natural disaster, or other extraordinary conditions; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 320,000 people from 10 designated countries, primarily in Central America, hold temporary protected status; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security announced that it will not renew temporary protected status for Nicaraguan nationals, effective January 5, 2019, and is studying whether to end protections for Haitians, Hondurans, and Salvadorans; and

WHEREAS, the Center for American Progress estimates that more than 13,000 beneficiaries of temporary protected status from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti reside in North Carolina, and they and their children are integral participants in the social and economic lives of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has long shown support for its immigrant communities, including many immigrants from Central America; and

WHEREAS, these families are an integral part of the community who should be welcomed and supported, and we should protect vulnerable persons who seek safety in our community;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2014, the Board of Aldermen approved a resolution declaring Carrboro to be a welcoming community for minors seeking refuge from violence in their home countries, and urging the federal government to ensure that those seeking safety in the United States receive due process and legal representation; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2017, Mayor Lydia Lavelle joined a coalition of 32 mayors from across the United States calling on the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State to extend the temporary protected status program, noting that deportation of beneficiaries would separate families and bring instability to our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen supports the temporary protected status program and urges the Department of Homeland Security to renew the program for Nicaragua, to continue the program for other eligible beneficiaries, and to support refugees and other immigrants fleeing war, violence, and natural disasters in their home countries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Alderman asks the Town Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Congressman David Price.

This the 14th day of November, 2017.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Lavelle requested an adjustment to two additional agenda items regarding the consent and voluntary annexation for three pieces of property and a public hearing regarding the Boer Brothers.

Alderman Gist asked that an email be sent to the UNC Board of Governors supporting the removal of Silent Sam.

Alderman Seils suggested including the “Resolution in Solidarity with Charlottesville Counterprotestors, Condemning and Calling for Action Against Racism and White Supremacy.”

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SEILS, THAT AN EMAIL BE SENT TO THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS SAYING THAT THE BOARD STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE REMOVAL OF SILENT SAM AND THAT THEY FIND IT AN AFFRONT TO THE VALUES OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sharmin Mirman, Deputy Town Clerk, read the upcoming meetings.

David Andrews, the Town Manager stated the Board of Adjustment and Planning Board meetings for this week are cancelled. The TAB is on.

Alderman Chaney said that she will be attending the first meeting of the “Jordan Lake One Water Association,” a collaborative of municipalities and stakeholders in the watershed for Jordan Lake, in order to advance conversations about integrated water management.

Alderman Seils said that on the morning of November 30th, there will be a joint meeting of the Durham/Chapel Hill/Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization at Apex Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10TH, OCTOBER 17TH, AND OCTOBER 24TH, 2017

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SLADE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10TH, OCTOBER 17TH, AND OCTOBER 24TH, 2017, AS AMENDED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING REQUEST FOR
CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS**

The purpose of this item was for the Board to consider approving a request for home repair funds from Rebuilding Together of the Triangle.

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

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO MAKE CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen on, June 27, 2007, by the adoption of resolution no. 244/2006-07 created the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the fund is another way in which the Board can advance its goal of increasing and maintaining the stock of affordable housing within the Town and its planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund was also designed to provide critical home repair for Carrboro residents without the means to do them on their own; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together of the Triangle has requested funding from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund for repairs at the home located at 1016 Tallyho Trail.; and

WHEREAS, the request is for \$8,855; and

WHEREAS, Town Staff has reviewed the request and determined that it meets the criteria set forth in the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund and the Affordable Housing Goals and Strategies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen approves the grant to Rebuilding Together of the Triangle for Critical Home Repairs in the amount of \$8,855.

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen authorizes the Town Manager to develop and execute an agreement as necessary to carry out the Board's action.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This 14th day of November, 2017

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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WHEREAS, the request is for \$8,137; and

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WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County has requested funding from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund for repairs at the home located at 116 Eugene St.; and

WHEREAS, the request is for \$1,200; and

WHEREAS, Town Staff has reviewed the request and determined that it meets the criteria set forth in the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund and the Affordable Housing Goals and Strategies; and

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AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARK

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider appropriating approximately \$40,000 from fund balance in the General Fund for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund for completion of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park project.

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

AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING JR. PARK
Ordinance No. 8/2017-18

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Carrboro has adopted a Capital Project Ordinance for the construction of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been advised that is necessary to address storm water measures required to meet Town standards and satisfy Division of Water Quality erosion control requirements; and,

WHEREAS, additional funds are necessary to address these storm water measures;

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

Section 1: Capital Project Ordinance # 24/2016-17 is hereby amended to increase the construction budget by \$40,000 from \$1,474,454 to \$1,514,454.

Section 2: The total project costs, including land, design and construction is increased from \$2,177,155 to \$2,217,155.

Section 3: Funds in the amount of \$40,000 are appropriated from fund balance in the General Fund for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund for completion of the project.

Section 4. All other provisions of Project Ordinance # 24/2016-17 shall remain in effect.

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

Section 6: This capital project ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

This is the 14th day of November, 2017.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The purpose of this item was to provide an update from the Youth Advisory Board.

Lena Cohen, chair of the Youth Advisory Board, addressed the Board. She said that they talked about what youth would like to see in Carrboro, such as environmental preservation, and that they would like the new library to have spaces for youth to display youth art.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell said they did a fabulous job last year and asked if they are scheduling meetings with Aldermen.

Lena Cohen said that they meet once a month on Wednesdays and the Board is welcome to attend.

Alderman Slade requested feedback and asked how the Board can support them in an official way.

Alderman Gist suggested putting the YAB on a checklist for projects to be reviewed.

Mayor Lavelle said this was a good idea and suggested that they attend a Joint Review.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she spoke to the County and when they put together a design team for the new library, she would like a member of the YAB to be on it.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

The purpose of this item was to provide the Board of Aldermen an update from the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission.

Quinton Harper, chair of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board, addressed the Board and thanked them for appointing them. He congratulated them on their re-election and service. He said he looks forward to making an impact on affordable housing.

Alderman Gist thanked Quinton and others on the advisory board. She stated that she is very concerned about the lack of middle class housing and fears that we will end up as an upper income community and that the middle class will be pushed out - especially older middle class rentals.

Mayor Lavelle said that there is a good affordable housing update on the Town's website.

Alderman Slade referred to the Jackson Center program, which could give tax relief for Northside residents who qualify, and asked if the Town could provide grants to help that program and if staff could research this.

He asked that staff keep tabs about meeting goals for owning properties and affordable rentals about how well we are doing. He asked that we have a checkbox for items to refer to the Youth Advisory Board.

Alderman Chaney asked that staff to do the report, not Quinton. She stated that we are in flux covering affordable housing issues, and we need to stay focused on our affordable housing strategy and make sure we give good guidance to the commission. She requested a review of tiny houses sooner than later.

Quinton said that they will be discussing that at their November 29th meeting.

Mayor Lavelle reminded Board members and Barbara Foushee that reassignments for advisory boards will be made in December.

APPEARANCE COMMISSION

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive a report from a representative of the Appearance Commission.

Sheryl Forbis, the Vice Chair of the Appearance Commission, addressed the Board. She stated that she appreciates the time and commitment it takes to be on the Board and other advisory boards, and the system of studying issues and giving feedback is a great way to get people involved and enjoying our town.

ARTS COMMITTEE

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Arts Committee to update the Board of Aldermen on accomplishments in the past year and goals for the upcoming year.

Bevin Ramsey, the chair of the Arts Committee, addressed the Board about what they have accomplished and their goals for this year.

Mayor Lavelle thanked Bevin and stated that the statistics Katie Murray provided were based on non-profit art impact. She likes the idea of bringing in a visiting artist from outside of Carrboro like the bee mural artist.

Alderman Gist thanked Bevin for his leadership and said that moving forward with the partnership with the Arts Committee and the Economic Sustainability Commission is good.

Mayor Lavelle asked what relationship the Arts Committee has with the ArtWalk.

Bevin stated that there has been difficulty maintaining structure and that their goal is to revive it and get more local businesses and artists involved who want to participate.

Alderman Slade suggested emulating the ArtWalk models for Durham and Raleigh and encouraged pursuing public art.

Bevin stated that they want more access to artists, but they want to be paid. They have explored how Asheville pays for public art. They discussed how it was done in the past – ie: the sand sculpture at Weaver Street.

Mayor Lavelle said to think about and encourage applying for grants for arts-related economic development from the County.

Alderman Haven O'Donnell suggested creating a separate grant.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board to receive a report from the Board of Adjustment. David Collins, the chair of the Board of Adjustment, addressed the board. He thanked staff Dorian, Marty and James for their support and said he appreciates their work.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell thanked David for his years of service and leadership.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

The purpose of the agenda item was for the Economic Sustainability Commission to update the Board on the past year's accomplishments and upcoming goals for next year.

Bob Saunders, the chair of the Economic Sustainability Commission, addressed the Board.

Alderman Gist stated that she was distressed by the decline of local press and thanked Mark Schultz and the Herald Sun for their work.

Bob stated that there has been no local voice since the Carrboro Citizen.

Mayor Lavelle said there is a perception that our loan program is not successful and that she was told that it was less onerous to go to the bank.

Bob said they are not getting applicants because of the hurdles and the perception that it is onerous.

Alderman Slade stated that interest rates are so low right now people can go to a bank and get comparable low rates. He stated that the Communication Manager can promote loan funds.

GREENWAYS COMMISSION

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board to receive an update on Greenways Commission activities.

Charlie Hileman, the chair of the Greenways Commission, addressed the Board. They now meet on the second Monday of the month. The bridge on the Homestead Chapel Hill High School path is not done, but it is going forward and is expected to be done next year.

Alderman Slade wants to begin a discussion with the school board and county commissioners about connecting Seawell School Road to the Elementary School.

Charlie stated that this ties into the Safe Routes to School discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board to receive a report from the Environmental Advisory Board.

Tim Turner, the chair of the Environmental Advisory Board, thanked the Board for the protected status resolution.

Mayor Lavelle thanked Tim for his presentation.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she worked a county group working with Clean Path, with NC Warn, looking at making an effort for solar. She would like for the EAB to get involved and will speak with Tim.

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

The purpose of this agenda item was for the HSAB to update the Board on activities from the past year.

Andrea Tanner, chair of the Human Services Advisory Board, reported that they work with organizations that serve seniors, provide mentoring to young people, help those who face food insecurity, empower the homeless, and work with those challenged with mental illness.

Mayor Lavelle thanked her for the report and said she appreciates the work that they do.

NORTHERN TRANSITION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive an update on Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee activities.

Amy Jerolomon, the Chair of the Northern Transition Advisory Committee, along with Jeanette Moore, addressed the Board. The North/South connector road is stalled and it would help Old 86 to divert some traffic. They don't understand who is responsible for bridges over the creek and where they're supposed to be located. It all is at an impasse and it would help traffic circulation and safety in Lake Hogan Farms and the future Twin Creek Parks. What is preventing it from being implemented? They can't get updates and details about light industrial land uses on property on Old 86. They are concerned that the Board will annex the property to avoid a joint public hearing with the County, and they would want one. They want a copy of the update on the project.

Jeanette Moore addressed the Board. Their committee is different because they're homeowners in neighborhoods and they are personally invested. The flex zoning about Old 86 and Eubanks was confusing. They want connectivity between their neighborhood and Carrboro for bicycle and pedestrian safety. They were invited to be part of the parking study.

Amy thanked Jeff Kleaveland.

Alderman Chaney referred to an ordinance that defined what a lot is, and what it can and cannot abide and said that she wants to see the resolution.

Mayor Lavelle asked Amy for clarification about the report that Amy didn't receive. She thanked her for the information she provided about the connector and the greenway. Regarding the flex zoning, she said they will do their best to alert everyone at every opportunity for feedback and public input.

Alderman Seils stated that the Board shares Amy's view on the importance of the connector road and that part of the impasse is related to how the County will develop the park and they have not made a decision yet.

David Andrews, the Town Manager, said they will look at options to try to figure that out.

Alderman Slade said that the challenge of why the County is not allocating funds might be the cost. He asked that part of the direction to staff is to look at some creative ways to bring in some neighboring property owners to pay in somehow to alleviate that cost.

PLANNING BOARD

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive an update on Planning Board activities.

Catherine Adamson, the chair of the Planning Board, addressed the Board. She stated that there are

vacancies on the Planning Board.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell thanked Catherine. She stated that she wants to see the Planning Board get involved with the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission in the discussion of tiny homes, do walkabouts, and to construct field trips to make recommendations about varied kinds of housing and where it would be useful to think about affordability, and that this would be proactive direction to be moving in.

Alderman Gist stated that affordable housing could be a topic for the Board's retreat and suggested having a discussion and not a presentation, along the lines of Randee's idea for the Board's work session, with each triad having a member of the Board, Planning Board and Housing Board looking at their different perspectives and having a real conversations as opposed to presentations.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION UPDATE

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide an update from the Recreation and Parks Commission

Ben Kittelson, the chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, addressed the Board.

Alderman Gist and Mayor Lavelle thanked him for the presentation

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board to receive an update on Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee activities.

Eric Allman, the chair of the Safe Routes to School Committee, showed slides and spoke to the Board.

Alderman Seils responded to Eric mentioning the issue is of attendance at meetings. He said it is a problem and that they cannot do business without a quorum and they cannot implement the Safe Routes to School Action Plan. He wants to flag this discussion for the Board to have soon about changes about the charge of the committee, who has voting authority, and the structure of the committee.

Alderman Haven O'Donnell stated that they need to have a conversation with Superintendent Baldwin to find out if there is a commitment from the school district for schools kids can walk and bike to.

Eric said that they need to have conversations on a regular basis about how schools are districted, and they can't get traction to have these conversations.

Mayor Lavelle said when the Board had their next meeting with the school board they could have this discussion.

Alderman Slade thanked Eric for the presentation and for being grounded in things that really matter. He asked that staff to create a map that shows the walkability/bikeability for the schools in Carrboro so they can discuss this with the school board. He suggested a champion teacher to fill bike racks with a prize, and campaign, and that it would be exciting for a class to have that responsibility.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive an update on Transportation Advisory Board activities.

Alderman Chaney suggested that next year they start at the bottom of the list of the Advisory Boards and Mayor Lavelle agreed.

Colleen Barclay, the chair of the Transportations Advisory Board, addressed the Board. She said that the Tallyho and Blue Ridge neighborhoods were distressed about speed and that large groups of neighbors came to a meeting and talked about possible solutions to slow people down, but they did not know what happened since then, because the Town did not have a Planner. She said that their main charge is safety of road users and they looked at pedestrian safety and collected data. Streets that are hard to cross are Main, Weaver and Roberson, Weaver, and North Greensboro near Pine Street. There was a discussion to scramble signals so only pedestrians could cross. Ms. Barclay also discussed making official paths where people are already trying to cut-through. It would not take much to make a section of path to enable people to get from one section to another more easily, and would be especially beneficial for people who do not have cars.

Alderman Seils requested an update on the Transportation Planner position.

ADJOURNMENT

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